



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES Monday 4 April 2022, 1.30pm

**Attendance:** Margaret Kyburz, Liz Van Der Hor, Jennifer Yeats, Deb Milner, Ian Robinson, Anne Fleming (until during item 8), Michele Grant, John Hemenstall, Mary Tough

**Apologies:** Christy Geromboux, Hilda Hills, Tim Mather, Patricia McDonald

### 1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ian declared his conflict of interest in relation to item 10 given his involvement with indigo foundation.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 7 MARCH 2022

**MOTION:** That the minutes of 7 March 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.  
Moved: Liz Van Der Hor                      Seconded: Jennifer Yeats                      CARRIED

### 3. COMMITTEE'S DECISION BY EMAIL

The Committee noted its decision by email in response to Tim Mather's email of 8 March 2022, concerning the Neoplex quote and design for the new sign:

- Cost: \$2,685 (plus GST) and installation \$900
- Dimensions: 3,000 x 2,000mm
- Position: Northwest corner of CBC building facing the road

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

#### Car park

Michele will seek John Kelly's advice about who might be able to assist with removal of the broken concrete wheel stops in the car park. Committee will need to consider replacement options further.

#### Signs on building

The new sign on the front of the building has been installed and looks good. The Committee decided not to proceed with the quote for new parking signs on the building as such signs are probably not effective. Unauthorised drivers have already entered the car park and parked their cars before they might see one of the signs. Deb will let Tim know.

Replacement of the old sign at the entrance to the car park, including the no parking message, could be considered. Committee members were encouraged to look at the existing sign at the entrance before further discussion at the May Committee meeting.

#### Cleaners

Jennifer and the managers are watching the player numbers at the Club before moving the full clean from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

#### Mentoring in May

Anne has volunteered to coordinate this year's Mentoring in May program. Liz has written up the procedures for the program.

#### BFACT's new directors' course

Liz has contacted Justine Beaumont and is waiting to hear when BFACT intends to run a new directors' course.

#### RealBridge assistant for members

A member has responded to the ad in the newsletter for a volunteer to assist members, outside of sessions, who experience technical issues with RealBridge. He is unable to commence immediately. In the first instance, Margaret will make contact with the member to thank him and clarify next steps.

#### Southern Tablelands Teams (STT)

The Committee agreed to hold the STT on Saturday 25 June 2022 (not 28 May 2022 as proposed previously). There will be an open teams event, and novice and restricted Butler pairs.

The Committee agreed that any profit from the STT will be split equally between Beyond Blue and flood victims (actual charity to be determined). Ian will mention this in the advertising.

#### New playing cards

The removal of the old playing cards in boards and replacement with the new plastic cards is now complete. Liz will ask at BFACT whether there is interest in second-hand cards.

### **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

U3A lessons for beginners commence on 22 April 2022. Margaret will assist if necessary.

### **6. MANAGERS' REPORT**

The Committee noted the Managers' Report and Jennifer's summary of table numbers in March 2022 (an average of 146 tables per week, compared with an average of 140 tables per week in February 2022).

### **7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jennifer tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 31 March 2022, also a Profit & Loss Statement for the month of March 2022. Jennifer understands that some 100 members did not renew their CBC membership for 2022, mostly members who were not playing face-to-face bridge due to COVID concerns and who didn't want to play RealBridge.

Jennifer noted the latest issue with CBCPay (members being charged visitors' rates). Jennifer and Bruce hope to resolve this with Matt McManus.

## **8. SESSIONS, DIRECTORS AND DEALING ISSUES**

Simultaneous face-to-face and RealBridge sessions, currently occurring three times each week, were intended to be a temporary transitional arrangement when we reopened the clubrooms in November 2021. Running simultaneous sessions places extra pressure on the director.

The Committee agreed to close Monday morning RealBridge from early May 2022. Members will have the option of playing face-to-face at the clubrooms at 10.00am or moving to RealBridge at 2.00pm or 7.00pm on Mondays. If there are sufficient numbers on Monday afternoon RealBridge, the Club will establish separate Open and Restricted style sections with staggered start times. Two red point sessions on both Monday and Thursday mornings will also be offered from early May. Ian will follow up.

## **9. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

The Committee noted Tim's written update about the Strategic Planning Workshop. The Committee discussed possible CBC members who would be suitable as a chair/facilitator. Margaret will follow up, including letting Tim know.

The Committee agreed to hold the Workshop on Sunday 29 May 2022<sup>1</sup>, either in the morning or afternoon, subject to availability of a chair/facilitator. In relation to any invitees to the Workshop, the Committee will consider the views of the chair/facilitator about the preferred maximum number of participants.

The aim of the Workshop is to consider where the Committee needs to refocus, via a review of chapters 2, 3, and 5 of the 2012 Strategic Plan.

## **10. INDIGO FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING EVENT**

The Committee agreed that indigo foundation could use the CBC premises for a fundraising trivia night on the evening of 1 July 2022 at no charge, subject to the CBC COVID requirements at the time. Margaret will reply to indigo foundation.

## **11. PIANOLA'S VACCINATION STATUS FIELD**

The Committee agreed that we don't want to use the new vaccination status field in Pianola. Deb will inform Rick Nehmy and the managers.

## **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**
- 12.5 Congress and Social**

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<sup>1</sup> Overtaken by further discussion at the May Committee meeting about the Strategic Planning Workshop.

## **12.6 Education**

- Liz summarised a report from Morag Lokan.  
The February-March beginners' lessons were rated highly by participants. With the completion of the lessons, supervised play numbers have increased.

## **12.7 BFACT**

## **12.8 Barry Turner Fund**

## **12.9 COVID-19**

- Deb will prepare a procedure, and perhaps a standard email to affected players, for use when a player was at the clubrooms from two days before their COVID symptoms started or they tested positive (whichever came first).
- Since the March Committee meeting, Deb updated the CBC COVID-19 Safety Plan and Checklist for Players for changes to ACT Government requirements. Deb will update the COVID documents for beginners' lessons in advance of the U3A lessons from 22 April 2022.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Margaret's replies to two members about, respectively, CO2 monitors and the Monday evening session were circulated to Committee members for their information.

## **14. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee discussed how best to support a member's gender transition. Deb will collate the Committee's comments into suggested responses in case required by directors, etc. CBC does not offer gender-specific events, and has no plans to do so. BFACT selection events are often held at CBC, including women's events. CBC understands that BFACT is seeking advice from the ABF about their entry requirements.

Ian raised the possibility a working bee to laminate certain bidding cards (pass, 1C, X) as seen recently in Tasmania and in order to preserve them for longer.

Liz will ask Christy about an evening or weekend time that would suit her for the June Committee meeting, assuming a four-hour slot and that sufficient other Committee members can attend so a quorum is achieved.

## **15. NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 9 May 2022 at 1.30pm and in the clubrooms.

Meeting closed 5.15pm

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