

Minutes for Central Coast Bridge Club 10 March 2023

Call to Order

A meeting of Central Coast Bridge Club was held on 10 March 2023 at the Central Coast Bridge Club. It began at 3:05 p.m.; Norm Berger presided, and Steph Mathews served as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Phil Thomas, John Redfearn, Rod Shellshear, Matt Raj Mal, Graham Steel, Colin Kleinig and Jill Wildey

Apologies

Louise Lewis and Graham Williamson

Objectives

1. Approve minutes of 10 February 2023 meeting
2. Deal with any business arising from the minutes
3. Receive update on correspondence
4. Decide whether to approve membership applications
5. Deal with any business arising from correspondence
6. Receive action list update
7. Receive reports from MP Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Secretary, Chief Director, COVID Coordinator, and BUS
8. Decide whether to move March congress to club rooms and limit table numbers
9. Receive update on membership renewals
10. Decide whether to take any further action re brown sticker systems
11. Select convener for novice/restricted congress
12. Decide how to improve attendance at Tuesday afternoon session
13. Receive update on tabletops

1. Call to order

Norm called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous meeting

Steph moved and Norm seconded that the committee approve the minutes of the 10 February 2023 meeting; the motion carried unanimously

3. Business arising from the minutes

None

4. Correspondence

Incoming

- 10 February email from Matt re web hosting
- 13 February email from NSWBA re upcoming State Events
- 26 February email from Paul McCosker re webhosting
- 6 March email from Sue Coleman re recommended sessions for beginners

7 March email from Marilyn re free game vouchers for congress volunteers
9 March email from Marilyn Scott re congress venue

Outgoing

26 February emails and posts re notice of SGM
28 February email from John re directors' inservice
4 March email from John to regional clubs re directors' inservice on 23 April
9 March email from Marilyn Scott to Pauline Gumby re Congress venue
10 March email from Steph to Sue Coleman re recommended sessions

5. Business arising from Correspondence

John moved and Steph seconded that the club provide two free game vouchers to each volunteer and standby at the congress.

Matt advised that the regional final for the GNOTs will be held at CCBC and that he had sent a query to Ronnie re the change of venue for country teams regional final (to BWBC this year).

6. Membership applications

Steph moved and Matt seconded that the following applications for home club membership be approved: Clare Allen, Margaret Burfield and Merle Mann; the motion carried unanimously.

7. Action items update

Procedural manual – in progress
Finalize bylaws – nearly done
Disabled parking on driveway – in progress
Follow up with Marland re smoke detectors and evacuation plan- Marland says should be done within two weeks
Sign training – in progress
Stay in touch with ABF re loan for upgrade – ongoing
Follow up with fair trading re financial reports – ongoing
Complete ABR forms – best to leave for next committee at this point
Investigate changing web platform – ongoing
Draft life member approval process – in progress
Find out when website contract with Milan expires- in progress
Ask Shan to write up what she has learned about website options
Ask Shan about best way to communicate re info to post on website – done: she needs text alerting her to email; email needs all relevant details (start time, cost, what's included, eligibility, etc)
Advise members to give 2 days' notice if cancelling out of event
Follow up with Colfill re opinion letter re constitution – Loui to do; don't know if completed

8. Masterpoints Secretary's Repot

Colin reported that Masterpoints are up to date except for last three days

9. Treasurer's Report

Phil presented the profit and loss statement for February 2023, which shows an operating profit of \$712.14. He also presented the P & L statement for April 2022 to February 2023, which shows an operating profit of \$4,860.88. Phil cautioned that we are officially hanging in there but primarily because we have not paid the ABF and NSWBA fees on the 2023 membership renewals. We presently have about \$30,000 in our operating account plus three \$50K term deposits.

Phil also noted over 4000 colour copies were made last month. John and Steph explained it was probably congress-related printing. Game vouchers are also printed in colour.

The committee queried the \$658 in free games on the April 2022-February 2023 statement, as it lists director and standby free games separately. Phil to report back in April.

Steph queried the two \$50K term deposits, which do not appear when she accesses the Westpac accounts. Phil to report back in April.

10. Tournament Secretary's Report

Matt reported that the mixed pairs competition went well and that if anyone is looking for a partner for upcoming events, they may contact Matt. Shan, Steph and Matt will continue to work together to promote events.

11. Chief Director's Report

John reported everything is going well. He has arranged for and advertised a directors' inservice for Sunday 23 April. John also added that the club should have a collection of sympathy and get well cards for use as the need arises. Steph to follow up.

12. COVID update

No new developments to report.

13. BUS Report and business arising

Norm reported that council has noted three issues related to flooding: front entry, protection of the drainage pipe, and possible flooding of the new training room. The council has approved the suggested shifting of the entry and a bridge with concrete slab and footings to protect the drainage pipe. Regarding the training room, council wants a civil engineering opinion, which would cost between \$2,000 and \$5,000. BUS is awaiting feedback from the engineers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

14. Super Congress

John advised and the committee agreed that the convener, not the committee, is to make decisions regarding the congress. He also asked for volunteers to help with set up on Friday.

15. Membership renewals

Steph advised that to date 42 members had not renewed; 36 of which are home club members. In addition three home club members changed to alternate member status. Norm noted that our numbers have decreased every year since COVID, and that paid home club membership is now at around 140.

16. Brown Stickers

John explained the difference between brown stickers and system colours. The committee discussed brown stickers and whether to allow their use at club games. See motions below.

17. Novice and Restricted Congress Convener

John advised that Marilyn is not available on 8 July, so we will need to find another convener.

18. Tuesday afternoons

John advised that attendance has been poor on Tuesday afternoons and we need ideas to improve it. To be discussed at April meeting.

Steph asked Phil to provide income and expense information for the RealBridge session on Tuesday nights to determine if it is worth continuing. Phil to provide at April meeting.

19. Tabletops

Rod reported that "everyone" loves the one square meter table tops and that he will have eight more coming next week. The cost is \$50 for each tabletop.

Motions

John moved and Norm seconded that only green and blue systems be allowed in club games and that no brown sticker systems be allowed in club games; the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Closure

The meeting objectives were met, and Norm adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting

14 April 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Stephanie Mathews, Secretary

Norm Berger, Vice President