



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Thursday 1 October 2020, 3.00pm

Participants: Pam Crichton, Ian Robinson, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, John Hempstead, Margaret Kyburz, Patricia McDonald, Sue Pillans, West Savery, Mary Tough, Liz Van Der Hor

Apologies: Michele Grant

The Committee met by Skype. The two agenda items were (i) reopening the downstairs kitchen, and (ii) recommencing bridge in the club on Thursday mornings.

1. REOPENING THE DOWNSTAIRS KITCHEN

The Committee discussed the proposed reopening of the downstairs kitchen:

- Ensuring social distancing of 1.5 metres and no mingling/congregating are critical, both with a reopened kitchen and generally in the club.
- The kitchen would need to be closed if there was a subsequent deterioration of the ACT COVID-19 situation.
- Reopening the downstairs kitchen should be done on a trial basis. If there is poor compliance with the arrangements outlined in the circulated document, then the kitchen will be closed again.
- The upstairs kitchen will remain closed.
- Pam will arrange for the Canberra Games Society to be reminded that they are not to use either kitchen. CGS is paying reduced rent given its lack of kitchen access.

MOTION: That the Committee is prepared to reopen the downstairs (only) kitchen as outlined in the circulated document, and as a trial on a week-by-week basis to determine if there is compliance with the COVID-19 arrangements. In addition to the arrangements outlined in the circulated document, members are to be encouraged to bring their own mug, and wipes are to be available for shared touchpoints such as the urn lever.

Moved: Pam Crichton Seconded: Ian Robinson CARRIED

The kitchen will reopen from 7 or 12 October 2020, subject to the necessary supplies being purchased, instructions to directors, etc. Pam will seek volunteers for the end-of-session kitchen clean-up in the newsletter, Tim Mather has agreed to coordinate the volunteers.

Having the kitchen open for CBC's AGM depends on developments with the reopening trial, with a decision to be made close to the AGM.

2. RECOMMENCING THURSDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Ian proposed recommencing the Thursday morning session in the club, with the concurrent BBO session to continue for the time being. Jodi Tutty is happy to direct both the in-club session and BBO on Thursday mornings. The new session will commence from 8 or 15 October 2020, subject to Jodi's availability.

The Committee noted the pros and cons of continuing with BBO when an in-club session is available. Ian will find out more from the ABF about charging more for BBO sessions.

MOTION: That the Committee agrees to reopen Thursday morning sessions in the club from either 8 or 15 October 2020, initially concurrently with BBO.

Moved: Ian Robinson Seconded: Pam Crichton CARRIED

Pam noted that with the recommencement of Thursday morning in-club sessions, the cleaner will need to visit an additional (third) time each week.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Pam mentioned in a recent newsletter that food was not to be eaten at the bridge table. The Committee agreed with this position. Eating at the bridge table is not appropriate given the shared handling of cards, boards, etc and in light of COVID-19 considerations and hygiene concerns generally. If a player has a medical need to eat food at the table, eg, is diabetic, then this can be an exception.

John has been cleaning the bridgemates regularly, but Ian noted that as more sessions are played in the club, additional arrangements may be necessary.

Meeting closed 4.05pm
