



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Sunday 5 June 2022, 1.30pm

Attendance: Liz Van Der Hor, Jennifer Yeats, Deb Milner, Ian Robinson, Anne Fleming (from item 7), Christy Geromboux, Michele Grant, John Hempenstall (until during item 16), Tim Mather, Patricia McDonald (from item 4), Mary Tough

Apologies: Margaret Kyburz, Hilda Hills

Liz chaired the meeting and will brief Margaret.

The Committee expressed its thanks to Kerry Butcher for printing the Committee's meeting papers from home on a weekend.

1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Christy and Ian repeated their previously declared potential conflicts of interest as CBC directors. Liz and Mary noted their conflicts of interest in relation to the Barry Turner Fund (BTF) subsidy to BFACT for the ACT Australian National Championships (ANC) participants (item 7 refers).

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 9 MAY 2022

Tim requested, and the Committee agreed, to an amendment to item 4 of the draft minutes.

MOTION: That the minutes of 9 May 2022 (as amended) be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Michele Grant

Seconded: Mary Tough

CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE'S DECISION BY EMAIL

The Committee confirmed the outcome of Tim's email of 12 May 2022 to Committee members about a new sign at the entrance to the car park, in particular acceptance of the quote from Neoplex of \$600 (plus GST) and preference for the third design option with red "Private Parking" lettering. Tim is following up.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

- The Committee agreed to hold the AGM on Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 5.30pm in the clubrooms.
- In relation to possibly installing a battery for our solar panels, Tim and Michele may know of independent specialists who could do an assessment and advise about the options.

- Ian advised that U3A rules require a volunteer teacher. Deb will prepare a letter from Margaret thanking Barb Toohey for completing the teaching of the U3A beginners' lessons.
- Jennifer proposed, and the Committee agreed, that we retain the existing photocopier. While the service agreement has expired, it is working fine and we have spare toner. Black and white copying is cheaper and should be used instead of colour copying.
- The Committee agreed not to proceed with obtaining a quote for another Zip boiling water tap in the upstairs kitchen.
- The bridge group in Yass has taken 16 surplus chairs. Liz proposed that we hold on to the other surplus chairs in case needed by the indigo foundation on 1 July 2022 or by BFACT for Canberra in Bloom (item 10 below refers).
- John advised that the managers are getting a quote for a replacement door for the disabled toilet.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no President's Report as Margaret was unwell and not present.

6. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report and Jennifer's summary of table numbers in May 2022.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 31 May 2022, also a Profit & Loss Statement for the month of May 2022.

Jennifer spoke to the quote for a new universal service kit for the automatic sliding door into the Barry Turner Room (\$3,800 plus GST). The new part should extend the life of the door for some years, and it may not be available in future. Replacing the whole door would now be difficult and expensive as the same size door is no longer made. Kerry will accept the quote and arrange the part's installation.

Justine Beaumont has emailed about CBC's BTF payment to BFACT for the ACT representatives at the ANC in July 2022. Jennifer has applied the formula for calculating the base ANC payment to BFACT, given the value of the BTF at 31 May 2022 and the Adelaide location. Given there have been no ANC subsidies from the BTF since COVID, the Committee decided to add 15 per cent.

Liz and Mary did not vote on the following motions.

MOTION: That CBC offer to BFACT a subsidy of \$375 (includes additional 15 per cent) per ANC player or non-playing captain, with a decision about chaperones for the youth players to be made when we know more details.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Ian Robinson CARRIED

MOTION: That CBC will pay, retrospectively to BFACT, 50% of the cost of the Victory Dinner for those ACT ANC representatives who attend the Victory Dinner.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Ian Robinson CARRIED

Ian will obtain further details about the chaperones (eg, will the chaperones be parents or people who would've been at the ANC anyway). When clarified and the Committee has agreed about the chaperones, Deb will draft a response from Margaret to Justine.

