



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES Monday 8 February 2021, 1.30pm

**Attendance:** Margaret Kyburz, Liz Van Der Hor, Deb Milner, Ian Robinson, Pam Crichton, Michele Grant (until item 10), John Hempenstall, Patricia McDonald (until item 9), Tim Mather (until item 7), Mary Tough, Jennifer Yeats (until item 12.6)

**Apologies:** Lyn Turner, Sally Barber

On 20 January 2021, West Savery informed Margaret of his resignation from the Committee. Margaret responded, thanking West for his contribution to the work of the Committee, especially in relation to the renovation of the CBC bathrooms in 2020.

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 11 JANUARY 2021

**MOTION:** That the minutes of 11 January 2021 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.  
Moved: Patricia McDonald      Seconded: Jennifer Yeats      CARRIED

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MEETING OF 11 JANUARY 2021

Action items have been completed or are in progress. eg:

- A second recorder is to be confirmed
- The number of participants in the beginners' lessons has increased from 20 to 28, as there are now more tables available in the Olive Lott Room
- Ian will clarify who CBC should nominate for ABDA membership in 2021, and whether CBC or BFCT should pay
- Margaret or Ian will give Vanessa Brown and Will Jenner O'Shea (and Emily) a formal reply about possible streaming of CBC BBO games.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Margaret reported that (i) implementation of CBCPay is underway, and (ii) a Code of Conduct for Committee members will be considered at the Committee's March meeting.

### 4. MANAGERS' REPORT

Received during the meeting. Not circulated.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2021 were tabled.

**MOTION:** That the Treasurer move \$50,000 from the Westpac account to a 12 month term deposit at ME Bank earning (as at 3 February 2021) 0.8% pa paid at the end of the term.

Moved: Ian Robinson                      Seconded: Deb Milner                      CARRIED

Following a suggestion from Tim, the Committee briefly discussed the option of a hybrid investment rather than a term deposit in future, either for the Club or the Barry Turner Fund.

Ian reported that the Barry Turner Fund Sub-Committee met recently.

**MOTION:** That West Savery is to remain as a member of the Barry Turner Fund Sub-Committee.

Moved: Ian Robinson                      Seconded: Pam Crichton                      CARRIED

## 6. REALBRIDGE UPDATE

### Daytime RealBridge consultation

Liz spoke to her paper, which summarises the comments from 14 members who responded to the Committee's Pianola message of 18 January 2021 about daytime RealBridge. Two of the 14 responses were tabled for the Committee's information.

Points made during discussion included:

- StepBridge is an online bridge club, not an online bridge platform. It is not possible for CBC to join StepBridge as a club, contrary to some members' suggestions.
- Offering RealBridge in the afternoons, not at the same times as the face-to-face sessions, will increase members' options
- BBO daytime players will be encouraged to do a RealBridge taster, and taster participants will be asked if they need further assistance with RealBridge
- It may be possible for RealBridge sessions to be run by someone with IT skills rather than a director, or by someone not in Canberra.

**MOTION:** That CBC cease BBO on Thursday mornings, with the last game on 11 February 2021, to be replaced by RealBridge at 1.30pm from Thursday 18 February 2021.

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor                      Seconded: Ian Robinson                      CARRIED

**MOTION:** That CC cease BBO on Monday mornings, with the last game on 22 February 2021, to be replaced by RealBridge at 1.30pm from Monday 1 March 2021.

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor                      Seconded: Ian Robinson                      CARRIED

A Pianola message announcing these changes to daytime online bridge will be issued this evening, with the usual session details in the newsletter and on the website.

### Visitors' table money for RealBridge

Ian noted that traditionally interstate/overseas visitors at CBC face-to-face sessions pay members' table money (eg, \$10), not visitors' table money (\$13).

Since CBC's introduction of RealBridge, visitors (whether local or interstate/overseas) have been charged members' table money, including (since 11 January 2021) the \$2 discount (eg, \$8).

Deb thought it appropriate that visitors pay a higher table money rate than members:

- Treating visitors the same as members erodes the value of membership
- CBC's visitor table money rate is not expensive nor unreasonable
- Interstate and overseas visitors have the option of joining CBC at an attractive reduced membership rate and are then entitled to pay members' table money rates.

On balance, the Committee agreed that visitors playing RealBridge will pay members' table money, including the \$2 discount, until 31 March 2021. RealBridge table money for members and visitors from 1 April 2021 will be considered at the Committee's March meeting. For the March meeting, Ian will find out what other clubs (North Shore, Waverley) are charging visitors on RealBridge, and how many visitors are playing RealBridge with CBC.

#### Wednesday evening RealBridge

There will be no RealBridge teams event on Wednesday evenings in February.

### **7. CBCPay UPDATE**

Ian noted that there have been some implementation issues with CBCPay.

Tim suggested that members who are unable to make a direct deposit online could do a cash deposit into the CBC account at a bank. The Club could provide slips of paper with the CBC account details and a reminder about members providing their ABF number for the deposit details.

