



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES Monday 7 March 2022, 1.30pm

**Attendance:** Margaret Kyburz, Liz Van Der Hor, Jennifer Yeats, Deb Milner, Ian Robinson, Anne Fleming, Michele Grant, John Hempenstall, Tim Mather, Mary Tough

**Apologies:** Christy Geromboux, Richard Hills, Patricia McDonald

### 1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Subject to finalisation of a contract, Tim is to be employed as a teacher for supervised play. As a CBC director, Ian declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 15.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 14 FEBRUARY 2022

**MOTION:** That the minutes of 14 February 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor                      Seconded: Jennifer Yeats                      CARRIED

Deb will correct two typos in the minutes.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING

#### Sign on building

The Committee considered Tim's three options for the size and position of the new sign, and preferred the smaller option C, with the website only being mentioned. Ian raised the possibility of additional off-the-shelf "member parking only"/"tow away area" signs. Tim will follow up.

#### Gardening work

John Kelly has ordered the crepe myrtles. John recommends that the Club purchases a leaf blower to assist with garden maintenance.

**MOTION:** That the Club buys a Ryobi leaf blower, expected to cost \$199.

Moved: Michele Grant                      Seconded: Liz Van Der Hor                      CARRIED

Michele will follow up.

### Cleaners

Jennifer reported that the new cleaners commenced last week and so far the arrangements are progressing well. Given current numbers of people at the club on different days of the week, Jennifer will look into moving the full clean from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

### Barry Turner Fund subsidies

Jennifer has arranged all subsidies from, and refunds to, the Barry Turner Fund in relation to the 45<sup>th</sup> World Bridge Team Championships.

### Strategic Planning workshop

Tim reported that Rowan Bergin was unable to suggest possible facilitators. Margaret will ask members via the newsletter for suggested facilitators.

### Sponsors

Ord Minnett is interested in being a CBC sponsor. Tim has also spoken with Battery World and IGA. Invoices for sponsorship payments will be sent soon. Christy is updating the sponsors page on the website.

### Pianola categories

Jennifer reported that there are now Distance Home and Distance Away categories in Pianola, in addition to the Concession Home and Concession Away categories. Members who live permanently more than 80 kilometres from the Canberra GPO will be classified as Distance members, but continue to be eligible to pay the Concession membership rate. Deb noted that she could reword the proposed motions at the 2022 AGM concerning the joining fee and annual subscriptions so that the terminology is consistent.

## **4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Margaret noted the uneven pattern of table numbers in different sessions, eg, higher numbers on Tuesday afternoons but smaller numbers at other sessions. Jennifer added that numbers at sessions with simultaneous face-to-face bridge and RealBridge were, overall, split 50:50 between the two formats.

## **5. MANAGERS' REPORT**

The Committee noted the Managers' Report. Liz will follow up with Morag Lokan about the arrangements for the U3A beginners' lessons. Jennifer noted the club's reliance on Matt McManus to solve CBCPay issues, especially as CBCPay uses old excel files. Ian noted that the plan is for all RealBridge directors to have remote access so they can convert RealBridge scores into Compscore, and undertake the CBCPay steps, rather than relying on Jodi Tutty and Bruce Crossman as occurs currently.

The Committee noted Jennifer's summary of table numbers in February 2022, which indicated an improvement compared with table numbers in January 2022.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jennifer tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 28 February 2022, also a Profit & Loss Statement for the month of February 2022. Interest rates for term deposits are currently very low. Other options with franking credits would not benefit CBC.

Jennifer understands that some 156 members haven't yet renewed their CBC membership for 2022.

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

Ian explained the Club's precarious position in relation to the supply of directors. Some potential directors aren't keen on doing the CBCPay aspects of the role. Liz will clarify when BFACT intends to run a new directors' course.

The Committee agreed to hold a novice and restricted pairs event at 1.15pm on Saturday 9 April 2022, preceded by a short lesson from Jodi and Ian, to coincide with the ANC women's team selection. Ian will write a list of tasks to be done, including promotion aspects.

Ian requested assistance at 9.00am on Wednesdays with removing old cardboard cards in boards and replacing them with new plastic cards. Anne and Jennifer offered to assist.

Ian noted that the Club can't run simultaneous face-to-face bridge and RealBridge indefinitely.

Some members continue to experience unexplained technical issues with RealBridge. Liz will prepare a piece for the newsletter seeking a member, with advanced computer skills and familiarity with RealBridge, to assist such members outside of sessions.

## **8. HELPERS FOR SUPERVISED SESSIONS PAST APRIL**

The Committee noted the reports from Morag Lokan and Barb Toohey about education activities. Morag asked for help with recruiting volunteers to assist with supervised play. Liz will ask the Teams of Three captains. Teachers for supervised play are arranged.

Liz will clarify with Morag that the Friday morning duplicate session and supervised play will both start at 9.30am (so that players can depart before the afternoon players arrive) with the supervised play lesson as well as supervised play to occur in the Barry Turner Room.

## **9. MENTORING IN MAY**

Margaret will approach individuals who may consider being the coordinator of this year's Mentoring in May program, and Liz will write up its procedures. There are potential difficulties with mentoring on RealBridge, eg, directors must keep the session open for longer for post-play discussions, and CBCPay PP2 arrangements are difficult on RealBridge. The Committee concluded that Mentoring in May should occur at face-to-face sessions.

## **10. WIPING DOWN SIDE TABLES, CHAIRS ETC AFTER EVERY SESSION**

Some members have asked whether it is still necessary to wipe down the side tables, chairs etc after each session. On balance the Committee considered that this practice should continue:

- The ACT Government's COVID website continues to refer to the importance of cleaning surfaces and frequently touched items;
- There is a lot of COVID in Canberra;

- There are other members who feel comfortable doing the post-session cleaning and appreciate the extra protection that it provides.

Liz and other helpers are doing a great job washing the cleaning cloths.

## **11. SUB-COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS IF NOT COVERED IN EARLIER ITEMS**

### **11.1 Membership and Promotion**

### **11.2 Tournament and Calendar**

### **11.3 Contract and Employment**

### **11.4 House**

- John will follow up about installing handrails in the cubicles in the men's toilets, similar to the handrails in the women's toilets.

### **11.5 Congress and Social**

- The Committee agreed to hold the Southern Tablelands Teams on Saturday 28 May 2022<sup>1</sup>, subject to Ian checking this date is suitable given other events in the calendar.

### **11.6 Education**

### **11.7 BFACT**

### **11.8 Barry Turner Fund**

### **11.9 COVID-19**

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

Margaret's replies to two members about the possibility of, respectively, novice/intermediate sessions and graded sections, were circulated to Committee members for their information.

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

None raised.

## **14. NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 4 April 2022 at 1.30pm and in the clubrooms.

## **15. REALBRIDGE DIRECTORS' PAY RATE**

Given Ian's conflict of interest (see item 1), discussion about directors' pay rates was held at the end of the meeting without Ian present.

Jennifer outlined the current rates of pay to CBC directors for duplicate sessions, and the administrative advantages of having one consistent rate.

**MOTION:** That there be one base pay rate for directors of duplicate sessions, both face-to-face and RealBridge, and whether daytime or night-time, and it will be the same as the current face-to-face night-time rate.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats

Seconded: Margaret Kyburz

CARRIED

Jennifer will implement the new single pay rate.

Meeting closed 5.00pm

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<sup>1</sup> The Southern Tablelands Teams were subsequently rescheduled to Saturday 25 June 2022.