

**CANBERRA BRIDGE CLUB INC**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**5.30pm Tuesday 24 September 2019**

**MINUTES**

Pam Crichton, President of the CBC, declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Justine Beaumont, Margaret Bourke, John Brockwell, Kerry Butcher, Catherine Bywater, Val Carmody, Jim Collier, Pam Crichton, Ross Crichton, Earl Dudley, Peter Giles, Lesley Gunson, Jeanette Grahame, Michele Grant, Peter Grant, Elizabeth Havas, Di Hawke, David Hoffman, Julia Hoffman, Claire Hughes, Janet Kahler, Margaret Kyburz, Tony Marker, Patricia McDonald, Deborah Milner, Keith Mitchell, Rick Nehmy, John Payne, West Savery, Perelle Scales, Susan Scerri, Allen Scerri, Susan Stacey, Adrienne Stephens, Barb Toohey, Mary Tough, Lyn Turner, William Tutty, Elizabeth Van Der Hor, Len Van Der Hor, Niek Van Vucht, Susan Walters, Sebastian Yuen.

**2. PROXY VOTES**

Anne Baldwin, Susan Coath, Bev Crossman, John Donovan, John Dunn, Denyse Freedman, Ines- Maria Hodgkinson, Peter Kahler, Elaine Leach, Gill Parsons, David Thompson, Gill Tidey, Claire Wehner.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Marianne Bookallil, John Donovan, John Dunn, Sue Pillans, Anne Powell, Chris Quail, Ian Robinson, Jodi Tutty, Claire Wehner.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 25 September 2018 be accepted as a true record of that meeting with the following amendments:

- i. Time: 5.30 to replace 4.30 (twice)
- ii. In the Attendance:  
Miklos Tifan to replace Micklos Tifan  
Sebastian Yuen to replace Simon Yuen
- iii. In the Apologies:  
Keith Mitchell to replace Keith Michell  
McDonald to replace MacDonald
- iv. In the Report of the President:

- Pam Crichton to replace Pam Crichton Scales
- v. In Auditor's Report:  
Accounts for 2017-18 to replace 2018-19  
Appointment of Auditor for 2018-19 to replace 2017-18
  - vi. Under 10. That the 2019 joining fee replace the 2018-2019 annual subscription
  - vii. 11 (i) under the age of 18 years at 1 January 2019 replace 2018  
age of 25 years at 1 January 2019 replace 2018
  - viii. 11(iii) join after 30 June 2019 replace 2018  
Half the relevant annual subscription for 2019 replace 2018
  - ix. Under Committee members: Kyburz replace Kkburz
  - x. In Other Business:  
Barnardos to replace the Barnardo's

Moved: John Brockwell

Seconded: Perelle Scales

CARRIED

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM

Janet Kahler raised the question of possible conflict of interest if a member of the Committee was also employed by the CBC. The President replied that if this situation occurred, it is expected that the Committee member should be asked to leave the meeting during the discussion of any matter where there is a conflict of interest.

## 6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President, Pam Crichton, tabled her report.

She thanked the Committee and all those who had volunteered during the year for their efforts.

She then highlighted the following aspects of the report:

- i. The installation of solar panels on the Club's roof.
- ii. The Facebook advertising campaign conducted with some financial assistance from the ABF. Twelve of the twenty enrolments for the beginners' courses held at CBC in September have resulted from the Facebook campaign. The Committee is proposing to continue using this method of advertising whether or not the ABF assistance is continued.
- iii. Dropping table numbers.

**MOTION:** That the President's report be accepted

Moved: Pam Crichton

Seconded: Di Hawke

CARRIED

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer, Lyn Turner, tabled her report and the Statement of Accounts for 2018-2019. She noted that the Club is in a very sound financial position and that the Barry Turner Fund returned 12.2% for the financial year. She thanked Denis Grahame, Ian Robinson and Ian Thomson for their management of the fund. Lyn drew attention to the graph attached to her report, pointing out the serious decline in table numbers on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. She also advised that the Club had changed banks owing to the requirement of the previous bank used by the Club (CBA) that both signatories be present in the same place for the signing of transactions. This is not practical in the Club's situation.

**MOTION:** That the Financial Statements of the Canberra Bridge Club Inc., as tabled, be adopted.

Moved: David Hoffman

Seconded: John Brockwell

CARRIED

## 8. AUDITOR'S REPORT

8.1 The Auditor's report on the Accounts for 2018-2019 was tabled.

8.2 Appointment of Auditor for 2019-20

Earl Dudley suggested that the CBC Committee should consider changing Auditors periodically. Val Carmody noted that it was difficult to find suitable Auditors and that the current Auditor was appointed only three years ago.

