



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 11 November 2019, 1.30pm

Attendance: Pam Crichton, Ian Robinson, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, John Brockwell, Michele Grant, John Hemenstall, Margaret Kyburz, Patricia McDonald, Liz van der Hor

Apologies: Sue Pillans, West Savery, Mary Tough

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of 14 October 2019 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed: Liz van der Hor Seconded: John Brockwell CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Action List from 14 October 2019 meeting – All items have been completed or no further action required, in particular:

- Janet Kahler may try to sell leftover Trash n Treasure items elsewhere rather than at the Club
- Bruce Crossman is struggling to find a suitable supplier for the proposed wine tasting, the necessary change to the Club's liquor permit would cost only \$28
- Emily has indicated that she is going OK with her current workload and hours
- Liz is following up about the possible introduction of card reading technology, Sue Pillans has suggesting approaching Bendigo Bank in the first instance, Liz will also visit Officeworks about the equipment
- The managers will accept support for Tim Mather's marathon after the event
- All money owing to the Multiple Sclerosis Society has been paid, all funds raised for Barnados will be paid in June 2020
- The ACT Government now requires Committee members, not directors, to be listed for the CBC liquor permit
- In relation to trees needing to be trimmed/removed, Deb will provide contact details for Treeworks to Kerry.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The General Manager of the Croatia Deakin Soccer Club has written to Pam about its plans to seek a lease variation or deconcessionalisation, in order to sub-let the restaurant building with a liquor licence. The Soccer Club hopes that this will result in a more successful restaurant in the building which has been vacant for three years. Any impact on parking for CBC members is expected to be insignificant.

The Committee agreed that Travel Associates, as a new Club sponsor, may attend the morning session on Monday 6 January 2020 to conduct a door prize. Pam will follow up with Peter Giles about whether there will be a new banner for Travel Associates to replace the Flight Centre banner.

Pam has emailed the ACT Government seeking a four-hour limit on parking in the carpark behind CBC, as suggested at the AGM.

4. MANAGERS' REPORT

The managers' report was tabled. Table numbers totalled 507 in October 2019 compared with 557 in October 2018.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn tabled, and the Committee accepted, the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2019. Table money totalled nearly \$259,500 in the year to 31 October 2019, compared with approximately \$283,600 in the year to 31 October 2018 (down \$24,100).

6. DIRECTING REPORT

Ian reported that:

- He has told the directors to read and understand the defibrillator instructions
- There are people who want to play bridge but need a partner
- Emily will learn how to do BRI files for dealing boards, to cover when Bruce Crossman and Ian are away
- The dealers are usually dealing more boards each week than is required, which provides a buffer for unexpected dealer absences
- Perelle, Rick Nehmy and now Margaret Kyburz are authorised to discard old playing cards.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

7.1 Membership and Promotions – Membership subscriptions have begun to be paid, but some have gone to the old Commonwealth Bank account.

7.2 Tournament and Calendar – Previously, the (then) Committee decided that the starting times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings would be 7.00pm (not 7.30pm) from May to August. John B proposed that in 2020 the starting time on these evenings should be 7.30pm to suit working people.

MOTION: That in 2020, the starting time be 7.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year.

Proposed: John Brockwell Seconded: Margaret Kyburz NOT CARRIED

The earlier starting time on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from May to August followed a survey of players, which found a clear consensus for the change. In 2020 there will be fewer Thursday evening sessions from May to August anyway given the Committee's decision to schedule Thursday evening events in Spring and Autumn.

MOTION: That the 2019 starting times for Tuesday and Thursday evenings should continue in 2020, so 7.00pm from May to August, and 7.30pm from September to April.

Proposed: Ian Robinson Seconded: Liz van der Hor CARRIED

John B explained that the Southern Tablelands Teams (STT) cannot be held in May 2020 due to selection trials in May and Mothers' Day. After considering a range of possible other dates, the Committee decided to hold the STT on Sunday 15 November 2020. John B suggested that for 2021, the Committee should consider whether one two-day congress would be preferable to the current two one-day congresses (Valentine's Day and STT).

Pam undertook to provide the following details ASAP to John B:

- dates for the 2020 teaching program and Kantar lessons
- whether the Grange, as sponsor of the 2020 Valentine's Day event, prefers to be referred to as "The Grange" or "Hindmarsh"
- the sponsor of the 2020 STT.

John B's final 2020 Calendar meeting is scheduled for 19 November 2019.

7.3 Contract and Employment – Nil to report.

7.4 House – John H reported that the Bridgemates are now on a different radio channel to minimise interference.

7.5 Congress and Social – Michele noted that the revised Melbourne Cup arrangements went well. Some 41 players paid and stayed for lunch. The new timing (morning tea at 10.15am, play at 10.45am, then lunch, then the race) worked better. Will plan to do the same format in 2020.

People attending the Christmas Party will be asked to bring a plate. Pam, Michele and Mary will determine the prices to be charged, and whether lunch should be at the end, or in the middle, of play.

7.6 Education – Ian's Kantar lesson on 10 November 2019 went well with 40 participants.

Ian outlined the option to hold Kantar discussion forums. Participants would pay to discuss some bridge hands, using Kantar discussion points and guided by a couple of good players. Pam, Ian and Jodi Tutty will discuss further.

7.7 BFACT – Nil to report

7.8 Evening players – The Wednesday evening players will hold a Christmas Party before play on 4 December 2019. Pam and John B plan to attend.

7.9 Website – Nil to report

7.10 Finance – Nil to report

7.11 Barry Turner Fund – Nil to report

8. REPORT ON RECENT BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Pam summarised the report on the recent beginners' lessons. Some 18 participants finished the lessons from an original group of 28 (some of whom will defer to the next course). Feedback was positive. Six participants mentioned Facebook advertising on their evaluation forms.

9. FACEBOOK ADVERTISING IN 2020

The Committee agreed that CBC should do more Facebook advertising, eg, for the March 2020 beginners' lessons. Pam will ask Emily how much she suggests we should spend.

10. OUTSIDE LIGHTS

Pam explained that we plan to install sensors on the outside lights in order to provide better security for directors and players leaving late in the evening, or if others are around the building.

11. MAJOR WORK ON PREMISES – CARPARK, KITCHEN, BATHROOMS

Pam noted that we have an out-of-date quote of \$25,000 to resurface 255 m2 of the carpark, and upgrading the bathrooms is a higher priority than the downstairs kitchen at this time, eg, there appears to be a leak between the men's and women's bathrooms. The Committee agreed in-principle with the need to get work done on the bathrooms, and that Pam should obtain quotes for the bathroom upgrades and resurfacing of the carpark.

12. BUDDY SYSTEM

Pam suggested that a buddy system could operate at any or all levels of the Club. The Kantar discussion forum idea (see item 7.6) should be investigated in the first instance.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

As discussed at item 3, Mark Herrick, General Manager of the Croatia Deakin Soccer Club, wrote to Pam on 6 November 2019 about its plans to seek a lease variation.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

- Liz mentioned that Janet Kahler is now managing the non-bridge library books.
- Patricia outlined the issues with holding Bridge for Kids in January. Patricia will gauge the interest of past participants for a January Bridge for Kids day. The Committee agreed that it should occur in January 2020 only if there is enough interest.

15. NEXT MEETINGS

15.1 Next Committee meeting - Monday 9 December 2019, 1.30pm

15.2 AGM date for Calendar - Tuesday 22 September 2020, 5.30pm

Meeting closed 3.00pm.