



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES Monday 17 February 2020, 1.30pm

**Attendance:** Pam Crichton, Deb Milner, John Brockwell, Michele Grant, John Hempenstall, Margaret Kyburz, West Savery, Mary Tough, Liz Van Der Hor

**Apologies:** Ian Robinson, Lyn Turner, Patricia McDonald, Sue Pillans

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Subject to spelling corrections on page one, that the minutes of 20 January 2020 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: John Brockwell Seconded: Michele Grant CARRIED

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**2.1 Action List from 20 January 2020 meeting** – Action items from the January meeting have been completed or are in progress, in particular:

- Media reports suggest Lids4Kids has too many plastic lids, and there are possible cleanliness issues. No further action at this time.
- The Committee agreed out-of-session that the NSW Rural Fire Service would receive the profit from, and donations at and around, the Valentine's Day Congress
- Rick Nehmy's son-in-law is currently unable to assist with more wooden side tables but possibly in the future
- Perelle Scales has spoken with Will Jenner O'Shea about teaching at CBC and will follow up. Possible dates are 19 September or 10 October 2020.
- Pam emailed Justin Beaumont to indicate that CBC was pleased if Ian Thomson was standing for the ACT vacancy on ABF Council
- Dev Shah, Diya Shah and Jade Wilkinson will be travelling to Perth as members of the Australian U16 team. The Committee has previously approved subsidies of \$250 to the senior players representing Australia in Perth.

**MOTION:** Subject to the President obtaining the Treasurer's agreement, that subsidies from the Barry Turner Fund of \$250 each be paid for Dev Shah, Diya Shah and Jade Wilkinson.

Moved: Pam Crichton Seconded: Liz Van Der Hor CARRIED

- Pam wrote to BFACT seeking financial assistance for teaching, cards for bidding boxes and symmetric playing cards, and carpark maintenance. Pam will also check ABF's James O'Sullivan Fund as a possible source of assistance with our carpark maintenance as it is a major expense.

- Pam updated the Committee about vaping. ACT legislation prohibits vaping in enclosed public places, but also allows an exemption for certain vaporisers registered with the Therapeutic Goods Administration as therapeutic devices. Pam will continue to follow up as required.
- Pam will arrange a reminder in the newsletter about CBC's dress code
- ABF Treasurer Roy Nixon is following up about honorariums to Perelle Scales and Neil Garvey
- Members have donated more books for the library
- Margaret is waiting for further details from the NSW Bridge Association (NSWBA) about republishing its teaching notes, which are called "Expert Talks" and are available on the NSWBA website. Alternatively, we could put a link to the NSWBA website in the CBC newsletter.
- Pam is waiting for a quote about the bathroom upgrades
- Sue (via Liz) advises that the Bendigo Bank's "tap and go" rates are the cheapest at \$20 per month for a mobile EFTPOS terminal and 1.25% per transaction. At 3,000 transactions per month, the cost would be \$410 per month. Also, there are practical considerations about how Directors would manage terminal transactions. No further action for now.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Pam reported that:

- If members present at the 6 January 2020 daytime session are receiving Travel Associates emails, they have the option to unsubscribe
- Bruce Crossman is struggling to find an appropriate organisation to assist with the proposed wine tasting in May. Pam will ask Ruth Gallagher for ideas.

### **4. MANAGERS' REPORT**

There was no Managers' Report.

### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no Treasurer's Report.

### **6. DIRECTING REPORT**

In Ian's absence, Pam reported that:

- Max Mullamphy can no longer direct on Friday afternoons. Sally Barber and Chris Stead are directing on alternate Fridays for now.
- The Gold Coast Congress places pressure on director availability. Fortunately Brad Coles is available.

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

#### **7.1 Membership and Promotions – Nil to report**

#### **7.2 Tournament and Calendar – John B tabled his Tournament Secretary report:**

- CBC will be making a donation of \$3,000 to the NSW Rural Fire Service from the Valentine's Day Congress.

The \$3,000 donation includes \$186.77 from CBC general revenue. In addition, some of the \$3,000 is due to the ABF's waiving of fees for a fundraising event. The ABF needs to be advised and its contribution acknowledged.

**MOTION:** That the Committee pass a motion of gratitude to Michele Grant, Mary Tough, John Hempenstall and Bruce Crossman who did much work for the Valentine's Day Congress.

Moved: John Brockwell    Seconded: Pam Crichton    CARRIED

Pam will inform Bruce of the Committee's gratitude.

- Given the additional costs involved, the Committee agreed that CBC would not participate in Bridge for Brains in 2020
- One of the two movements at the Wednesday morning session is a web movement. A web movement is a device for managing a movement with a large number of tables, and directors tend to prefer web movements in these circumstances. A member has written to say that some players don't like the web movement as they must play against better players. Discussion deferred to the next Committee meeting when Ian is present.

### **7.3 Contract and Employment – Nil to report**

**7.4 House** – The ACT Government has given permission for the removal of the tree at the back of the building. Trees R Us will remove the tree and trim another tree at the side of the building on 25 March 2020.

### **7.5 Congress and Social – Pam will clarify:**

- whether Travel Associates should be invited to attend the Seniors' Pairs morning tea on 23 March 2020
- how CBC and BFACT will share the cost of post-play drinks at the forthcoming Sundays with shared events.

### **7.6 Education**

- Pam will finalise dates for the 2020 Kantar lessons with Jodi and Ian
- Margaret will again manage Mentoring in May. Advertising will say that mentors can be found for a wide range of mentee experience and skill levels.
- South Canberra Bridge Club has advised that it is planning bridge lessons for children. Pam is waiting for further information.

### **7.7 BFACT – John B tabled his BFACT report:**

- Communication about grant applications is likely following the next BFACT meeting on 27 March 2020
- BFACT has selected Ian Thomson to fill the ACT vacancy on the ABF Council
- The ABF is currently an ACT incorporated association. Subject to approval of a new Constitution, the ABF intends to become a company under the Commonwealth's Corporations Act. John B will circulate the draft new ABF Constitution to Pam and Deb for possible comment.

### **7.8 Evening players – Nil to report**

**7.9 Website** – John B and Bruce Crossman are preparing supplemental regulations. When finalised, John B will email them to Emily for the website.

### **7.10 Finance – Nil to report**

**7.11 Barry Turner Fund** – The Committee discussed the paper prepared by the Barry Turner Fund Investment Sub-Committee. The Committee agreed that the paper was a valuable initiative which documents key details about the Fund and clarifies the Committee's and Sub-Committee's roles. Deb will incorporate the Committee's comments in track changes for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

As noted at item 2.1, Pam wrote to BFACT in early February 2020 seeking financial assistance for teaching, cards for bidding boxes and symmetric playing cards, and carpark maintenance.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Ella Beer has suggested greater member involvement in the selection of the CBC charity, eg, inviting members to nominate charities then voting on the nominations. The Committee agreed to seek nominations of charities from members for consideration by the Committee, but without a membership vote given the work involved. As Beyond Blue is already selected as the CBC charity from 1 July 2020, selection of the subsequent charity is required by 1 July 2121.
- Pam proposes that the next working bee be held on 28 March or 4 April 2020.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

**10.1 Next Committee meeting** – Monday 16 March 2020, 1.30pm (Liz will be an apology)

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

Meeting closed 3.15pm.

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