



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES – Thursday, 17 November 2022, 5:00 pm

Attendance: Tim Mather, Mary Tough (from Item 5), Michele Grant, Jennifer Yeats (until Item 14), Bruce Crossman, Roger Brake, Nicole Finn (until Item 13), Patricia McDonald, Alison Russell-French (until Item 13)

Apologies: Bruce Chapman, Anne Fleming, John Hempenstall, Hilda R Hills, Margaret Kyburz

1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST GIVEN TODAY'S AGENDA ITEMS

None declared.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 7 OCTOBER 2022

MOTION: That the Minutes of 7 October 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Roger Brake CARRIED

3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

MOTION: That Alison Russell-French be appointed as a member of the 2022-2023 Canberra Bridge Club Committee to fill the vacancy created by Di Hawke's resignation.
Moved: Bruce Crossman Seconded: Jennifer Yeats CARRIED

4. NOTING OF COMMITTEE'S EMAIL DECISIONS

The Committee noted the following email decisions since its last meeting:

- With the relaxation of COVID-19 protocols, the Committee agreed to the reinstatement of monthly Wednesday night pizza get-togethers from November 2022. The Committee noted that they would be coordinated with the supervised sessions and that presentations may be included later.

- The Committee agreed to the proposal by the Congress and Social Sub-Committee to hold a Melbourne Cup function at the Club with expenditure of around \$220.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

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

- Tim advised that significant work on the gardens and surrounds would take place at Saturday's working bee guided by John Kelly, including possible repair of the wheel stops and removal of graffiti.
- BruceX advised that there were around 25 people signed up to attend the director's workshop at the weekend, a number from non-ABF clubs.
- Jennifer advised that Brett Yeats was willing to help with Club sponsorship, in particular by approaching possible sponsors.
- Mary advised that Will Jenner-O'Shea had agreed to be on the Committee's Youth Development Sub-Committee.
- Tim advised that the Education Sub-Committee and teachers were working on the possibility of producing podcasts of Master the Basics as well as a series of webinars.
- Tim advised that planning for Christmas party celebrations was in hand.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Committee noted the President's Report.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the month ended 31 October 2022, as well as a Profit and Loss Statement for the four months ended 31 October 2022.

Of note was the increase in room rental with income from the BFACT Canberra in Bloom and the ABF Australian Open Teams Trials being held at the Club. The ABF was very happy with the Club's facilities and had approached CBC about the possibility of the Australian Mixed Teams Trials being held at the Club in early December.

With the change in Committee membership for 2022-2023 signatories for the Club's bank accounts need to be changed.

MOTION: That the Committee approve the past President and past Secretary being removed as signatories for the Club's bank accounts and replaced by the current President and Secretary as signatories. The Treasurer as a signatory remains unchanged.

Moved: Bruce Crossman

Seconded: Nicole Finn

CARRIED

8. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report. Jennifer advised that current membership of the Club was 788, with 47 members not resident in Canberra.

The Committee considered Tim's proposal and agreed to recognise and welcome Anne Weber, proprietor of the former Grand Slam Bridge Centre in Canberra, to the Club by offering her a one-year Honorary Membership.

MOTION: That the Committee approve a one-year Honorary Membership for Anne Weber for 2023.

Moved: Alison Russell-French Seconded: Bruce Crossman CARRIED

The Committee noted the request for a cover for the skylight in the office. Jennifer will ask the managers to follow up with quotes for consideration.

The Committee noted a member's suggestion that the Club encourage recycling of coffee cups and agreed that it should encourage members to bring their own cups to reduce the use of disposable cups. Tim will put a note in the newsletter.

9. YOUTH BRIDGE PROPOSAL

The Committee considered further the proposal to hold irregular Youth Bridge Sessions at the Club. It agreed that was important to encourage youth bridge and noted that this proposal had been discussed with BFACT. BFACT has a small budget to support Youth Bridge in the ACT and has agreed to share some of the costs of providing refreshments e.g. pizzas. The Committee noted that all teachers and helpers will hold current Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) cards. If agreed, the first session will be held on Sunday, 11 December 2022, as a "Youth Pizza Day".

