



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES Thursday 13 August 2020, 3.30pm

**Attendance:** Pam Crichton, Ian Robinson, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, Michele Grant, John Hemenstall (items 1 to 6), Margaret Kyburz, Patricia McDonald (items 1 to 9.6), Sue Pillans, West Savery, Mary Tough, Liz Van Der Hor

**Apologies:** None

The Committee met by Skype.

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 22 JULY 2020

**MOTION:** That the minutes of 22 July 2020 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.  
Moved: Pam Crichton      Seconded: Sue Pillans      CARRIED

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action items from the meeting of 22 July 2020 have been completed or are in progress, eg:

- Emily could create a members-only section on the website for members' contact details, or Pianola could be used for this purpose. Pam will follow up, including whether email addresses as well as phone numbers could be recorded in Pianola.
- The Canberra Games Society (CGS) asked for a temporary reduction to their room hire rate, noting they have no access to a kitchen. The rent has been reduced by \$50 on a month-to-month basis. CGS will leave the Olive Lott Room as they find it.
- A COVID-19 Safety Plan and Checklist have been developed for the beginners' lessons.
- Boards are now being dealt once a fortnight by one of the dealers.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Covered under other items.

### 4. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Managers' Report was tabled.

### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn plans to close the CBC CBA account. All transactions will then be done in the Westpac account.

## 2020-21 budget

Lyn provided Profit & Loss details by month from March to July 2020 compared to 2019, showing the effect of COVID-19 on CBC income and operating expenses.

Pam noted that CBC activities will not return to the pre-COVID-19 “normal” for a long time. JobKeeper and other forms of Government assistance have been very helpful.

If we increase the number of sessions in the club, additional costs will be incurred (eg, non-JobKeeper directors, electricity, cleaning).

## CBC joining fee and annual subscriptions for 2021

Currently, the main categories of CBC membership are:

- full members (9% - paying \$80 pa)
- seniors (71% - paying \$70 pa)
- concession including youth (18% - paying \$40 pa) and
- honorary life members (2%).

The Committee agreed to propose to the AGM that the membership categories be rationalised by abolishing the seniors’ rate.

**MOTION:** That the AGM be asked to approve an annual subscription for 2021 of \$80 per annum (GST incl) including for seniors, with the concession rate (including youth) being \$40 per annum (GST incl). No changes will be proposed to the joining fee.

Moved: Lyn Turner                      Seconded: Liz Van Der Hor                      CARRIED

## Table money

Table money was last increased in 2017. Increases to table money could be considered when JobKeeper concludes, currently expected to be on 31 March 2021, given our financial situation at the time. Subject to experience with our current voucher arrangements, continuation of vouchers may need to be considered if the standard table money amount is no longer \$10.

## **6. BBO AND SESSIONS AT CLUBROOMS**

An additional in-club session is proposed as a trial on Monday evenings, including a duplicate movement (from 31 August 2020), three months of events (from 7 September 2020) and a “supervised play” novice and beginners’ group (following completion of the beginners’ lessons):

- Ian will consider use of red points at the Monday evening duplicate movements, as well as at events being held on Monday evenings.
- The events on Monday evenings will be as per Tuesday evenings pre-COVID-19. It may be necessary to move the Tuesday evening BBO IMPs session, eg, to Wednesday evenings on BBO. Some Committee members expressed concern about the implications for the Wednesday evening BBO matchpoint session, as some current players would switch to the IMPs session. The Committee agreed to wait and see, eg, maybe Monday evening event players will be happy to continue to play BBO on Tuesday evenings as it is more convenient than consecutive evenings at the club.

The Committee agreed that some beginners from Sydney can join Barb Toohey's Wednesday morning novice session on BBO.

## **7. DIRECTING REPORT**

Nil to report

## **8. DATE FOR 2020 AGM**

The Committee agreed to change the date of the AGM to Monday 26 October 2020 at 5.30pm. Seating arrangements will need to ensure social distancing. Pam asked Committee members not intending to stand for re-election to let her know and to try and find a replacement.

## **9. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

**9.1 Membership and Promotions** – Nil to report

**9.2 Tournament and Calendar** – Nil to report

**9.3 Contract and Employment** – Nil to report

**9.4 House** – John has cleared the downpipe and will paint some stained ceiling tiles. Maintenance of the air conditioning was delayed earlier in the year but will now occur, as well as resetting of the timer for the automatic heating given current sessions in the club.

### **9.5 Congress and Social**

The Committee agreed that there will be no Melbourne Cup or Christmas parties this year<sup>1</sup>.

### **9.6 Education**

- Mary will assist with entry arrangements at the first evening beginners' lesson on 17 August 2020. Emily is sending the COVID-19 Safety Plan and Checklist, tailored for the beginners' lessons, to the expected participants. Pam will send both documents to Mary and the teachers.
- Pam and Ian will discuss table arrangements for the beginners' lessons with Barb Toohey (eg, three-table configurations as in the Barry Turner Room, or the 90 x 90 cm white tables, or the trestle tables, or?). If possible, the beginners should be introduced to the three-table configuration being used in the club generally.
- Barb has suggested that beginners' supervised play following the lessons could be held online. However, the Committee noted that it is important financially to encourage beginners to play in the clubrooms (unless not possible for COVID-19 reasons). If the Friday morning supervised play is in the clubrooms, it may also be possible to run a duplicate movement. Pam will discuss with Barb.
- The Committee supported Barb's proposal for a payment process for her Zoom lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.00am, commencing 2 September 2020. Cost will be \$5 per lesson for members, and \$7 for non-members. Ian will check whether the Friday lesson participants are likely players at a 10.00am session in the clubrooms (would they have enough travel time?).
- The managers have waiting lists of people interested in learning bridge, so it would be

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<sup>1</sup> Melbourne Cup was discussed further at the Committee meeting of 21 September 2020.

good to finalise dates for the 2021 beginners' lessons. Pam will discuss with Barb.

- The Committee agreed that the Will Jenner O'Shea lesson scheduled for late September will not occur.

**9.7 BFACT** – Nil to report

**9.8 Evening players** – See item 6

**9.9 Website** – Ian asked that the usual session program be removed from the website.

**9.10 Finance** – Nil to report

**9.11 Barry Turner Fund** – New investments have been purchased over recent weeks.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Pam reported that Peter Giles suggests seeking less sponsorship from our sponsors given we are offering them online promotion opportunities rather than in a printed Calendar.

Michele suggested that a facemask should be worn by whoever is taking temperatures, given they are closer than 1.5 metres. Pam will arrange for facemasks to be purchased.

## **12. NEXT MEETINGS**

**12.1 Next Committee meeting** – The Committee agreed that the next Committee meeting will be held via Skype on Monday 21 September 2020 at 2.30pm.

**12.2 AGM date** – Monday 26 October 2020 at 5.30pm, as decided at item 8.

Meeting closed 5.15pm

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