**MOTION:** That Nikki George of Christine Reid and Nikki George Pty Ltd, Accountants, be appointed the Auditor for the Canberra Bridge Club Inc. for 2019-2020.

Moved: Justine Beaumont

Seconded: Val Carmody

CARRIED

## 9. REPORT OF THE TOURNAMENT SECRETARY

The Tournament Secretary, John Brockwell, tabled his report.

The report covered: Table Numbers, Masterpoints, Special Events, Directors and Acknowledgements to those who made contributions to the Tournament Programme.

**MOTION:** That the Tournament Secretary's report be accepted.

Moved: Elizabeth Havas

Seconded: Claire Hughes

CARRIED

John Brockwell then raised concerns about the future of Thursday evening events which have been an important part of the Club's traditions but which are currently experiencing a serious decline in numbers. Discussion expressing varying viewpoints followed and a straw poll was held to indicate opinions on the future of Thursday evening events.

Option 1: Play to continue on every Thursday night (13 votes)

Option 2: Play to occur on Thursday nights in spring and autumn (15 votes)

Option 3: No play on Thursday nights (1 vote)

The President noted the results of the straw poll and said that the Committee would continue to review the situation.

### 10.1 JOINING FEE

**MOTION:** That the 2019-20 joining fee to the Canberra Bridge Club Inc. be \$10 (includes GST) except for concession members who will pay \$5 (includes GST) and that there will be no joining fee for full-time students under 26 and youth under 18 years.

Moved: Lyn Turner

Seconded: Perelle Scales

CARRIED

### 10.2 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2020

**MOTION:** That the 2020 annual subscription to the Canberra Bridge Club Inc. be \$80 per annum (includes GST) except for:

- (i) Concession members, ie:
- persons under the age of 18 as at 1 January 2020;
  - full-time students under the age of 26 years as at 1 January 2020;
  - disability support or age pensioners;
  - persons who reside permanently more than 80 kilometres from Canberra General Post Office; and
  - at the discretion of the Committee, other persons experiencing hardship,

who will pay \$40 per annum (includes GST); and

- (ii) Senior members, ie those over the age of 60 years as at 1 January 2020, who will pay \$70 per annum (includes GST); and

- (iii) Persons who join after 30 June 2020 and before 1 October 2020, who, if paying full or seniors' rates, will pay half the annual subscription for 2020, and if paying concession rates, will pay \$30; and
- (iv) Persons who join after 30 September 2020, who will pay the full relevant annual subscription but whose membership will be valid until 31 December 2021.

Persons joining as non-home club members will be entitled to an additional deduction representing the affiliation fees paid to the ABF and BFACT.

Moved: Lyn Turner

Seconded: Jeanette Grahame

CARRIED

## 11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Secretary were elected unopposed.

There were 11 nominations for the remaining 8 Committee Members. Perelle Scales conducted the election by secret ballot. The meeting approved the appointment of Julia Hoffman and Allen Scerri as scrutineers.

The AGM elected the following Committee:

President:	Pam Crichton
Vice-President:	Ian Robinson
Secretary:	Deborah Milner
Treasurer:	Lyn Turner
Tournament Secretary:	John Brockwell
Committee Members:	Michele Grant
	John Hempenstall
	Margaret Kyburz
	Patricia McDonald
	Sue Pillans
	West Savery
	Mary Tough
	Liz Van Der Hor

Following the election, the President thanked the outgoing Committee Members for their contributions.

Earl Dudley expressed thanks to Pam Crichton for her work as President.

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1** The need for four-hour parking limits in the public areas adjacent to the Canberra Bridge Club was discussed. Claire Hughes suggested individual members email the ACT Government to raise the issue in addition to a formal request from the Committee.
- 12.2** Claire Hughes suggested that the Club use some of its finances to set up a First Aid Room and to pay for all Directors to undertake a First Aid Training Course. Rick Nehmy noted that it was long standing CBC Policy to pay for First Aid Courses undertaken by any members of staff who wished to do so. The consensus of the meeting was that a First Aid room was not required.
- 12.3** **MOTION:** That Canberra Bridge Club Inc. adopt Beyond Blue as its charity for the 2020-2021 financial year.

Moved: Pam Crichton

Seconded: Mary Tough

CARRIED

Barnardos will continue as the Canberra Bridge Club charity until 30 June 2020. In future charities will be appointed for the period of the financial year for accounting purposes.

**Meeting closed at 7.00pm**