

Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 19 July 2021, 1.30pm

Attendance: Margaret Kyburz, Liz Van Der Hor, Lyn Turner, Deb Milner, Sally Barber (until item 7), John Hempenstall, Patricia McDonald (until item 8), Mary Tough, Jennifer Yeats

Apologies: Ian Robinson, Pam Crichton, Michele Grant, Tim Mather

Margaret asked if any Committee member wished to declare a conflict of interest in relation to any agenda items. None were declared.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 21 JUNE 2021

MOTION: That the minutes of 21 June 2021 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.Moved: Liz Van Der HorSeconded: Mary ToughCARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

Most action items have been completed. Some items are in progress, eg:

- Mary has a list from the managers of the 115 members who had not renewed their membership as at 31 March 2021. Mary will check whether any renewed their membership since 31 March 2021, then may ring some of the remaining unrenewed members.
- Given our possibly incomplete records, Margaret will ask former Grand Slam members to let us know if they had a rating of more than 56 when Grand Slam closed.
- In relation to the Barry Turner Fund documents approved by the Committee in May 2020, Deb will forward her possible changes concerning the less than four full teams scenario to Lyn and Ian for the BTF Sub-Committee's consideration.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tamara Cutcliffe has commenced as the third CBC manager, initially for a three-month period, with training provided by Kerry and Emily. The Committee thanked the selection panel for its work.

Margaret will remind the three managers about the need for good communication arrangements between them, especially as Emily will work in the office on Wednesdays only and from home at other times, so their traditional paper communication arrangements may not be sufficient.

4. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report.

The Committee noted the summary prepared by Jennifer of average table numbers per session in the four weeks ending 27 June 2021. Total table numbers were down slightly from the previous four weeks. Jennifer will prepare the next summary for the August Committee meeting, with arrangements after that to be determined.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 30 June 2021. The BFACT affiliation fees of around \$5,000 have since been paid. Lyn will check the repairs and maintenance amount in the Profit & Loss Statement.

Margaret will put a reminder in the newsletter about the Canberra Southern Cross Club's Community Rewards Program, whereby CSCC members can link CBC to their CSCC memberships, then CSCC donates 7.5 cents for every dollar of their CSCC purchases to CBC.

Lyn reported that auditor Nikki George is now working at National Capital Accounting Pty Ltd.

6. SESSIONS UPDATE

The Committee discussed the possible move of the competition events from Monday evenings given the large number of people in the Barry Turner Room on these evenings, and the sometimes conflicting needs of competition players and supervised players. The Committee agreed there was no financial reason preventing a move of the competition events to Tuesday evenings but director availability is relevant, especially as many directors wish to play in the events. The Committee decided to refer the issue to lan as Chief Director and Tournament Secretary for consideration on his return from leave. Deb will advise Bruce and lan.

The Committee was supportive of Barb Toohey's request to move beginners' lessons and supervised play from Monday evenings to Wednesday evenings in 2022 to avoid public holidays and so the teachers can play in the competition events (assuming these events are not also moved to Wednesday evenings). Deb will advise Barbara.

The ABF has recommenced Nationwide Pairs. Before COVID, CBC participated in NWPs once a month. On balance, the Committee was unenthusiastic about participating at this time. The issue could be reconsidered in September. Deb will advise Bruce and Ian.

7. COVID-19 ISSUES

Emily had relayed an enquiry from a director about CBC's Check In CBR arrangements for individuals who are unable to check themselves in. The Committee noted that others can assist with checking in these individuals, either as a guest or via CBC's business profile. Deb will reply to Emily and the relevant director.

The Canberra Games Society has requested access to the kitchen for its weekly meetings at CBC. The Committee agreed that CGS can decide whether it wishes to continue to pay a reduced rent with no kitchen access, or return to the higher standard rent with kitchen access (downstairs kitchen only). Any kitchen access is to be in accordance with CBC's kitchen access policy. Lyn will clarify the rent amounts for the two options from 1 July 2021 and respond to CGS.

From 29 June to 9 July 2021, the ACT Government required the wearing of face masks when indoors. The Committee discussed CBC's experience with mask wearing during this period.

8. DEVELOPMENT OF CBC

The Committee discussed the paper from Tim about options for the CBC premises, also the extract from the *Planning and Development Act 2007*. As Tim was not present, his paper will be discussed further at the August Committee meeting.

9. DIRECTORS AND DEALING ISSUES

None to report.

10. PIANOLA PARTNER FINDER

The Committee considered the emails from Emily and Rick Nehmy about the possible creation of ads on Pianola Partner Finder on behalf of members who are unable to do this for themselves. On balance, the Committee preferred continuation of the current arrangements, with a PPF ad being an option for members who wish to organise it for themselves, but not to be done by someone else on their behalf, and the managers continuing to try and find partners in the long-standing non-Pianola ways. The Committee noted that successful identification of suitable partners is more likely through the managers' knowledge of members and clever matching of players. Deb will advise the managers and Rick.

11. JOHN KELLY'S GARDENING PROPOSAL

The Committee considered the proposal from John Kelly for improving the club gardens. The Committee agreed that something needs to be done but was unsure whether, eg, a watering system was required. The Committee asked that Michele, Pam and Lesley Gunson consider what we want from John Kelly's proposal and next steps (three quotes?). Deb will advise Michele and Pam.

12. MEMBERS' EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Deb reported that Kerry arranged an item in the newsletter asking members to provide an emergency contact if they wish, with details to be recorded in their Pianola account. Kerry confirmed that directors have the necessary Pianola access to view members' emergency contact details, and will arrange a reminder in the directors' newsletter about directors accessing the information in the event of an emergency.

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

13.1 Membership and Promotions

13.2 Tournament and Calendar

13.3 Contract and Employment

• Margaret will write to relevant directors to confirm they still wish to continue their nonpayment arrangements. Margaret will also follow up with any employees who have not signed and returned their contracts of employment

13.4 House

13.5 Congress and Social

• Arrangements are in hand for the Beyond Blue Teams of Three event to be held on Sunday 1 August 2021.

13.6 Education

- The Committee noted the evaluation from Lesley Gunson of the May-June beginners' lessons. Participants' comments were positive.
- Some Monday evening players have requested via Christy a lesson on defence. Margaret will clarify with Christy whether the Monday evening players had a certain format in mind (eg, a lesson before the Monday evening duplicate session, or a longer standalone lesson).

13.7 BFACT

- On 15 July 2021, Justine Beaumont and Margaret signed the CBC-BFACT MoU concerning BFACT tournament events held at CBC.
- Liz reported that BFACT has agreed to provide funding of \$910 towards the Will Jenner O'Shea lesson held at CBC on 8 May 2021.

13.8 Website

13.9 Finance

13.10 Barry Turner Fund

• Lyn noted the Barry Turner Fund Sub-Committee will be meeting soon.

13.11 COVID-19

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT COVERED IN EARLIER ITEMS

The Committee noted the exchange of emails with Margaret Callan about a COVID-19 issue.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

16. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that its next meeting will be held on Monday 16 August 2021 at 1.30pm.

Meeting closed 4.30pm