



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES Monday 20 January 2020, 1.30pm

**Attendance:** Pam Crichton, Ian Robinson, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, John Brockwell, Michele Grant, John Hempenstall, Margaret Kyburz, Patricia McDonald, Sue Pillans [from item 6], Mary Tough, Liz Van Der Hor

**Apologies:** West Savery

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** That the minutes of 9 December 2019 be accepted as a true record of the meeting, subject to "permission" being added after "ACT Government" in item 8.

Moved: Margaret Kyburz Seconded: Michele Grant CARRIED

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**2.1 Action List** – Action items from the December meeting have been completed or are in progress:

- Pam is arranging for the free movie tickets to be used as door prizes at sessions in a particular week
- The quote from Trees R Us was \$1,240 (GST inclusive) for the removal of the back tree and trimming of one tree at the side of the building. Kerry has sought ACT Government permission for the removal of the back tree. If permission is granted, we will proceed with the Trees R Us quote
- Lyn has checked and corrected the miscellaneous expenses amount in the Profit and Loss Statement as per her email of 19 December 2019.

Work on obtaining quotes for the bathroom upgrades and investigating the possible introduction of "tap and go" technology is ongoing.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pam reported that:

- Rick Nehmy's Pianola class today had 16 participants. Rick is holding a second class on Wednesday. Rick does a good job as CBC's Pianola administrator
- CBC volunteers made a significant contribution at the Summer Festival of Bridge (SFoB).

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

The Managers' Report was tabled:

- Pam will look into the suggestion that CBC could collect plastic lids for Lids4Kids. There may be an issue with vermin and smells if the lids are not clean
- The Travel Associates day on 6 January 2020 was very successful with a great turnout
- Year-to-date table numbers at December 2019 (3,426) are down compared with December 2018 (3,826).

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

Lyn tabled, and the Committee accepted, the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as at 18 January 2020:

- Total income at 18 January 2020 (\$357,048) is less than at 18 January 2019 (\$395,699) and 18 January 2018 (\$380,391)
- Net profit at 18 January 2020 (\$18,356)<sup>1</sup> is less than at 18 January 2019 (\$68,360) and 18 January 2018 (\$52,297)
- The 2020 expenses amount for the CBC Calendar is actually for two years' Calendars.

The Committee agreed with John B's suggestion that the profit from the Valentine's Day Congress go to bushfire relief, plus buckets to be available on the day for individual donations. Pam will research the appropriate charity to receive the money. John B would prefer a charity with low/no administration costs.

#### **6. DIRECTING REPORT**

Ian reported that:

- Bruce Crossman will be away for a week on a special directors' course
- The dealing machine went to Melbourne for service and is working fine
- We need to buy new cards and they need to suit the dealing machine.

Pam will follow up out-of-session about the environmental and cleaning issues at the NOT at the SFoB, and how these issues might be better addressed in future.

#### **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:**

- The 2020 Calendar was printed and available by Christmas
- Work on supplemental regulations continues
- The Committee agreed that the Honour Board details should be posted on the CBC website.

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

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<sup>1</sup> See Lyn's email of 21 January 2020

#### **7.4 House**

- Ella Beer and Liz are sorting the fiction and non-fiction library books. New titles are needed. The Committee agreed that the library loan money can be used to buy second-hand books, and members will be asked for book donations. Ian will start sorting the library's bridge books when directing.
- John H raised that new side tables are needed, ideally more of the wooden ones made by Rick Nehmy's son-in-law which are safer than the other styles. Pam will follow up.
- John H will contact Neil Garvey for his contact for resurfacing sections of the car park.

**7.5 Congress and Social** – Michele and Mary are making arrangements for the Valentine's Day Congress, including finding someone with a Costco membership (to collect sandwiches on the Sunday morning) and other helpers. Seniors' Pairs will be held on Monday 23 March 2020 with a morning tea as occurred in 2019.

**7.6 Education** – Pam is looking into a visiting teacher later in 2020 and a suitable date.

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

- The Committee agreed that CBC could host the BFACT Inter-Club Teams on 28 June 2020 if required. Ian will ask Kerry to advise John B of the reduced room hire rate for BFACT.
- The next BFACT meeting is in mid-February
- There is a vacancy for an ACT representative (one of two) on ABF Council. BFACT has called for expressions of interest by 13 February 2020.

**MOTION:** That in the knowledge that BFACT is required to elect a person to represent ACT on ABF Council, CBC puts forward Ian Thomson's name for BFACT's consideration.

Moved: John Brockwell    Seconded: Mary Tough    NOT CARRIED

**MOTION:** That if Ian Thomson were to nominate for the ACT vacancy on ABF Council, then CBC would support his nomination. If necessary, CBC should encourage Ian Thomson to nominate.

Moved: Ian Robinson    Seconded: Deb Milner    CARRIED

Pam will follow up with BFACT and Ian T if necessary, and clarify whether BFACT would like a Club nomination.

**7.8 Evening players** – Nil to report

**7.9 Website** – Claire Hughes has loaded the 2020 Google Calendar onto the website. Emily will resume responsibility for the website when she returns from leave.

**7.10 Finance** – Nil to report

**7.11 Barry Turner Fund** – The Committee agreed that the four CBC members representing ACT at four international events be given subsidies from the Barry Turner Fund totalling \$750 each, comprising \$250 for the event in Perth and \$500 for the international event in Italy. Pam will check about youth representation from the ACT as well.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Justine Beaumont, BFACT President, wrote on 9 January 2020 inviting submissions from member clubs for financial assistance. The Committee noted that CBC could seek money for teaching, new cards and side tables. Pam will follow up, including with Perelle about whether new bidding boxes are needed.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

The use of personal vaporisers such as e-cigarettes is prohibited in enclosed public places in the ACT, the same as smoking of tobacco products. The CBC building is a public place as defined in the ACT legislation. There was an instance of someone vaping at the SFoB and once previously at CBC. Pam will follow up if required<sup>2</sup>.

In the past, the SFoB convenor has given \$150/\$200 petrol vouchers to Perelle and Neil Garvey for their significant volunteer contributions at the SFoB (arranging partnerships/standby players and driving one of the buses respectively). Pam understands that this did not happen this year.

**MOTION:** That the President arrange honorariums to Perelle Scales and Neil Garvey, preferably through the SFoB convenor, otherwise by CBC.

Moved: Ian Robinson    Seconded: Liz Van Der Hor    CARRIED

Patricia reported that Bridge4Kids is to occur tomorrow, 21 January 2020.

Ian noted that very good teaching notes have been attached to recent editions of the NSWBA newsletter. Margaret will ask NSWBA whether CBC could republish the teaching notes as attachments to our newsletter.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

**10.1 Next Committee meeting** – Monday 17 February 2020, 1.30pm

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

Meeting closed 3.00pm.

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<sup>2</sup> There was further discussion at the Committee's February meeting, including about the medical and therapeutic exemptions under the ACT legislation.