



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 11 July 2022, 1.30pm

Attendance: Margaret Kyburz, Ian Robinson (until item 12), Michele Grant, John Hemenstall, Tim Mather, Patricia McDonald, Mary Tough

Apologies: Liz Van Der Hor, Jennifer Yeats, Deb Milner, Anne Fleming, Hilda Hills

1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 5 JUNE 2022

MOTION: That the minutes of 5 June 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Patricia McDonald Seconded: Tim Mather CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE'S DECISION BY EMAIL

The Committee noted its by-email decisions of 8-10 June 2022:

- That in addition to the motion agreed on 5 June 2022, CBC will offer to BFACT a subsidy of \$375 per likely parent chaperone, with BFACT to let us know when confirmed whether there will be one or two parent chaperones.
- That in addition to the motion agreed on 5 June 2022 concerning the ANC Victory Dinner, CBC will pay, retrospectively to BFACT, 50% of the cost of the Victory Dinner for those parent chaperones who attend the Victory Dinner with their child/children. This means no BTF subsidy will be paid towards the cost of the Victory Dinner in the (unlikely) situation of the dads going to it without their kids.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

Honour Boards

Margaret has spoken to the managers about the need for the honour boards to be updated. It was noted that the previous tradesman had moved on and it was proving difficult to find someone able to do this kind of work.

Carpark Sign

Tim advised that the new sign has been installed with the help of John Hempenstall. The wood at the back of the sign has also been painted.

Battery for Solar Panels

Tim received advice from a contact in the solar energy industry that the current battery technology was not fully advanced and it was recommended that the Club hold off installing a battery for its solar panels.

Automatic Sliding Door to the Barry Turner Room

Jennifer advised that Kerry has accepted the quote from Progressive Controls for a new universal service kit for the automatic sliding door into the Barry Turner Room. Installation will be arranged by the managers.

BFACT New Directors' Course

The new directors' course was held on 18-19 June 2022.

Working Bee for Indoor Chores

A working bee to laminate certain bidding cards and other indoor chores will be held at 1:30pm on Thursday 4 August 2022. Members of the Committee (Ian, Tim, Margaret, John, Michele) will attend. There was no need to advertise to members.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Margaret reported that she has been unwell and out of action for some time.

6. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report. The Committee agreed that members should be reminded via the newsletter of the need to inform the Club if they were at the clubrooms during their 48-hour infectious period. There should also be a notice on the front door and on a stand in the foyer visible to members arriving at the Club. Margaret will follow up with Kerry.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report today.

8. SESSIONS, DIRECTORS AND DEALING ISSUES

Directors

Ian reported that the Club is in dire need of more directors and is in danger of having to close clubroom sessions on occasion if no director is available. Directing for RealBridge sessions was not an issue. There were no prospective new directors for CBC resulting from the recent BFACT Directors' course. Christy Geromboux has resigned as a Director. Rob Hurst will direct on Wednesday night and take on more sessions when available.

Dealing

Ian reported that Lizzy Thompson is available to help out with dealing in the short term. David Struik will be able to take on more dealing work if needed.

Table Numbers

Ian reported that table numbers in the Club were still a concern. One reason, as well as Covid-related issues and Winter, could be the lack of intermediate-level sessions. Ian suggested that a trial of intermediate-level sessions could be considered later in the year.

Marketing

Ian suggested that the Club needed to do more work on promotion. On this, Tim stressed the importance of targeting the four key sectors of elderly, disability, youth and education and suggested the need to communicate the benefits of bridge along the lines of 'the fun you can have in being clever'. Tim suggested that the Club needed to seek the help of professionals with marketing expertise.

9. AGM – EXPECTED COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The following members advised that they would not be standing for re-election: Margaret Kyburz and Patricia McDonald. The Committee also noted that Deb Milner and Hilda Hills have advised that they would not be standing for re-election. Ian Robinson advised that he would not be standing as Tournament Secretary but would be happy to continue as a general Committee member and assist with dealing and tournament matters.

