



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 15 November 2021, 1.30pm

Attendance: Liz Van Der Hor, Jennifer Yeats, Deb Milner, Ian Robinson, Anne Fleming, Christy Geromboux (until item 11), Michele Grant, John Hempenstall, Tim Mather (until item 12), Patricia McDonald, Mary Tough

Apologies: Margaret Kyburz, Richard Hills

The Committee met via Skype. Liz was chair, and will brief Margaret about the outcomes of the meeting.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 25 OCTOBER 2021

MOTION: That the minutes of 25 October 2021 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Michele Grant CARRIED

2. NOTING OF COMMITTEE'S BY-EMAIL DECISION

The Committee noted its by-email decision of 11 November 2021:

In line with the eased restrictions in the ACT from 12 November 2021, that the following arrangements will apply to face-to-face bridge sessions at CBC from that day:

- *Return to 33 single tables in the main playing room;*
- *Removal of the proof of vaccination and pre-registration requirements;*
- *Removal of the priority to members who have not played RealBridge;*
- *Wearing of face masks to be strongly encouraged for all in attendance in the clubrooms, with this request to be well promoted and explained.*

All other protocols in the CBC COVID-19 Safety Plan to remain.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

The Committee discussed the status of action items from previous meetings, in particular:

- CBC's membership of the Canberra Southern Cross Club's Community Rewards Program has lapsed. Jennifer will try to get our membership reinstated, otherwise an application by 30 June 2022 is required. Margaret to promote the Rewards Program in the newsletter if CBC's membership is reinstated.
- Liz will follow up with Margaret about whether the U3A form has been completed with the 2022 set of lessons to cost \$45 as in the past.

- Margaret, Jennifer and Ian will establish a regular day to meet with the managers (monthly after each Committee meeting? perhaps via Skype?). At the first meeting, they will clarify whether additional cleaners' visits are being arranged as we increase sessions in the club.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Brockwell and David Hoffman have sought financial support from CBC towards the cost of publishing their history of bridge in the ACT and surrounding regions. They intend to apply for an ACT Heritage Grant.

MOTION: That CBC pledges \$1,000 towards publication of "A Compulsive Pastime: A History of Bridge in the ACT and Surrounding Regions" by John Brockwell and David Hoffman, with the possibility of increasing this amount if required at a later date.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Ian Robinson CARRIED

Deb will follow up with Margaret about a reply to John and David.

5. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report, and Jennifer's summary of table numbers in October 2021.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 31 October 2021, also a Profit & Loss Statement for the month of October 2021:

- Members have started to pay their annual subscriptions for 2022;
- Jennifer will check the large superannuation amount shown in the Profit & Loss Statement.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor Seconded: Tim Mather CARRIED

7. RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE BRIDGE

The Committee discussed the email from a member concerning the removal of the proof of vaccination requirement. Tim spoke with the member concerned and explained the ACT situation. Liz/Deb will reply to the member's email.

The Committee agreed that access to the downstairs kitchen will be allowed from 16 November 2021 on the same basis as prior to the recent ACT lockdown, so no more than one person in the kitchen at any time:

- Before tomorrow afternoon's session, John will turn on the Zip mini boil in the kitchen, and Anne will ensure milk supplies and kitchen set up with the managers;
- Anne will clean the kitchen after tomorrow afternoon's session;
- Margaret will announce the kitchen reopening arrangements in Friday's newsletter;
- Deb will update the kitchen access document, the COVID-19 Safety Plan and Checklist for Players, also for mention in Friday's newsletter and for the website;
- Tim will seek volunteers via the newsletter for the kitchen cleaning roster;

- Deb will ask the managers to let the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club know about the kitchen arrangements, and remind the managers about the agreement with the Canberra Games Society.

The Committee considered Ian's paper about more face-to-face sessions in the club:

- The Committee agreed that the Wednesday evening session will be in the club from 24 November 2021. The RealBridge Wednesday evening session will cease;
- Monday evening arrangements (both competition events and duplicate) need to stay on RealBridge until 20 December 2021 as events are organised. Arrangements beyond 20 December 2021 are to be determined;
- Additional daytime sessions (eg, Monday mornings, Thursday morning duplicate, etc) will be returned to the club subject to demand. The aim is that all pre-lockdown sessions will return to the club over the next two months, but Margaret, Ian and Bruce Crossman will determine arrangements from one week to the next.
- At present, returned face-to-face daytime sessions have parallel RealBridge sessions. This can continue if there is sufficient demand but will be monitored;
- Friday morning supervised play will return to the club from 26 November 2021. Christy is available except for the last Friday of the month when an alternative director will be required.

8. LEN DIXON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Jo Dixon is planning a function at CBC on 19 December 2021 to celebrate her father Len's 100th birthday. Mary will approach Jo to discuss catering arrangements, assistance required, etc. CBC's standard COVID requirements will apply.

9. SESSIONS, DIRECTORS AND DEALING ISSUES

Ian reported that:

- A new dealer may need to be recruited soon.
- The new playing cards are available for collection. Ian will follow up.

10. SPONSORS

Margaret has spoken with Peter Giles about CBC's sponsors. A volunteer to take over Peter's role as coordinator could be sought via the newsletter. Jennifer will ask Brett in the first instance.

11. MARKETING PROGRAM FOR CBC

Tim asked Committee members to email their comments in response to his paper to him by 29 November 2021. Then Tim will collate the comments for the December Committee meeting. Deb will resend Tim's paper to the full Committee.

12. BARNARDOS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Committee agreed that CBC will again participate in Barnardos' Giving Tree Appeal. Liz will reply to the email from Barnardos. A working bee will be held at the clubrooms on 22 November 2021 at 1.45pm to put up the Christmas tree and other chores. Liz will ask Tamara to advertise the working bee in the newsletter.

Michele will follow up with John Kelly about next steps with his gardening proposal now that the clubrooms have reopened, including possibly mowing the lawn.

13. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Adrienne Stephens has once again arranged the traditional CBC Christmas raffle.

14. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mary and Michele will consider what Christmas celebrations in the club are appropriate given ongoing COVID requirements.

15. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS IF NOT COVERED IN EARLIER ITEMS

Liz will ask the managers to update the sub-committee chair information on the website (eg, Membership and Promotions – Tim; Tournament and Calendar – Ian).

15.1 Membership and Promotion

15.2 Tournament and Calendar

- CBC's heat of the ABF's Grand National Novice Pairs event is being held on Saturday 20 November 2021.

15.3 Contract and Employment

- Deb will check whether any unsigned employment contracts remain.

15.4 House

- John will check whether the bridgemates need new batteries.

15.5 Congress and Social

15.6 Education

15.7 BFACT

- BFACT is seeking a convenor for the Canberra in Bloom Congress.

15.8 Barry Turner Fund

15.9 COVID-19

16. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED IN EARLIER ITEMS

The Committee noted the email from a member concerning the use of graded sections in SA, and an email from another member concerning novice and/or intermediate sessions. The new and shorter Monday afternoon RealBridge session has been advertised as a more relaxed session, with mostly "intermediate" players participating. Ian will consider further.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

A new sign on the front exterior wall of the building would be beneficial. Currently the Club is not easily identified from the street, and is missing out on the free advertising that would be provided by a large, well-designed sign. John will discuss next steps with Tim.

Ian will check with the managers whether they are now able to do the slides for the screen in the Barry Turner Room.

18. NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 13 December 2021 at 1.30pm in the clubrooms.

Meeting closed 4.25pm