8. SESSIONS, DIRECTORS AND DEALING ISSUES

Ian reported that:

- Nicholas Donovan has other employment and the Club needs a new dealer. Ian is following up the responses received to an ad in the newsletter seeking expressions of interest.
- Rob Hurst has commenced employment as a RealBridge director. Rob is also available on a volunteer basis to assist members with RealBridge technical difficulties.
- BFACT will be running a new directors' course soon. Ian will advertise the course when the dates for it are confirmed.
- Four lessons on RealBridge presented by Andrew Robson will occur on Wednesday afternoons 15, 22, 29 June and 6 July 2022. Liz will check with Morag whether a taster session for supervised players to introduce them to RealBridge would encourage their participation in the lessons.
- Ian is working on the Tuesday evening program beyond the next six weeks. Some BFACT events will need to be face-to-face.

9. MEMBER'S SUGGESTION – SPICY GOULASH NIGHT

The Committee discussed a member's suggestion that the Club holds a regular "spicy goulash night" with pre-dealt big hands and unusual distributions. However:

- The Club's dealing machine cannot be set to deal specific types of hands. Some players believe otherwise, but it is not correct.
- The integrity of the dealing process is important. We don't "doctor" hands.
- Law 6B of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge 2017 requires that no two adjacent cards from the deck are dealt into the same hand.
- If the dealing issues could be circumvented, stronger players would have an advantage when playing slam hands or unusual distributions.
- It would not be possible to issue masterpoints for the results from a goulash night.

On balance, the Committee decided not to proceed with the suggestion. Deb will prepare a reply for Margaret to send to the member.

10. BFACT CANBERRA IN BLOOM AT CBC?

BFACT wishes to rent the CBC premises over the October long weekend (Friday 30 September to Monday 3 October 2022 inclusive) for Canberra in Bloom:

- This would affect CBC sessions on the Friday and Monday. Friday supervised play needs to occur, so CBC will need the Olive Lott Room on the Friday morning for supervised play, and the duplicate session could occur there too. RealBridge could be offered on the Monday morning instead of face-to-face bridge.
- Including CBCPay as well as MyABF in the payment arrangements for Canberra in Bloom would encourage entries from CBC members.
- BFACT would need to adhere to CBC's COVID arrangements, including no in-house catering.

Ian and Jennifer will meet with Justine to discuss details, including the rent amount.

11. POLICY ON NON-COMPLETION OF BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Liz tabled a report from Morag Lokan. Morag has recommended (on page 2) that when a student who enrolls in a beginners' course is not able to complete the course, the Club's position on costs should be as follows:

A student who discontinues or defers a beginners' class after it commences is not entitled to a refund;

- If a student re-enrols in another beginners' class within 18 months there is no charge for this course;
- If a student re-enrols in another beginners' class within 18 to 24 months the cost is \$20;
- If a student re-enrols in another beginners' class after 24 months the full cost applies;
- The Novice Coordinator has the discretion to determine a different outcome having regard to the student's personal circumstances.

MOTION: That the policy as articulated on page 2 of Morag Lokan's report be ratified.

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor

Seconded: Christy Geromboux

CARRIED

Liz will follow up with Morag and the managers.

12. CBC WEBSITE

Not discussed

13. WORKING BEE TO LAMINATE CERTAIN BIDDING CARDS AND OTHER INDOOR CHORES

Ian suggested a working bee be held on a Wednesday afternoon in late June or July. Ian will email the Committee with the date, to be advertised to members too.

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

Not discussed

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Margaret's thank you letter of 17 May 2022 to John Kelly was circulated to the Committee.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Christy raised a number of issues, which the Committee discussed:

- The directors' computer needs to be replaced as it takes too long to reboot, etc. Bruce Crossman and Bill Tutty are aware, Jennifer is also aware.
- Will Jenner O'Shea emailed Margaret about holding a youth day at the Club on an afternoon in late May. Deb explained that the details provided were unclear. Mary, Anne and Christy offered to work with Will on a proposal to the Committee.
- Christy believes a formal complaint process is required. Christy believes that various members, including herself, have not had their complaints treated appropriately. Other Committee members saw the circumstances differently. Liz referred to avenues such as the process in 5.2 of the CBC By-laws.
- The Committee agreed that communication is not always as good as it should be.
- Christy then resigned from the Committee effective immediately.
- The Committee urged Christy to stay on as a CBC director.

17. NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 July 2022, 1.30pm at the clubrooms.

Meeting closed 5.05pm