



Canberra Bridge Club

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MINUTES Monday 9 May 2022, 1.30pm

Attendance: Margaret Kyburz, Liz Van Der Hor, Jennifer Yeats, Deb Milner, Anne Fleming, Michele Grant, John Hemenstall, Tim Mather (until item 10), Patricia McDonald, Mary Tough

Apologies: Christy Geromboux, Hilda Hills, Ian Robinson

Tim needed to leave the meeting at 3.00pm, hence the order of the agenda items.

1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No new conflicts of interest were declared.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 4 APRIL 2022

MOTION: That the minutes of 4 April 2022 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Liz Van Der Hor Seconded: Mary Tough CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE'S DECISION BY EMAIL

The Committee noted its decision by email on 16-18 April 2022:

- *That the Committee agrees to hold another Kantar-style lesson, followed by a one-session pairs event for novice and restricted players, on Saturday 21 May 2022 as outlined in the circulated proposal.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

- Tim reported that Ian Thomson is investigating whether land possibly suitable for new premises may become available.
- Tim will obtain a quote from Neoplex for a metal sign which matches the look of the new sign on the building, could be screwed onto the old timber sign at the entrance to the car park, and cover the writing on that old sign. The Committee agreed that this work could proceed if the quote was no more than \$500, otherwise further Committee consideration to occur. The sign is to say "Canberra Bridge Club" with "Private Parking" underneath.
- Liz reported that Tamara is investigating whether the bridge clubs in Cootamundra, Cooma and Bungendore are interested in our second-hand playing cards.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP ON 29 MAY 2022

Tim expressed concern about holding the Strategic Planning workshop given the current COVID situation, and conveyed that the workshop chair, Peter Giles, had a similar concern. The Committee agreed to delay the workshop until the COVID situation was clearer. Margaret will advise Peter, Will Jenner O'Shea and absent Committee members.

6. DATES FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JUNE AND JULY 2022

The Committee agreed to hold the next Committee meeting on Sunday 5 June 2022 at 1.30pm at the clubrooms (subject to confirmation that this suits Christy, otherwise on Monday 6 June at 1.30pm) and the following Committee meeting on Monday 11 July 2022 at 1.30pm at the clubrooms. Liz will check with Christy, then Deb will advise all Committee members.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Margaret suggested that the Committee explore the possibility of installing a storage battery for the solar panels. Jennifer will check the original paperwork for details of our existing system, including the number of panels currently on the roof, so the Committee can understand the likely cost and benefits of installing a battery.

Mary raised the possibility of installing another Zip boiling water tap in the upstairs kitchen. It could be turned off for much of the time. Anne offered to ask Kerry about the current Zip tap in the downstairs kitchen and obtain a quote.

8. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report, including the current arrangements for the U3A lessons and the recent spate of COVID-infectious players at the clubrooms. Jennifer will clarify whether CBC retains all of the U3A lesson income.

The Committee noted Jennifer's summary of table numbers in April 2022. Mentoring in May could have an impact on table numbers in May. Anne noted that some 23 mentors and 20 mentees were participating in Mentoring in May this year, although some dropped out.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement as at 30 April 2022, also a Profit & Loss Statement for the month of April 2022. In addition:

- Our service agreement with Ricoh for the photocopier will expire soon. Jennifer and the managers will investigate the options, including purchase or leasing of a new photocopier, and obtain quotes.
- Jennifer is moving some of our cash into term deposits. Jennifer is staggering the maturity dates across the year and making the term deposits for similar amounts of money.
- Jennifer is preparing our 2022-23 application to participate in the Canberra Southern Cross Club's Community Rewards Program.
- ABF wishes to use the clubrooms in November. Jennifer is working on a quote.
- The Australian National Championships (ANC) are in July, so CBC will soon need to make the Barry Turner Fund annual payment to BFACT.

Jennifer met with BFACT Treasurer Stephen Fischer recently. No ACT youth team is expected to go to the ANC.

- The Canberra Games Society is reverting back to the full rental rate for its weekly meetings in the Olive Lott Room.
- There has been low take-up of the coffee trial with Double Shot. Players would like to phone orders in, but payment arrangements would be difficult. Jennifer will arrange an update in the newsletter.