Payment arrangements for beginners before they join as members will need to be worked out.

### **8. GRAND SLAM CLOSURE**

The Committee agreed it would be appropriate to acknowledge Anne Weber's contribution to ACT bridge in Friday's newsletter. Margaret will also draft a welcome letter to new CBC members who previously played at Grand Slam. The letter will mention Jennifer as a contact for any questions.

**MOTION:** That Grand Slam members who play at CBC as visitors pay members' table money rates until 31 March 2021 (extended from 1 March 2021).

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor      Seconded: Mary Tough      CARRIED

Pam will ask Kerry to change 1 March 2021 to 31 March 2021 on the sign in the foyer about this discount for Grand Slam visitors.

Advice about alerting may be appropriate for all members, not only former Grand Slam members.

Pam will approach Anne Weber at the end of February about equipment that may be available. The Executive may then need to decide budget, confirm items required, etc.

Perspex screens may be worth considering if the price is suitable, and would allow more players in the Barry Turner Room.

## **9. POSSIBLE FRIDAY MORNING SESSION**

Reinstatement of the CBC Friday morning face-to-face session is desirable so that there is an option for players to move to beyond Friday morning supervised play.

**MOTION:** That CBC will reinstate its Friday 10.00am session from 19 March 2021.

Moved: Ian Robinson                      Seconded: Liz Van Der Hor                      CARRIED

As done pre-Covid, the Friday morning session will be a 24 board, slightly shortened session.

## **10. DIRECTORS ISSUES**

Ian advised that Sally Barber will direct Thursday afternoon RealBridge. Directors are also required for Monday afternoon RealBridge and Friday morning in the club. In around May we may need to consider moving Monday evening events to Tuesday evenings due to table numbers.

## **11. MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Liz explained that a member has asked her about possible conflicts of interest if Committee members are also paid employees (including if on JobKeeper).

Deb spoke to the circulated extract from the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*. The legislation allows for employees to be members of committees of ACT incorporated associations (such as CBC), but also requires that material personal interests in relation to any committee member are disclosed and appropriately managed in the committee's discussions. In particular, a committee member with a personal interest in a matter being considered by the committee must not be present for those discussions, nor vote on the matter. Liz will reply to the member concerned with input from Deb.

Deb proposed that, at the Committee's March meeting, members should disclose any known actual or potential interests for other members' information. In addition, Committee members should always declare a possible conflict of interest they might have, especially any not previously or recently disclosed, if relevant to a matter being discussed. If in doubt, it is best to disclose and let other Committee members decide what course of action is appropriate.

Ian noted that he has asked Lyn about reviewing the RealBridge directors' pay rate. Ian has not directed RealBridge, but possibly might on occasion. The Committee will consider what steps are appropriate if/when this matter is discussed at a future Committee meeting.

## **12. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS IF NOT ALREADY COVERED**

### **12.1 Membership and Promotions**

### **12.2 Tournament and Calendar**

- Ian noted that issues to be discussed in the near future include red point sessions, mentoring in May, and competitive events.

### **12.3 Contract and Employment**

### **12.4 Congress and Social**

- The Not Quite Valentines Day Congress will be held on 27 February 2021. Champagne and individually wrapped chocolates will be served to players at their tables at the end of play. The possibility of the draw being available before the day was raised.

### **12.5 House**

- John reported that there was a flood in the downstairs kitchen, tidied up by the cleaner. The carpet is to be replaced in the dealing room due to a leak. The outside light continues to come on during the day. Chairs will need to be steamed clean soon.
- In addition to players wiping the bridgemates after each session, John continues to clean them each week.
- As indicated in the CBC COVID 19 Safety Plan, all players are responsible for cleaning chairs, tables, etc at the end of play.
- Many players are getting complacent, eg, about frequent use of hand sanitiser. The bridgemate score should be shown to the opponent to check, not read out to them. Ian will ask directors to remind players regularly about the COVID requirements.
- Michele and Simon Grant, Lesley Gunson and Keith Mitchell have done a great job tidying up the garden area between the club building and the lane.

### **12.6 Education**

- Perelle is assisting with the collection of money for the Kantar lessons. Some participants are on CBCPay.

### **12.6 BFACT**

- Liz reported back from the recent BFACT meeting.
- The age limit for youth players at the ANC has been increased to allow for the year lost in 2020. Liz will send details to Ian to forward to CBC's young players.

### **12.8 Website**

### **12.9 Finance**

### **12.10 Barry Turner Fund**

### **12.11 COVID-19**

- Deb reported that the Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club (CACMC) resumed its monthly meetings at CBC in November 2020. On becoming aware of this recently, Deb prepared, with input from the managers, a letter seeking CACMC's confirmation in writing that they will apply CBC COVID protocols at their meetings.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee noted the circulated correspondence.

## **14. OTHER BUSINESS**

None raised.

## **15. NEXT MEETING**

The Committee agreed that its next meeting will be held on Monday 15 March 2021 at 1.30pm.

Meeting closed 4.35pm

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