

Minutes of Meeting

Central Coast Bridge Club

Date: Wednesday, 18 October 2023

Time: 9.30am

Meeting Roles:

Chair: David Purkiss

Secretary: Kerrie Ransom

Attendees: David Purkiss, Kerrie Ransom, Norm Berger, Rod Shellshear, Jan Wildey, Jan Buchanan-Medina, Colin Kleinig, Matt Raj Mal, Mike Hilton, Lawrie Ransom, Graham Williamson.

Apologies:

Nil

Objectives:

1. Approve Minutes of Meeting 6 September 2023
2. Approve the following out of session motion re: the
3. Building Upgrade Project –

Motion: CCBC accepts the fee proposal from Northrop for \$9,000 plus GST to provide structural engineering services for the Building Upgrade Project. Proposed DP, seconded NB, in favour NB, KR, LR, MRM, RS, JW, JB, GW, CK, MH.

Approve Minutes of Meeting 6 September 2023

Proposed RS, seconded NB, all in favour.

Approve Motion: CCBC accepts the fee proposal from Northrop for \$9,000 plus GST to provide structural engineering services for the Building Upgrade Project. Proposed DP, seconded NB, in favour NB, KR, LR, MRM, RS, JW, JB, GW, CK, MH. All in favour. Out of Session Motion approved.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. 4 September 2023: email from Barry Smith highlighting incorrect Pianola message with Pianola results.
2. 4 September 2023: email from Ronny Ng - unable to convene 23 March 2024 Super Congress, and able to convene Novice and Restricted Congress 8-9 June 2024
3. 6 September 2023: email from Louis Koolen (NSWBA) checking our info is accurate on NSWBA website.
4. 6 September 2023: email from ABF - results from 2023 Australia wide Open Pairs.
5. 7 September 2023: email thread from Ronny Ng re GNOT Regional Final being transferred to CCLBC as Gary Heyting cannot attend CCBC premises while under suspension.
6. 8 September 2023: forwarded email from DP - structural engineering fee proposals
7. 8 September 2023: email from James Ward re Pianola invoice
8. 9 September 2023: email from Alan Bustany confirming that he will convene our Congress in March 2024
9. 11 September 2023: email from ABF re invoice for Australia Wide Pairs
10. 11 September 2023: email from Pauline Gumby re changing dates for 8-9 June 2024 Congress (due to CCBC renovation) to 31 August - 1 September 2024. (Note: this is Father's Day)
11. 12 September 2023: thread of emails between Pauline Gumby and JR. Congress to now return to 8-9 June 2024
12. 12 September 2023: email from Dorothy Rosewell re Pam Townsend reference on Pianola
13. 14 September 2023: email from Jack Stocken - advertising online beginner lessons

14. 17 September 2023: email from ABF re invitation to Restricted Pairs event 25-31 October 2023
15. 18 September 2023: email from Grenke - invoice for lease of printer
16. 18 September 2023: email from MRJ sharing GNOT Club Heat Form 2023
17. 18 September 2023: email from Clare Allen - unsubscribe from Pianola.
18. 19 September 2023: email from Peter Hume re scoring forms for Toronto-Lakes Challenge
19. 19 September 2023: email from NSWBA Program Manager re update of planned separation for NSWBA into Sydney Bridge Club (SBC) and Bridge NSW (BNSW)
20. 21 September 2023: email from Anne Grayden re email for Interclub Teams Day
21. 22 September 2023: invoice from NSWBA for Congress License Fees for events held June-August 2023
22. 22 September 2023: invoice query from Pianola accounts
23. 23 September 2023: email from NSWBA requesting volunteers to help with separation issues (as above)
24. 24 September 2023: email from Berenice Air - no recognition of results for GNOT Finals
25. 24 September 2023: email from Ronny Ng re possible change of GNOT National Finals to an online weekend Real Bridge event
26. 25 September 2023: email from Alan Bustany - \$20 reward to CCBC for participation in NSW Online Pairs League - requests bank details
27. 25 September 2023: invoice from Shelley's Cleaning Service
28. 26 September 2023: email from Nigel Sykes (New Era) re technician to correct manual feeder issues.
29. 28 September 2023: The Entrance Electoral Office - re CBPG (grant open for submissions)
30. 2 October 2023: email from ABF - reminder Australia Wide Restricted Pairs 25-31 October 2023
31. 3 October 2023: email from Helane Knespal re bridge cruises
32. 4 October 2023: CCBC October Newsletter
33. 4 October 2023: email from NSWBA re price increase (annual fee for 2024 to increase by 100% to \$20)
34. 5 October 2023: email from Pauline Gumby confirming that for state events every player must be an active member of the ABF Masterpoints system.
35. 6 October 2023: email from Adam Kidd (CC Council) re survey
36. 7 October 2023: email from NSWBA invoice for 2023 GNOT
37. 9 October 2023: invoice from Peter Hume for directing 3 events.
38. 9 October 2023: email from Gloria Smith expressing disappointment for Thursday afternoon format.
39. 10 October 2023: email from NSWBA re transition
40. 11 October 2023: email from David Weston re Interclub Teams red points approval
41. 15 October 2023: email from CK - Masterpoints Report from ABF
42. 15 October 2023: email from Brisbane Water Bridge Club - hosting UHMP sessions
43. 18 October 2023: Letter from JR thanking GW for dealing the boards.
44. 18 October 2023: Letter from John Redfearn re Charity Day.
45. 17 October 2023: Invoice from Grenke for Printer Lease

Outgoing:

1. 10 September 2023: Email to The Entrance Rotary confirming participation raffle.
2. 13 September 2023: Email JR to Pauline Gumby re Congress dates 2024
3. 20 September 2023: email to Community BC, BWBC re Interclub Teams
4. 30 September 2023: email to Grenke re printer issues
5. 4 October 2023: email to Pauline Gumby re clarification of inactive members in NSWBA event
6. 15 October 2023: email to Dorothy Rosewell re Pianola email error
7. 16 October 2023: email to Gloria Smith acknowledging her email.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

1. Congress dates 2024 are now set. Super Congress on March 23/24, Restricted and Novice Congress June 8/9,
2. Acknowledging member achievements in events (Newsletter and website). NB to take on role of emailing LR, KR, and JBM so achievements can be acknowledged on website, and in Newsletter.