10. SESSIONS, DIRECTORS AND DEALING ISSUES

The Committee noted Ian's written advice that the Tuesday evening program will be on RealBridge for the immediate future.

11. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND COVID CONSIDERATIONS – 21 MAY 2022, WEDNESDAY EVENING PIZZA NIGHTS, ETC

Jon Pike wishes to restart the once-a-month Wednesday pizza evenings that happened pre-COVID. The Committee decided no pizza night should occur in May, and we will then monitor the COVID situation from month to month. The Committee also decided that for member-initiated social activities at the clubrooms, the initiator needs to provide, for the Committee's consideration, a short written proposal outlining how they will run the activity in a COVID-safe way, eg, how to achieve anything close to 1.5 metres physical distancing when participants are no doubt enjoying themselves and relaxed, and how any food will be served given buffet-style "help yourself" is no longer preferred. Deb will advise Jon.

The Committee agreed with Ian's written advice that no catering/post-play drinks would occur following the pairs event for novice and restricted players on 21 May 2022.

12. MEMBER'S SUGGESTION – SPICY GOULASH NIGHT

A member has suggested that the Club holds a regular "spicy goulash night" with pre-dealt big hands and unusual distributions. Given Ian's absence today, the Committee deferred consideration of this suggestion to the June meeting. Margaret will let the member know.

13. DATE FOR 2022 AGM

The Committee discussed the options for when we hold the AGM. The Committee decided that a Tuesday at 5.30pm was the first preference, so 27 September or 4 or 11 October 2022, but not if a Tuesday evening RealBridge competition event was planned as it would be cutting it too fine for members to get home to play. Deb will check with Ian. Liz will check if there is a date yet for the BFACT AGM.

14. SUGGESTIONS FOR CLUB CHARITY FROM 1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023

In response to Margaret's requests in the newsletter, four suggestions have been received for the Club charity from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 – Print Handicapped Radio of the ACT, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, Lifeline Canberra and indigo foundation.

MOTION: That CBC supports Print Handicapped Radio of the ACT as the Club Charity for 2022-23.

Moved: Anne Fleming

Seconded: Jennifer Yeats

CARRIED

Margaret and Deb will advise and thank the members who nominated charities. Margaret will ask Sandra Purser to prepare publicity material for when we're ready to announce the 2022-23 charity. We will hold off on an announcement as we still wish that any profits from the Southern Tablelands Teams (STT) on 25 June 2022 are split equally between Beyond Blue and a flood recovery charity. Deb will remind Ian of this in relation to STT advertising.

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

15.1 Membership and Promotion

15.2 Tournament and Calendar

15.3 Contract and Employment

15.4 House

- John raised the excess chairs (one style only) stacked against the wall in the Olive Lott Room. The Committee discussed possible disposal options (offer to member, Salvos, Green Shed). Liz will follow up, including checking that Ian agrees these chairs are surplus to our requirements.
- Margaret will mention to the managers that the honour boards need to be updated.
- The door to the disabled toilet needs to be replaced. It is a disability-appropriate door that needs to be specially made. John will follow up with the managers.

15.5 Congress and Social

15.6 Education

- Liz tabled a report from Morag Lokan. Morag has raised what constitutes success in the supervised program. The Committee agreed not to give a precise definition given the importance of supervised play, and asked that Morag continue to build it up as best she can. Liz will respond to Morag.
- To date, 27 beginners have expressed interest in attending the August lessons.
- The Committee discussed Hilda's proposal to run 20-minute "Jottings in June" lectures on four Tuesday afternoons. The Committee would prefer not to run these lessons in June. It is already a busy time (trials, mentoring, other educational activities, the Southern Tablelands Teams, ANC, members' winter travel plans) and COVID and other viruses are expected to be present over winter. Later in the year would be better. Deb will advise Hilda.
- Jodi Tutty is coaching some members of the women's ANC team.

15.7 BFACT

15.8 Barry Turner Fund

15.9 COVID-19

- On 27 April 2022, Margaret sent a Pianola message to all members about the spate of COVID-infectious players at the clubrooms and other COVID matters.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the replies sent to two members about, respectively, a regular "social" bridge game and online bridge, also Margaret's letters to CBC employees and the supervised volunteers about changes to COVID quarantine arrangements for asymptomatic household contacts.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

None raised.

Meeting closed 4.20pm