Given the number of expected vacancies the Committee agreed that a Pianola message should go from Margaret to members listing possible office bearer and general vacancies and encourage members to consider being on the Committee. Deb offered to draft a Pianola message.

10. REQUEST FROM RON KLINGER ABOUT PROMOTING HIS NEW WEBSITE

The Committee considered the request from Ron Klinger and agreed that a notice about the launch of his new website be included in the Club's newsletter along with a link to the website. Deb will draft a notice for the newsletter.

11. COVID

The Committee agreed that given the continuing high level of Covid in the community it was not the time to relax any of its current Covid policies and procedures. It also noted the current ACT Government guidelines for businesses in relation to Covid-smart cleaning practices.

Masks - The Committee agreed that more effort should be made to encourage mask wearing at the clubrooms. This should be conveyed to members on signage at the clubrooms and included in Directors' notes to players at each session. Margaret will follow up.

Cleaning of Tables - While there was some concern about the effect of sanitizer on cards and disinfectant on bidding boxes, the Committee agreed that cleaning at the end of each session should continue. More volunteers were still needed to help with cleaning of cloths.

Kitchen - The Committee agreed to continue its current policy of one person at a time in the kitchen. If there is continued non-compliance the Club may have to consider closing the kitchen.

The Committee agreed that, in addition to Margaret's notice in the newsletter, a Pianola message to members outlining the Committee's decision might have more effect. Deb offered to draft a message.

MOTION: That the CBC continue with its current Covid-19 policies and procedures and continue to encourage the membership to take all possible steps to keep themselves safe.

Moved: Ian Robinson Seconded: Mary Tough CARRIED

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

12.1 Membership and Promotion

12.2 Tournament and Calendar

12.3 Contract and Employment

12.4 House

- The Committee agreed that no more excess chairs would be moved from the clubrooms until after the Canberra in Bloom festival in case they were needed.

12.5 Congress and Social

12.6 Education

- The Committee noted Morag Lokan's very thorough report of 30 June which included survey results from the recent supervised program. The large number enrolled for beginner's lessons was impressive.

12.7 BFACT

- Jennifer reported that she and Ian had met with Justine Beaumont to discuss BFACT's rental of CBC premises for Canberra in Bloom. Matters such as the use of rooms and the need for players to bring their own food had been agreed. Agreement on the rental charge was still outstanding.

12.8 Barry Turner Fund

12.9 COVID-19

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Five items of correspondence were circulated to the Committee:

- Margaret's thank you letter of 10 June 2022 to Barb Toohey
- Margaret's email of 19 June 2022 to Ian Morison
- The thank you email of 5 July 2022 from the indigo foundation. Ian also thanked the Committee for its support and reported that the fundraising night was very successful.
- The thank you emails of 6 July 2022 from Allambee Yass Bridge Club and of 10 July 2022 from Liz Van Der Hor.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

World Bridge Series

The Committee noted that it would need to consider possible subsidies for players participating in the World Bridge Series to be held in Poland in August-September 2022 at its next meeting.

Youth Bridge Sessions

The Committee considered the proposal from Will Jenner O'Shea and Christy Geromboux for use of CBC as a venue for irregular youth bridge sessions.

The Committee noted that Will Jenner O'Shea was a very good teacher and player who had vast experience in teaching different ages and levels. It agreed that the sessions will provide an opportunity for children to learn to play and then move to the next level which was supportive of the future of bridge. The Committee noted that volunteers running each session will have valid Working with Vulnerable People Cards and agreed with Deb's suggestion that the managers keep a record of these. Parents will be allowed to attend as observers. Efforts will be made to have at least one Committee member present at each session.

The Committee agreed that it needed clarification of the target group (such as ages and bridge experience) which would be necessary for any advertising in the newsletter. The Committee also agreed that the proposers should seek advice from a lawyer on the need for a disclaimer and, if required, have the lawyer check the wording of the proposed Release of Liability. Mary will follow up with Will/Christy and report back to the Committee for its further consideration.

15. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to hold the next two Committee meetings on 8 August and 12 September 2022, both commencing at 1.30pm at the clubrooms.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm.
