

The Committee discussed the club's major ongoing costs during lockdown, and noted some of the likely issues to be considered when the club can reopen.

Ian provided an update about CBC RealBridge sessions which have commenced with five sessions advertised for this week. The Committee agreed that a Friday afternoon RealBridge session will be added. RealBridge taster sessions are also scheduled, and Barb Toohey may wish to run supervised play on RealBridge on Friday morning. Subject to discussions with BFACT, a CBC RealBridge competition will be set up for Monday evenings.

The Committee agreed that larger RealBridge sessions (more than 20 tables or so) may need an assistant director to help with starting the session. The assistant director will be paid half the usual rate for RealBridge directors.

RealBridge will bring income to the club during lockdown, although probably considerably less than our usual table money income. Importantly, RealBridge will provide the opportunity for members to continue to play bridge and interact with other members.

CBC RealBridge sessions are free to players this week. The Committee agreed that RealBridge table money from 23 August 2021 will be the same as the rates in early 2021, so \$8 for members and ABF-registered visitors, \$7 for concession members, and \$4 for players less than 26 years and not in full-time employment. Visitors will be allowed if playing with a CBC member, with the visitor's table money to be charged to the partner's CBCPay account.

Ian will email a summary of the agreed RealBridge plans and next steps to Bruce Crossman, Barb Toohey, the managers, etc and arrange a Pianola update to members.

4. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report. Deb will follow up with the managers about them responding to the first member suggestion, while Deb will respond to the other two member suggestions. Margaret will follow up with the managers about remote access for Tamara, and phone calls during lockdown to frailer or more isolated CBC members.

The Committee has not made a decision about the club's policy on access to CBC by unvaccinated individuals, and in the first instance will monitor developments with this issue in the general community.

The Committee noted the summary prepared by Jennifer of average table numbers per session in the five weeks ending 1 August 2021. Total table numbers in July were down from the previous four weeks (but there was improvement in the first week of August). Jennifer will ask Tamara to complete the template for future Committee meetings.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 31 July 2021.

Ian raised the need for CBC to purchase more packs of cards to complete the replacement exercise – All 432 packs purchased earlier in 2021 are in use in boards, and our supplier now has more packs in stock. The Committee agreed to purchase another 684 packs at an estimated cost of around \$2,000. Ian will follow up, including arrangements for collection of the purchased packs post-lockdown.

Lyn will arrange for a donation now from CBC to Beyond Blue, which has been the CBC charity since 1 July 2020. Lyn will confirm the amount to be donated. Deb will arrange for an item in the newsletter about the donation, and a slide on the screen in the club (when appropriate).

MOTION: That the profits and cash donations from the Teams of Three event on 1 August 2021 be included in CBC's donation to Beyond Blue.

Moved: Deb Milner

Seconded: Margaret Kyburz

CARRIED

The Committee thanked Pam, Mary and Michele for organising the very successful Beyond Blue Teams of Three event.

The Committee considered the Barry Turner Fund Investment Sub-Committee's Annual Report for 2020-21, including the comparison of 2020-21 performance with 2019-20. Lyn recommended, and the Committee agreed, that Ord Minnett will continue as the professional advisers for 2021-22. The Committee agreed that the Sub-Committee continue with the present growth investment strategy but with a view to moving to a more balanced strategy as soon as possible. Lyn will inform the Sub-Committee accordingly.

6. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND JOINING FEE IN 2022

The Committee agreed to propose to members at the AGM that current membership subscriptions and joining fees be maintained in 2022.

MOTION: That there be no changes to CBC membership subscriptions and joining fees in 2022.

Moved: Ian Robinson

Seconded: Lyn Turner

CARRIED

7. SESSIONS UPDATE

See discussion about RealBridge at item 3.

8. DIRECTORS AND DEALING ISSUES

Ian noted that a working bee will be required post-lockdown to replace packs of cards in boards with the new packs, and put labels on bidding boxes. CBC's new directors are going well.

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

9.1 Membership and Promotions

9.2 Tournament and Calendar

- The Committee will need to determine whether to hold the Southern Tablelands Teams in 2021, and if so whether post-lockdown or on RealBridge.

9.3 Contract and Employment

9.4 House

9.5 Congress and Social

9.6 Education

9.7 BFACT

- BFACT's AGM is to occur on 19 September 2021 at 5.00pm.

- The Committee acknowledged BFACT's funding of \$910 towards CBC's Will Jenner O'Shea lesson on 8 May 2021. The Committee discussed BFACT's preference for prior notice of such requests in future.

9.8 Website

- Emily is managing the website.

9.9 Finance

9.10 Barry Turner Fund

9.11 COVID-19

10. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED IN EARLIER ITEMS

The Committee noted the email from a director about reducing slow play at the bridge table and the reply provided, and discussed educating members about the issue via the newsletter. The issue relates to both players who tend to play slowly, and other players who get impatient with slow players.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed possible next steps in relation to the development of CBC issues. The Committee agreed to establish a working group (Ian, Tim, and Ian Thomson to be approached to join) to do a scoping study and provide a report to the next Committee meeting about the viability of new premises for CBC.

The Committee was clear that:

- it has not made any decision to develop or move CBC's premises, rather it was agreeing to some initial investigation occurring with a report back to the Committee;
- the issues are complex and not straightforward.

12. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that its next meeting will be held on Monday 20 September 2021 at 1.30pm. If necessary, eg, due to lockdown developments, an earlier meeting will be called at short notice.

Meeting closed 4.20pm
