



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 14 October 2019

Attendance: Pam Crichton, Ian Robinson, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, John Brockwell, Michele Grant, John Hemenstall, Patricia McDonald, West Savery, Mary Tough (for items 11, 12 and some of 17), Liz van der Hor

Apologies: Margaret Kyburz, Sue Pillans

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of 26 August 2019 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Moved: Pam Crichton Seconded: Lyn Turner CARRIED

MOTION: That the minutes of 24 September 2019 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Moved: Liz van der Hor Seconded: Mary Tough CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Solar Hub - Our likely financial returns from the solar panels may have been over-estimated. However, the financial returns are adequate and will be higher in summer. The supplementary heating in the Barry Turner Room is too close to the solar panels' return air ducts, so a small amount of heating is lost. This can't be easily fixed. No further action.

2.2 Clarification of financial report (from 26 August 2019 minutes) - No further action.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Committee agreed that leftover items from Trash n Treasure can be displayed for sale at the Club, but we do not wish to receive new donations of items at this time.

The previous Committee decided there would be no trivia night in 2019-20. Pam will follow up with Bruce Crossman about a possible wine tasting charity function in May 2020, subject to compliance with the Club's liquor permit.

4. MANAGERS' REPORT

The managers' report was tabled:

- We need to identify teachers for the next set of U3A lessons.
- A Friday morning supervised player has asked that we avoid cards without borders as they are more difficult to see. Ian will check the supervised play boards.
- As agreed at the August Committee meeting, the managers have permission to shred documents that are over seven years old and have been scanned to the office computer.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn tabled, and the Committee accepted, the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2019:

- The Barry Turner Fund is shown separately so that the Club's true performance is clear.
- Table money is down 5% compared with 30 September 2018.
- Ideas for expenditure include repair/replacement of damaged Copper logs and other upgrades to the car park, and upgrades of the bathrooms and downstairs kitchen.
- Barnardos is the Club charity to 30 June 2020. Lyn proposes paying Barnardos now and again in June 2020¹. Lyn will check that all money owing to the Multiple Sclerosis Society has been paid.

6. DIRECTING REPORT

Ian noted that:

- Director availability is an issue when national events occur, as may be the case with the two-week Tuesday and Thursday evening event starting tomorrow (15 October). Three pairs are registered. Pam, Ian and John B may need to consider cancelling a session.
- Ian is investigating credit card reading technology for the payment of table money (and possibly membership) at the table. Would incur 4.5% commission.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

John B tabled his Tournament Secretary's report. Claire Hughes will assemble the 2020 Calendar copy and take care of printing. Any Committee member with suggestions for the 2020 Calendar should make them before 1 November 2019.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEES

8.1 Membership and Promotions – Margaret and Patricia are co-chairing. Emily is now doing the website and slides. Pam will check with Emily about her workload and hours.

8.2 Tournament and Calendar – John B (chair) has co-opted Niek van Vucht and Claire Hughes. In addition, input about events in the 2020 Calendar (eg, Thursday evening sessions) will be sought from a wider group, eg, David Hoffman and John Donovan.

8.3 Contract and Employment – Pam (chair) plus Ian, Lyn, Deb and Sue.

8.4 House – John H (chair) will co-opt helpers as required. Allen Scerri is assisting with the painting of the gate.

¹ Discussed at Committee's November 2019 meeting. All funds raised for Barnados will be paid in June 2020.

8.5 Congress and Social – Michele and Mary (co-chairs) will co-opt/advertise for helpers as required.

8.6 Education – Pam to liaise with CBC teachers. Perelle to look after the Visiting Teacher and Kantar programs.

8.7 BFACT – John B is the CBC representative.

8.8 Evening players – Pam chairs this sub-committee. Will meet as required.

8.9 Website – Christy Geromboux and Sebastian Yuen will provide assistance to Emily if required.

8.10 Finance – Lyn (chair) with Pam.

8.11 Barry Turner Fund – Lyn (chair) with Ian Robinson, Ian Thomson and West Savery (West to replace Denis Grahame who is retiring from this sub-committee). A meeting will occur after the Spring Nationals.

9. BEGINNERS' LESSONS – CHARGES IN 2020

The Committee agreed that the discounted price for early registration for future beginners' lessons should be reduced to, say, \$60 (was \$65 in 2019) with three free supervised play sessions (one free session was included in 2019). Where relevant, amounts to be rounded up/down so that payment in cash is easier.

10. KANTAR LESSONS

The Kantar lessons will be taught by Ian (10 November 2019) and Jodi Tutty (17 November 2019). Dates and other arrangements for Kantar lessons in 2020 to be locked in early.

11. MELBOURNE CUP – TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2019

Mary and Michele advised that lunch will be sandwiches, maybe party pies, and fruit platters. Mary and Michele will approach individuals to assist with sweeps and the raffle.

Beyond Blue will be the Club charity from 1 July 2020, so Barnardos will still be the Club charity on Melbourne Cup Day 2019. Slides to be amended accordingly.

12. CHRISTMAS PARTY – WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019

Mary and Michele propose to ask players to bring a plate. Table money to cover costs, so maybe \$12 rather than \$10. Next year's Christmas Party will be on Monday 7 December 2020.

13. THURSDAY EVENING SESSIONS – DISCUSSION AT AGM

Following the discussion at the AGM, the Committee considered the options for Thursday evening sessions and the format of the 2020 Calendar:

- While there is no perfect solution, the "Spring and Autumn" option will be tried in 2020.

- The goal is to have an attractive event program with viable movements (eg, more than three tables on Thursday evenings).
- The number of weeks of play to be scheduled for Spring and Autumn respectively is to be determined.
- The Calendar could be split into two booklets (one with members' details, the other with event details) and released at different times. Will continue with one booklet for 2020.

14. CLEANING OF THE CLUB

Pam noted that extra cleaning is required, eg, floors of bathrooms.

15. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES POLICY

The need for, and possible difficulties with, a Contagious Diseases Policy were discussed. While the Committee agreed that such a Policy is not needed, there needs to be more frequent/stronger mention of the importance of unwell members staying at home, eg, on the noticeboard.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Deb has provided the new Committee and Public Officer details to the ACT Government.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

- Mary gave an update about progress with dealing 5,000 boards for the Summer Festival. More dealers are required.
- Peter Cox, ABF Marketing Manager, has praised Emily's work in attracting 12 participants for our beginners' lessons via Facebook.
- Users of the Olive Lott Room to be reminded that the heating for that room should be turned off when leaving.
- John H will follow up with Kerry about the sensor lights in the car park.
- John H will investigate whether the tree that leans over the back of the building should be pruned/removed/kept under observation, also graffiti removal.
- Tim Mather is participating in the Sri Chinmoy marathon on 17 November 2019 and is happy to do it as a fund-raising event for Barnardos. Ian will follow up with Tim.
- Deb will follow up about updating the list of directors for our liquor permit.

18. NEXT MEETINGS

18.1 Next Committee meetings - Monday 11 November and Monday 9 December 2019, both at 1.30pm

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

Meeting closed 3.30pm.
