



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 9 December 2019, 1.30pm

Attendance: Pam Crichton, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, John Brockwell, Michele Grant, Margaret Kyburz, Patricia McDonald, Sue Pillans, West Savery, Mary Tough, Liz van der Hor

Apologies: Ian Robinson, John Hempenstall

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of 11 November 2019 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Patricia McDonald Seconded: Pam Crichton CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Action List from 11 November 2019 meeting – All items have been completed or are ongoing/not urgent, in particular:

- Liz and Sue continue to investigate the possible introduction of “tap and go” technology
- New sponsor Travel Associates will provide a new banner
- Australian Bridge Magazine will be the sponsor of the 2020 Southern Tablelands Teams
- Emily recommends spending \$300 on Facebook advertising in the first instance, perhaps with an additional \$100 if required
- Pam has contacted a tiler about the bathroom upgrades, no further developments yet
- Patricia arranged an ad in last week’s newsletter about Bridge for Kids in January 2020.

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Rick Nehmy proposes giving lessons in using Pianola, possibly in late January 2020.

Palace Electric has offered the Club free tickets to a movie preview on 12 February 2020. Pam will arrange for the tickets to be used as door prizes at certain sessions.

4. MANAGERS’ REPORT

Emily is away from tomorrow to the end of January 2020.

Pam understands that table numbers improved in November.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn tabled, and the Committee accepted, the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as at 7 December 2019. Lyn will check the amounts shown for general expenses and miscellaneous expenses.

6. DIRECTING REPORT

In Ian's absence, Pam reported that:

- The dealing machine has gone to Melbourne for a service, John Donovan has kindly brought in Capital Bridge Club's dealing machine for CBC to use
- Finding directors may be tricky over the Christmas-New Year period and in January 2020.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

7.1 Membership and Promotions – Nil to report

7.2 Tournament and Calendar – John B reported that the 2020 Calendar is with the printer and may be available by Christmas.

MOTION: That the Committee pass a motion of appreciation to Claire Hughes for the massive amount of work she did in assembling the copy of the 2020 Calendar.

Proposed: John Brockwell Seconded: Liz van der Hor CARRIED

Bruce Crossman and John B are preparing supplemental regulations for 13 CBC Tuesday and Thursday evening events in 2020. No final was held for the recent Alan McArthur Teams event as a final was not indicated in the supplemental regulations, despite a final being advertised in the CBC Calendar.

7.3 Contract and Employment – Nil to report

7.4 House – John H has painted the gate with one coat of paint, and plans to do a second coat.

7.5 Congress and Social

- The "bring a plate" arrangement for the Christmas Party went very well with only positive feedback. About 100 people played bridge, about half stayed for lunch.
- Catering for the Valentine's Day Congress will consist of morning tea, Costco sandwiches and fruit for lunch, drinks after play. Mary and Michele will follow up. BFACT will offer a travel subsidy to the winners of the Restricted Butler Pairs at the Valentine's Day Congress.

7.6 Education

- Master the Basics continues to 18 and 19 December 2019, then restarts beginning of February 2020. We hope to continue supervised sessions throughout the holiday period.
- In 2020, the Thursday morning classes will commence at 9.15am, include play and the cost will be \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members.
- Arrangements for the U3A course starting late May are being confirmed.

- 7.7 **BFACT** – The BFACT Inter-Club Teams will not be held at CBC in 2020.
- 7.8 **Evening players** – Nil to report
- 7.9 **Website** – There has been positive feedback about the new look of the CBC website.
- 7.10 **Finance** – Nil to report
- 7.11 **Barry Turner Fund** – Nil to report

8. **QUOTE FOR TREE REMOVAL**

Treeworks have provided a quote of \$1,958 (including GST) to remove the tree at the rear of the building (the quote doesn't include stump grinding). Pam will arrange a second quote from Trees R Us, and we should ask whether tree trimming would be sufficient. We would need to seek ACT Government permission for any tree removal.

9. **SPONSORS TRAVEL ASSOCIATES – MONDAY 6 JANUARY**

Travel Associates plan a significant door prize at the morning session on Monday 6 January 2020. Pam will clarify arrangements for morning tea.

10. **SUMMER FESTIVAL OF BRIDGE ARRANGEMENTS**

Parking will be more difficult at the forthcoming Summer Festival due to ANU requirements. ABF will be running two buses. Pam will seek assistance with set up for the Summer Festival on 7 January 2020.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

On 5 November 2019, Pam emailed the ACT Government seeking a four-hour limit on parking in the carpark behind CBC, as suggested at the AGM. Roads ACT replied on 20 November 2019, saying that no variation to parking restrictions is being considered at this point, and four-hour limits are not common practice and not recommended due to their difficulty to enforce.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None raised

13. **NEXT MEETINGS**

13.1 **Dates for Committee meetings in 2020**

The Committee agreed to meet at 1.30pm on the third Monday of each month in 2020 which avoids public holidays, but noted there will be changes due to clashes with tournaments, etc. The next Committee meeting will be held at 1.30pm on Monday 20 January 2020.

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

Meeting closed 2.35pm.