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MINUTES – Tuesday, 13 June 2023, 5:00 pm

Attendance: Tim Mather, Mary Tough, Jennifer Yeats, Michele Grant, Alison Russell-French, Patricia McDonald (until Item 6), David Wawn (until Item 11), Margaret Kyburz (until Item 11), Nicole Finn (until Item 11), Anne Fleming (until Item 12), Roger Brake (until Item 12)

Also invited to attend: Chris Lokan (until Item 2)

Apologies: Bruce Chapman, John Hempenstall, Francis Hills

1. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

MOTION: That David Wawn be appointed as a member of the 2022-2023 Canberra Bridge Club Committee to fill the vacancy created by Bruce Crossman's resignation. David will take over the position of Tournament Secretary.

Moved: Mary Tough Seconded: Jennifer Yeats CARRIED

2. CBC WEBSITE

The Committee invited Chris Lokan to the meeting to provide a progress report on his redevelopment of the CBC website.

Chris outlined his progress to date, including work with Sebastian Yuen to set up a test/development site and update software, consultation with Sebastian and the managers on site organisation and use, and extensive project planning.

The Committee discussed the possible stages in the website redevelopment detailed by Chris and agreed that the timeline was very good. The Committee thanked Chris for all his work on the project and looks forward to a further update at its July meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 18 APRIL 2023

MOTION: That the Minutes of 18 April 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Roger Brake CARRIED

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST GIVEN TODAY'S AGENDA ITEMS

No new possible conflicts of interest were declared.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

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

- Mary advised that the new dealing machine has been purchased. The old machine is already back from service in Melbourne.
- Jennifer advised that arrangements for Will Jenner-O'Shea's use of the Barry Turner Room for his workshop on 1 July have been agreed.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COVID

The Committee noted that the number of COVID and Influenza cases has been increasing in the ACT and agreed that it was timely to draw members attention to the Club's COVID Safety Plan. In particular, the Committee recognised the Club's older profile and higher proportion of members vulnerable to COVID and the flu. While the wearing of face masks was not mandatory, it agreed to promote the message that members should feel comfortable wearing masks if they wish to do so. The Committee also agreed to retain the request that members notify the managers if they were diagnosed with COVID and were at the clubrooms from 48 hours before symptoms started or were tested positive (whichever came first).

Tim will remind members through the newsletter. The Committee thanked Deb Milner for her continued work on the Club's COVID policy.

AGM

The Committee discussed possible dates for the AGM and agreed on Thursday 5 October as the preferred date.

Summer Festival of Bridge

Tim advised that Ian Thomson has approached CBC for assistance with bumping in/out at the Summer Festival of Bridge to be held in January 2024, in return offering free entry for some novice events.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jennifer tabled the Balance Sheet for the month ended 31 May 2023 and Profit and Loss Statements for the month and 11 months ended 31 May 2023.

MOTION: That the Committee accept the Treasurer's Report.

Moved: Anne Fleming

Seconded: Roger Brake

CARRIED

Table Fees

The Committee considered correspondence from a member and the overall impact of the recent increase in table fees on pensioners. It agreed to reduce the increase to \$1 (instead of \$2) for concession card holders for both in-Club and RealBridge walk-in sessions. There will be no change to the proposed increase for competition night fees.

MOTION: That the Committee approve the rate of \$10 (instead of \$11) for Concession Members for both in-Club and RealBridge walk-in sessions effective 1 July 2023.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Roger Brake CARRIED

Garden

Jennifer advised that John Kelly recommended the installation of a trellis planting structure to deal with the ongoing graffiti problem at the back of the building.

MOTION: That the Committee approve expenditure of up to \$1,000 for plants and materials for installation of a trellis at the back of the building.

Moved: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Roger Brake CARRIED

8. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report.

In response to suggestions that CBC resume Saturday 'live' bridge, and correspondence regarding the return of in-Club Monday night bridge, the Committee agreed to discuss these sessions, along with the results of the trial of Friday night bridge, at a later date.

9. VALUATION OF BUILDING

At its meeting on 15 December 2022 the Committee increased insurance coverage for the CBC clubrooms in line with general rebuild cost guidelines. It noted that an official valuation had not been done for some time. Jennifer has obtained a valuation proposal from Andrew Nock Valuers, which was referred by the Club's insurance broker.

MOTION: That the Committee approve expenditure of \$1,800 + GST for a building valuation to be undertaken by Andrew Nock Valuers.

Proposed: Jennifer Yeats Seconded: Mary Tough CARRIED

10. CLUB CHARITY NOMINATIONS

In response to a call for nominations through the newsletter, six suggestions were received for consideration as Club charity from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024: Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, Indigo Foundation, Integra Service Dogs Australia, Lung Foundation/Canberra Lung Life, Oz Harvest ACT, and Smith Family's Learning for Life Program.

The Committee selected Integra Service Dogs Australia as the Club charity for 2023-2024.

11. HISTORY OF BRIDGE IN THE ACT AND SURROUNDING REGIONS

The Committee considered the email from John Brockwell and David Hoffman asking the Committee to consider increasing its contribution towards the publication of their book on the history of bridge in the ACT and surrounding regions. It noted that the Club had pledged \$1,000 towards its publication at its meeting on 15 November 2021 “with the possibility of increasing this amount if required at a later date”. The project has also been supported by an ACT Heritage Grant and BFACT, however, publication costs will be very high.

The Committee agreed to increase its contribution by \$4,000 and considered whether funding might be drawn from the Dudley Donation. Jennifer will look into this and advise. The Committee agreed to follow up out of session.

12. SPONSORSHIP

The Committee agreed to ask the membership for a volunteer to help with sponsorship matters. Tim will put a notice in the newsletter.

Meeting ended 7:05 pm due to lack of a quorum.