



# Canberra Bridge Club

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## MINUTES – Tuesday, 18 April 2023, 5:00 pm

**Attendance:** Tim Mather, Mary Tough, Michele Grant, Jennifer Yeats, Roger Brake, Nicole Finn, John Hempenstall (until end Item 5), Anne Fleming (from Item 3 to end Item 5), Alison Russell-French (from Item 4)

Also invited to attend: Chris Lokan (until end Item 3), Jodi Tutty (until end Item 5)

**Apologies:** Bruce Chapman, Hilda R Hills, Margaret Kyburz, Patricia McDonald

### 1. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST GIVEN TODAY'S AGENDA ITEMS

No new possible conflicts of interest were declared.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 14 MARCH 2023

**MOTION:** That the Minutes of 14 March 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.  
Moved: Roger Brake                      Seconded: Jennifer Yeats                      CARRIED

### 3. CBC WEBSITE

The Committee invited Chris Lokan, who has significant experience in website development and volunteered his assistance, to the meeting. Following discussion of the current CBC website, the Committee agreed that Chris investigate ways to improve its overall look and functionality. The Committee authorised Chris to redevelop the Home page and Education section initially. To facilitate this, the Committee approved maintainer access by Chris to the current site and allowed him to take an off-line copy of the site on his own computer.

The Committee also agreed that Chris will consult with CBC Managers, Directors, and other developers and users in relation to the possible development of a new website. It noted that no changes will be made to the existing site until such development is complete and tested, to the approval of the Committee. Chris will present a progress report to the Committee at its June meeting.

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

- Jennifer advised that a garden group has been formed and will hold its first working bee at the weekend.
- Tim advised that speakers in the Barry Turner Room have been tested and did not need replacing.
- Jodi agreed that she will follow up on Director-related matters, including consideration of ways to select teams to represent CBC in the ABF Australia Wide Teams Club Knockout event.

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Committee noted the President's Report.

##### Table Fees

The Committee discussed the ongoing impact of inflation on the Club's operating costs and considered the need to increase table fees as a result. The Committee noted that table fees have not been increased since 1 January 2018. It agreed that fees for RealBridge sessions should be brought in line with in-Club sessions.

**MOTION:** That the Committee approve an increase in table fees from 1 July 2023 in line with the following schedule:

<b>Table Fees Effective 1 July 2023</b>		
All walk-in sessions	Members	\$12.00
both F2F and RB	Concession Members (Govt Blue Card)	\$11.00
inc Supervised Play	Non-Members	\$15.00
	<i>Less than 26 years of age</i>	\$6.00
Competition Nights	Members	\$15.00
	Concession holders (Govt Blue Card)	\$13.00
	Visitors (non BFACT events)	\$17.00
	<i>Less than 26 years of age</i>	\$7.50

Moved: Jennifer Yeats

Seconded: Alison Russell-French

CARRIED

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

**MOTION:** That the Committee accept the Treasurer's Report.  
Moved: Roger Brake                      Seconded: Alison Russell-French                      CARRIED

Jennifer advised that the service agreement for the photocopy machine in the CBC office had come to term and recommended the purchase of a new machine as the most cost-effective option.

**MOTION:** That the Committee approve expenditure of around \$3,000 for the purchase of a new photocopy machine for the CBC office.  
Moved: Jennifer Yeats                      Seconded: Mary Tough                      CARRIED

## 7. MANAGERS' REPORT

The Committee noted the Managers' Report.

## 8. BARRY TURNER FUND (ANC SUBSIDIES)

The Committee considered correspondence from Stephen Fischer, BFACT Treasurer, regarding subsidies from the Barry Turner Fund (BTF) for ACT representatives travelling to the ABF Australian National Championships to be held 9-21 July in Perth. The Committee agreed that the proposed \$1,000 per player subsidy be shared 50/50 between BFACT and the BTF for up to 28 representatives.

**MOTION:** That the Committee approve subsidies of up to \$14,000 total (\$500 each) from the Barry Turner Fund for up to 28 representatives travelling to the ABF Australian National Championships to be held in Perth in July 2023.  
Moved: Jennifer Yeats                      Seconded: Roger Brake                      CARRIED

The Committee agreed to consider any CBC contributions to the cost of representatives attending the Victory Dinner later.

## 9. DUDLEY DONATION

The Committee will discuss the Dudley donation at a later meeting.

## 10. FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

The Committee discussed the report prepared by Bruce Chapman and Jennifer's financial statement on the trial of Friday Night Bridge. It agreed that there were still some issues to be managed and that continuation of Friday Night Bridge should be discussed again at a later date.

## **11. WILLIAM JENNER-O'SHEA WORKSHOP**

The Committee considered the email received from William Jenner-O'Shea offering to hold an all-day workshop at CBC in May. The Committee agreed that Will's previous workshops had been very popular and welcomed future workshops at the Club, however, finding volunteers to assist was difficult. The Committee noted that Will was willing to run the workshop himself and agreed that this would be the best option. Jennifer will write to Will to set out the Club's room hire charges and other requirements.

## **12. MENTORING IN MAY**

Tim reported that Anne Fleming is organising the Mentoring in May program and that advertising and other arrangements were well in hand.

## **13. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Education

The Committee noted Morag Lokan's report of 31 March 2023, in particular the strong attendance at the Supervised program.

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was noted.

## **15. OTHER BUSINESS**

### BFACT InterClub Teams

Roger updated the Committee on arrangements for the BFACT InterClub Teams to be held on 16 July. He will advertise the event to other Canberra bridge clubs and CBC members.

## **16. PROPOSED DATE FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, 13 June 2023.

**Meeting closed 7:20 pm**