



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES Monday 18 May 2020, 1.30pm

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

**Apologies:** John Brockwell

Consistent with social distancing requirements, the Committee met by Skype.

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Subject to edits on pages 1 and 2, that the minutes of 24 April 2020 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Sue Pillans    Seconded: Lyn Turner    CARRIED

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action items from the meeting of 24 April 2020 have been completed, eg:

- Pam has written to the ACT players expecting to play at the 2020 international teams, who are now expected to play in 2021, proposing that they keep their already-paid Barry Turner Fund subsidies, subject to them playing in 2021 as expected (a BTF subsidy was not pre-paid to Stephen Fischer). Players who had received BTF subsidies for the Asia Pacific Bridge Congress originally scheduled for April 2020 have repaid their subsidies.
- Ian has refreshed the document outlining the formula for calculating the annual BTF payment to BFACT for the ANC (to be Attachment D to the Sub-Committee's BTF paper):
  - The formula assumes the BTF generates a 6% annual return on its investments over a seven-year cycle. The return in 2020 will be less than 6%, but can still aim for 6% over seven years. The Sub-Committee will monitor this.
  - The document says that "CBC is also free to adopt a policy on non-ANC or Australian representative travel, allowing for small travel subsidies for newer (restricted) players and other special cases". The Committee noted that adoption of such a policy would require full Committee consideration and could not be actioned under the BTF delegations to the President and Treasurer.
- Ian Thomson is happy with the Committee's proposed changes to the Sub-Committee's BTF paper. Pam outlined two final issues for the Committee's endorsement:
  - It is proposed in the paper that the Sub-Committee provide its BTF annual report to the Committee between the months of June to August each year.

After discussion, it was agreed that it was not necessary for the annual report to be provided after the audit, which in any case is sometimes delayed. The Committee agreed that the Sub-Committee should provide the annual report for the Committee's July or August meeting.

- It is proposed to add a maximum \$ limit of \$12,000 to the delegation allowing the President and Treasurer to approve the annual payment to BFACT, rather than leaving it unlimited. A payment of \$12,000 should be enough to cover a Perth ANC so full Committee approval would be unusual.
- Deb will now finalise and circulate the BTF paper with its Attachment D. The Sub-Committee will provide its first annual report for the Committee's July or August meeting.
- West has clarified that while some of the terrazzo partitions in the bathrooms has been subject to water at some point, it does not contain moisture now. Dulux has confirmed that painting terrazzo is difficult but can be done, requiring an etch primer and a sealer. West will discuss with the painter Frank Maricic who intends to start work tomorrow.
- The car park resurfacing is to be done by B&B Asphalt. John H has repainted the lines and wheelchair symbols in other sections of the car park.
- As mentioned on the NSWBA website, the ABF has decided that clubs' 2021 entitlements to run red point events will be the same as their 2020 entitlements.

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

Pam noted that there are many issues that will need to be considered in relation to the eventual reopening of CBC, eg, hand sanitiser will need to be accessible for all players, and dispensers rather than bottles may be preferred.

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

The Managers' Report was tabled. With the shift to the NBN, the capacity to monitor our solar generation has ceased. John H indicated that ACTEW is visiting on 20 May 2020 about this issue. John H and Bill Tutty are also modifying the managers' desk to accommodate the cabling.

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

The Profit and Loss Statement for (most of) May 2020 and Balance Sheet were tabled. There has been \$0 income so far in May.

Lyn proposed delaying the carpet cleaning in order to protect cashflow given other expected expenses in the short term. The Committee agreed that the carpet cleaning should not be done immediately but certainly before CBC reopens. Pam will inform Kerry. CBC expects to receive additional Government assistance in July, and two term deposits mature on 15 August 2020.

### **6. DIRECTING REPORT**

Ian provided an update about BBO:

- Only 165 of 660 CBC members have registered on BBO. Six CBC sessions last week attracted 50 tables. CBC will continue with six sessions for now.
- Unless we can significantly increase the level of engagement, there is a risk CBC will lose members permanently who drift away from club bridge

- The current BBO arrangement should see about \$3.25 per player being paid to CBC (not yet received) or around \$950 net income from the first three weeks
- Ian has invited the Cooma and Cootamundra bridge clubs to participate in CBC BBO sessions
- Committee members are asked to urge their CBC friends to play in the BBO sessions.

## **7. CALENDAR BOOKLET**

Pam noted that whether CBC continues with a Calendar booklet in 2021 will need to be considered. Committee members expressed some initial views.

## **8. SPONSORS**

Pam reported that Peter Giles suggests CBC offers the next year's advertising at reduced/no costs to our sponsors. Next year's membership subscription amounts will be discussed at the July Committee meeting.

## **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 H reported that the roof leaked recently between the old and new buildings. We await more rain to test the repair done by Melis & Melis.

**9.5 Congress and Social** – Nil to report

**9.7 Education** – Barb Toohey's lessons are occurring on Wednesdays and Fridays, and are going well.

**9.7 BFACT** – Justine Beaumont has advised Pam that:

- BFACT is supporting CBC's request for a grant for teaching (eg, Will Jenner O'Shea) but not for bridge equipment
- BFACT suggests that CBC seek a loan from ABF's James O'Sullivan Fund for the car park resurfacing cost, with BFACT offering to pay the interest. The Committee decided to decline this offer. The resurfacing work is now being done in asphalt, not concrete, so will be less expensive. Pam will respond to BFACT.

**9.8 Evening players** – CBC BBO sessions are being held currently on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

**9.9 Website** – Emily is working on improvements to the website.

**9.10 Finance** – Nil to report

**9.11 Barry Turner Fund** – See item 2.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

John H mentioned that gardening is needed outside the CBC building, eg, the garden at the front steps, and weeding or mowing along the footpath near the gym. Pam and Mary will discuss whether poisoning of the weeds is feasible and can be done safely. Pam will also seek volunteers through the newsletter.

When the bathroom painting and car park resurfacing are completed, Liz, Janet Kahler and Ella Beer will do another assessment of the library contents. Book donations from members will be sought once we know what is needed. Ian will review and cull the library's bridge books.

## **12. NEXT MEETINGS**

**12.1 Next Committee meeting** – Monday 15 June 2020, 1.30pm

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

Meeting closed 2.50pm

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