MOTION: That the Committee agree that the Club support the Youth Bridge Sessions proposal.

Moved: Mary Tough Seconded: Jennifer Yeats CARRIED

10. BFACT DRAFT WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE STRATEGY

The Committee noted BFACT's Draft Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) Strategy. It agreed that the Club should set up a register so that it will be able to record WWVP registration (name, number, expiry date). Michele will follow up with the managers.

11. CLUB MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

The Committee noted Mary's follow up with Peter Cox, Head of Marketing for the ABF, and the information he supplied on Club Management Workshops he conducts around Australia. It agreed that Peter Cox be invited to give a workshop at the Club, if possible around the time of the Summer Festival of Bridge in January 2023. Club managers, directors, teachers, the committee, and any interested members of the Club will be invited to attend. Mary will contact Peter Cox to find out his availability.

12. GARDENING PROPOSAL

The Committee considered the gardening, driveway and general maintenance works proposed by John Kelly in his email of 23 October 2022 as follow up to work he has done over the past year. It agreed on the long-term goal of making the Club building and surroundings more attractive.

MOTION: That the Committee agree with the scope of gardening, driveway and general maintenance works proposed in John Kelly and to expenditure of around \$1,500 for related wages and materials.

Moved: Mary Tough

Seconded: Nicole Finn

CARRIED

13. ANNUAL CALENDAR/MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Committee considered a member's suggestion that the Club restore its printed annual calendar or at least Club membership list. It noted the lengthy time taken to produce the previous booklets and also that members' contact details (as provided) are on Pianola. It agreed that member contact information may be able to be printed on request by the managers. Mary will follow up with Rick Nehmy. The membership should be reminded that any contact information provided by members can be found on Pianola.

14. CBC REPRESENTATION IN ABF EVENTS

The Committee noted that a number of CBC members had entered the ABF online 2022 Australia Wide Teams Club Knockout representing the Club and that one team had reached the final. The Committee also noted that prizemoney was payable to Clubs for this event and agreed that it would consider how to handle any prizemoney paid to the CBC in that eventuality.

MOTION: That members representing CBC in the current ABF online Australia Wide Teams Club Knockout event be reimbursed for their entry fees.

Moved: Mary Tough

Seconded: Bruce Crossman

CARRIED

On BFACT matters, Tim advised that Cathy Nichols had requested two volunteers from CBC to be on the organizing committee for Canberra in Bloom to be held from 29 September to 2 October 2023. Tim will call for volunteers through the newsletter.

BFACT has also asked for a convenor from CBC to help advertise and organise the BFACT InterClub Teams event to be held at the Club on Saturday, 8 July 2023. Roger agreed to take on this role.

15. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tournament

BruceX advised that the 2023 Calendar for BFACT and CBC was on the website. One major change to note is that CBC competition events have moved to Thursday nights to enable players from other clubs to participate. BFACT selection trial events will be held on Monday evenings from the end of February. BruceX will send an email to advise all members about the calendar.

Education

The Committee noted Morag Lokan's report of 31 October 2022 and the significant increase in the number of players playing supervised. The Committee agreed that the Club not run a U3A beginner course in 2023. The Committee noted that work to develop a suite of education webinars was continuing and BruceX suggested looking into the recent ABF study on online instruction in relation to this. Tim will follow up with Morag.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil to report.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

- The Committee was advised that David Beauchamp had approached CBC to enquire about hiring Club facilities in October 2023 for a 4/5-day tournament to be coordinated by Jodi Tutty. The Committee agreed in principle with this request.

18. PROPOSED DATES FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee agreed that the next meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, 15 December 2022.

There will be no Committee meeting in January 2023 in part because of the Canberra Summer Festival of Bridge.

Meetings in 2023 will be moved to Tuesday nights so that they will not clash with Club competition sessions which will take place on Thursday nights next year.

The February meeting will be held a week earlier on Tuesday, 7 February 2023, to avoid Gold Coast Congress dates.

Following Committee meetings in 2023 will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Meeting closed 6:44 pm