



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 9 November 2020, 1.40pm

Attendance: Margaret Kyburz, Liz Van Der Hor, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, Ian Robinson, Pam Crichton, Sally Barber (until item 6), Michele Grant, John Hempenstall, Tim Mather (until item 6), Patricia McDonald, West Savery, Mary Tough (until item 10), Jennifer Yeats (until item 7)

Apologies: None

President Margaret Kyburz asked Committee members to introduce themselves, especially given the three new Committee members.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 21 SEPTEMBER AND 1 OCTOBER 2020

MOTION: That the minutes of 21 September 2020 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Pam Crichton Seconded: Mary Tough CARRIED

MOTION: That the minutes of 1 October 2020 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor Seconded: Patricia McDonald CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Action items from the meetings of 21 September 2020 and 1 October 2020 have been completed or are in progress, in particular:

- ABF's CBC inactive members are unfinancial CBC members, including people who have died. Efforts have been made to identify and remove deceased members from ABF's records.
- Pam and Deb will follow up with Kerry about listing volunteer jobs on the membership renewal form.
- The cleaners are to clean at CBC on a third day each week (was six days each week pre-COVID). Margaret suggested that Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings are the appropriate mornings for the cleaners' visits given the spread of sessions and table numbers. The cleaners owe CBC for some missed cleans and will make these up during November.
- The security light in the car park continues to come on at inappropriate times. John explained that the light seems to come on if a cloudy day.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Margaret noted that Grand Slam Bridge Club has announced the closure of its Fyshwick premises on 5 March 2021. Grand Slam will continue to offer online bridge. The Committee discussed how we could actively encourage Grand Slam members to join CBC, eg:

- direct approaches to Grand Slam members about CBC
- emphasising to Grand Slam members that CBC members range from social players to competitive players, and there's sessions to suit all
- offering sessions at the same time as current Grand Slam sessions where possible
- assisting former Grand Slam players with the use of bidding boxes
- considering new coffee arrangements at CBC
- engaging actively with Anne Webber about next steps

As a first step, Pam will contact Anne to initiate discussions about how we encourage Grand Slam members to play at CBC, and possible roles for Anne.

4. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Managers' Report was tabled. The Committee noted the table number information in particular.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn tabled the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for November 2020.

The ATO now requires us to detail the CBC employees who are not receiving JobKeeper. Lyn is endeavouring to get the necessary codes from Xero to do this, so far without success despite much effort.

6. BBO AND SESSIONS AT CLUBROOMS

Ian raised the possibility of reviewing some of CBC's COVID-19 protocols. The COVID-19 Sub-Committee will consider whether changes are appropriate.

Ian updated the Committee about ABF's possible return to face-to-face events with the Autumn Nationals in May 2021, while the Spring Nationals in December 2020 are to be held online via RealBridge. RealBridge is a British online platform with a camera/microphone interface. RealBridge charges sponsoring clubs a small fee, and clubs then determine what table money is to be paid by players and charges them directly.

If CBC were to move to RealBridge, we would need to rethink the Club's payment system for table money.

Ian proposed, and the Committee agreed, that CBC should join RealBridge, and run a two-week RealBridge event on Monday or Tuesday evenings before Christmas. Assuming this goes OK, the Committee will need to discuss CBC's online bridge offerings post-JobKeeper.

Ian raised moving the Wednesday evening BBO session to RealBridge. Other Committee members raised whether the Wednesday evening session should return to the club.

The Committee agreed that Margaret will seek, via the newsletter, volunteers to wash the Chux cleaning cloths. Liz will co-ordinate a roster.

7. GOVERNANCE CALENDAR

The Committee noted the Governance Calendar for the next 12 months, which is designed to ensure that the Committee meets its obligations (eg, from the CBC Constitution and By-laws) and doesn't overlook necessary tasks. The Committee agreed that the 2021 AGM will be held in October, with the actual date to be determined.

8. PUBLIC OFFICER, RECORDER/S, CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEES, AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The Committee made the following appointments:

- Public Officer – Deb
- Recorders – Margaret will ask Stephen Fischer and Jodi Tutty whether they are happy to continue as recorders
- Congress and Social Sub-Committee – Mary and Michele to co-chair
- Contract and Employment Sub-Committee – Margaret (chair), Lyn, Liz, Ian, Deb
- Finance Sub-Committee – Lyn
- House Sub-Committee – John will co-opt others, eg, Tim and West, as required
- Membership and Promotion Sub-Committee – Margaret (chair) and Patricia. Margaret will also ask Sally.
- Tournament Sub-Committee – Ian
- Barry Turner Fund Sub-Committee – Lyn (chair), West, Ian Robinson, and Lyn will ask Ian Thomson
- Education – Ian, and Margaret to ask Jodi Tutty and Perelle Scales
- BFACT – Liz will be the CBC representative
- Website – Christy Geromboux and Sebastian Yuen will provide assistance to Emily if required
- COVID-19 Sub-Committee (formerly the Reopening Sub-Committee) – Margaret (chair), Ian, Deb, Mary, West, John

9. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

9.1 Membership and Promotions – Patricia will contact Perelle and offer to help with the phone calls to CBC members who haven't played bridge since March.

9.2 Tournament and Calendar – See item 6

9.3 Contract and Employment – Nil to report

9.4 House

- Pam raised the need to deal with the weeds in the garden strip on the gym side of the building. Michele suggested not poisoning, but layers of newspaper, then Autumn leaves as mulch.
- Chris Sheen has suggested the Club get a mural painted on the back wall of the building to discourage graffiti and promote bridge. In view of possible cost, the Committee decided not to proceed with this idea at this time.

9.5 Congress and Social

- The Christmas raffle will commence this week. Payment by cash. The managers will wear gloves to count the money, and hand sanitiser is available.

- The Committee agreed that the Christmas tree and decorations should be put up this year as done in the past. Pam will check whether Barnardos wish to receive present donations this year.
- The Committee agreed that some form of low-key and brief Christmas event could occur at each daytime session, possibly a drink and snack courtesy of CBC. Mary, Michele and Ian will follow up.

9.6 Education

- The evaluation report about recent beginners' lessons was provided to Committee members.
- Ian and Jodi will run the Kantar lessons in January. Michele and John offered to assist Ian with the identification and removal of old playing cards on 11 and 18 November 2020 respectively.
- U3A teacher for 2021 (19 and 26 March and 9, 16, 23 and 30 April – Fridays 10am) – Not discussed.

9.7 BFACT – Nil to report

9.8 Evening players – Nil to report

9.9 Website – Nil to report

9.10 Finance – Nil to report

9.11 Barry Turner Fund – Nil to report

9.12 COVID-19 - See item 6

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee discussed an email from a CBC member. Bad behaviour at the bridge table is unacceptable. Slower play by older players or those with disabilities should be expected and tolerated, especially with the larger three table set up. More experienced players should always be understanding and polite. It is not possible to do two graded movements on the Wednesday daytime session with the current number of tables.

Margaret/Ian will respond to the CBC member who sent the email. Margaret will send a Pianola message to members about the need for polite behaviour, and mention the issue in the newsletter.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee acknowledged a “thank you” from Maria Allen, and other positive feedback from members about the Committee’s work in 2020.

12. NEXT MEETINGS

12.1 Next Committee meeting – Committee members indicated that holding Committee meetings on Monday afternoons was fine, but some members need to leave at 3pm.

12.2 2021 AGM date – To be held in October 2021, actual date to be determined.

Meeting closed 4.00pm
