

**CANBERRA BRIDGE CLUB INC**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday 11 October 2021, 5.30pm**  
**MINUTES**

Margaret Kyburz, President of CBC, declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

Due to the ACT COVID-19 lockdown and closure of the club, the meeting was held on Zoom. Each motion was considered via a Zoom poll, with anonymous voting by members.

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Sally Barber, Kerry Butcher, Val Carmody, Pam Crichton, Ross Crichton, Tamara Cutcliffe, Anne Fleming, Christy Geromboux, Denis Grahame, Jeanette Grahame, Michele Grant, Peter Grant, John Hempenstall, David Hoffman, Julia Hoffman, Susan Johnston, Andrew Kettle, Margaret Kyburz, Tim Mather, Patricia McDonald, Pamela McKittrick, George McLean, Deborah Milner, Rick Nehmy, Sue Pillans, Chris Quail, Nikki Riszko, Ian Robinson, Perelle Scales, Andrew Struik, Barbara Toohey, Mary Tough, Lyn Turner, Elizabeth Van Der Hor, Len Van Der Hor, Niek Van Vucht, Jennifer Yeats.  
Observer – Emily Inglis

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROXY VOTES**

There were no proxy appointments to acknowledge.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Simon Grant, Lesley Gunson, Keith Mitchell, Sebastian Yuen.

**4. ZOOM REMINDERS**

Margaret reminded members of the Zoom arrangements for the AGM, such as selecting the “raise your hand” function or indicating in the chat if you wished to make a comment or ask a question, and introducing yourself and speaking slowly and clearly when it was your turn to speak.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 26 October 2020 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Mary Tough    Seconded: Chris Quail    CARRIED

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM

There were no matters arising.

## 7. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Margaret presented her report. Margaret thanked the Committee, all those who volunteered for the Club, and our employees for their contributions throughout the year. Margaret also thanked the three retiring Committee members - Pam Crichton, Lyn Turner, and Sally Barber.

Margaret noted the huge impact of COVID-19 in 2020-21. Face-to-face bridge was played in the Club for all of the year, initially with a three-table set up. Government support via JobKeeper and the ATO Cashflow Boosts was very beneficial. The number of players was initially low, but grew considerably following the closure of the Grand Slam club. More than 240 members joined CBC in 2020-21, mostly since March 2021.

The introduction of CBCPay was another major change for the Club.

The ACT has been in lockdown since 12 August 2021. Table numbers on RealBridge are lower than pre-lockdown table numbers.

**Motion:** That the President's report be accepted.

Moved: David Hoffman    Seconded: Pam Crichton    CARRIED

## 8. TREASURER'S REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer, Lyn Turner, presented her report and the Statement of Accounts for 2020-21. Lyn also noted that Government COVID-19 support has been very beneficial. The managers have worked to minimise expenses when the clubrooms have been closed. Moving from BBO to RealBridge for online bridge provided financial benefits, as RealBridge provides CBC with significantly more money per player than BBO.

Christy Geromboux asked about the number of tables required for a CBC session to be considered viable, particularly a face-to-face session. Discussion followed, and comments made included the need to focus on marginal or variable costs per session rather than full costs, and that a viable session may not necessarily make a profit. Jennifer Yeats will follow up.

**Motion:** That the Financial Statements of the Canberra Bridge Club Inc, as tabled, be adopted.

Moved: Andrew Struik    Seconded: David Hoffman    CARRIED

## 9. AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's report on the Accounts for 2020-21 was tabled.

**Motion:** That Nikki George of National Capital Accounting be appointed the Auditor for the Canberra Bridge Club Inc for 2021-2022.

Moved: Lyn Turner    Seconded: Andrew Struik    CARRIED

## 10. REPORT OF THE TOURNAMENT SECRETARY

Ian Robinson presented his Tournament Secretary report. Key points included that:

- Arrangements for Club and BFACT events were developed and changed as necessary given circumstances throughout the year;
- Few congresses were possible;
- The few restricted events able to be offered were not very popular;
- CBCPay needed to be introduced for the payment of table money on RealBridge.

Ian thanked Bruce Crossman for getting RealBridge underway at CBC, and all directors for their contribution.

Christy Geromboux and Pamela McKittrick raised the low numbers at BFACT's just-held Canberra in Bloom tournament. Mary Tough noted it was unfortunate that MyABF was not operating for a period of time prior to Canberra in Bloom.

Pamela McKittrick noted the introduction of more relaxed sessions, eg, Monday afternoons, and asked the Committee to consider whether something could be available for players "in the middle".

**Motion:** That the Tournament Secretary's report be accepted.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats    Seconded: George McLean    CARRIED

### 11.1 JOINING FEE

**Motion:** That the 2021-2022 joining fee to the Canberra Bridge Club Inc be \$10 (includes GST) except for concession members who will pay \$5 (includes GST) and that there will be no joining fee for full-time students under 26 and youth under 18 years.

Moved: Lyn Turner    Seconded: Elizabeth Van Der Hor    CARRIED

### 11.2 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

**Motion:** That the 2022 annual subscription to the Canberra Bridge Club Inc be \$80 per annum (includes GST) except for:

- (i) Concession members, ie:
- persons under the age of 18 as at 1 January 2022;
  - full-time students under the age of 26 years as at 1 January 2022;
  - disability support or age pensioners;
  - persons who reside permanently more than 80 kilometres from Canberra General Post Office; and
  - at the discretion of the Committee, other persons experiencing hardship;

who will pay \$40 per annum (includes GST); and

- (ii) Persons who join after 30 June 2022 and before 1 October 2022, who, if paying the full rate, will pay \$40, and if paying concession rate, will pay \$30; and
- (iii) Persons who join after 30 September 2022, who will pay the full relevant annual subscription but whose membership will be valid until 31 December 2023.

Persons joining as non-home club members will be entitled to an additional deduction representing the affiliation fees paid to the ABF and BFACT.

Given the character limit on Zoom polls, the poll put to members in relation to the above motion was worded as follows:

“That the 2022 annual subscription to the Canberra Bridge Club Inc be as outlined in the motion at 11.2 in the agenda, meaning that the 2022 annual subscription rates are unchanged from the 2021 annual subscription rates”.

Moved: Andrew Struik    Seconded: George McLean    CARRIED

The motion carried above does not include a different annual subscription for players wishing to play RealBridge only.

## 12. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Perelle Scales was Returning Officer and announced the results of the election of office bearers and Committee members:

- The positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Tournament Secretary were elected unopposed;
- There were eight nominations for the remaining eight Committee Members, so a ballot was not necessary.

The following Committee was elected:

President:	Margaret Kyburz
Vice-President:	Liz Van Der Hor
Treasurer:	Jennifer Yeats
Secretary:	Deborah Milner
Tournament Secretary:	Ian Robinson

Committee Members:

Anne Fleming  
Christy Geromboux  
Michele Grant  
John Hempenstall  
Richard Hills  
Tim Mather  
Patricia McDonald  
Mary Tough

### **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

Niek Van Vucht asked that the incoming Committee consider using MyABF for CBC activities.

Denis Grahame expressed his appreciation for RealBridge and asked about its financial arrangements. Lyn Turner and others noted that when we play on RealBridge, we still have wages to pay and other expenses including for the premises, as well as a fee per player to the RealBridge software providers in the UK.

Christy Geromboux asked about returning to face-to-face sessions at the Club. The new Committee will consider the timeline and arrangements for the return of face-to-face sessions at its first meeting, noting the requirements in the ACT Government's *Pathway Forward* and vaccination considerations. RealBridge is expected to continue as long as there is demand for it.

**Meeting closed at 6.47pm**