3. Apply for Community Building Partnership Grant. DP, KR and LR are working together to apply for a grant which will contribute to cost of building the new kitchen disabled bathroom, and disability ramps.
4. ABF and NSWBA membership price increase effective for 2024 - See General Business.
5. Gloria Smith email - dealt with in general business.

Membership Applications:

Jennifer Graham, and Scott Sinclair. All committee members approved these 2 memberships.

Action Items Update:

See Action Items List

Report from Treasurer:

Profit & Loss Statement: September 2023 & YTD April to September 2023 (6 Months)

SEPTEMBER 2023

1. Table Fees: \$8,388.
2. Income from Lessons: \$656.
3. Income from Interest Received – estimated at \$500 for 1 month on Term Deposits of \$172K.
4. Total Income: \$9,136
5. Total expenses: \$7,211 (including depreciation).
6. Net Profit: \$1,925 (\$9,136 - \$7,211).
7. Overall, a very positive trading performance.

YTD APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2023 (6 MONTHS)

1. Table Fees: \$43,633
2. Table Fees from the Novice & Restricted Congress: \$6,120
3. Income from Lessons: \$3,856.
4. Income from Interest Received – estimated at \$3,000 for 6 months on Term Deposits of \$172K.
5. Total Income: \$58,363.
6. Total expenses: \$42,889.
7. Advertising, Printing & Stationery costs are well below budget by a total of \$5,058.
8. Catering costs have exceeded the budget by \$1,927 – may need to analyze these costs.
9. **Net Profit (after depreciation): \$15,474 (\$58,363 - \$42,889).**
10. **Surplus Cash flow: \$19,474 after adding back the depreciation non-cash charge of \$4,000.**
11. Overall, a very positive trading performance.

Report from Masterpoints Secretary:

Club's top MP rankings people

Angela Dougal - 2216 MP with 366 gold

Kevin Dougal - 1808 MP-296 gold

Ranking of most improved players for year

Vic Pietrzkiwicz

Lucy D'Ambrosio

Stephen Calcroft

Tony Sappideen

Graham Williamson

CCBC – 179 full members & 11 alternate.

Report from Tournament Secretary:

Events held in September.

I am pleased to report that all events scheduled for the month were successfully held. The highlight was the Lakes Challenge that was attended by the maximum number of Teams, not seen for quite some time. 22 Teams from CCBC and Toronto enjoyed the day with some interesting challengers.

The host club won the Lakes Challenge Trophy – The Pelicans that is Central Coast Bridge Club. Very positive feedback came from both sides.

Report re: Status CCBC Building Upgrade Project:

See report from David Purkiss

Report from Marketing Sub Committee:

No meeting was held.

Report from Teaching and Learning Sub Committee:

No meeting was held.

Report from Disciplining of Members Sub Committee:

No meeting was held.

General Business:

1. **Carried forward - Annette Houtman email recommending Volunteers' Day** - due to lack of discussion time, this matter was carried over to the next meeting.
2. **Newsletter Frequency and Content** - suggestions were made that the newsletter be produced every 2 months (rather than monthly) and that it be checked by a small number of committee members prior to circulating to members. Details to be finalised at the next meeting.
3. **Directors Responsibility to Hand Records & Upload Results to Pianola** - MH to instruct directors.
4. **Congress Update and New Convenor**. – as there are no obvious candidates for this important position, no decision was made - for discussion at the next meeting.
5. **Weekly Table Fees and Table Numbers for September 2023 and YTD 2023**. - see attached sheet.
6. **Membership Fee Increase 2023-2024** - for the 2024 year, ABF fees will rise from \$16 to \$20 or by 25% and NSWBA fees will rise from \$10 to \$20 or by 100%. These 2 price increases represent an average increase of 50%. CCBC fees for 2023 were \$40 and have not increased for at least a decade.

Motion: To increase CCBC fees for full membership from \$40 to \$60, effective November 1, 2023.
Proposed JW, seconded RS, all in favour.

7. **Interclub Teams** - CCCBC enquiry and clarification needed. MRM explained the confusion, and the email from Roy Cotton. Given the complete lack of support from the other 3 Central Coast Bridge Clubs, this matter needed further discussion at the next committee meeting.
8. **Regional GNOT Location Change and GNOT Results** - Committee discussed the location change for GNOT finals, and the reasons behind it. Committee members were also reminded that all email exchanges with respect to CCBC issues must be communicated via the CCBC Secretary.
CK to investigate GNOT results and gold point allocation.

9. **Social Committee - Kitchen Volunteers** – discussion occurred around the need for volunteers to help with catering and kitchen duties for events. JW agreed to oversee a team of volunteers, and to form a Social Committee to this effect. KR to email members asking for volunteers.
10. **Thursday PM Bridge Sessions (NB: Gloria Smith)** – discussion followed including the letter from Gloria Smith. NB pointed out that this was the most CCBC successful session averaging 18 tables in recent weeks and any change to this format needed to be carefully considered. As a result, it was agreed to allocate sufficient discussion time at the next committee meeting. Options to be discussed included retaining the split session, however introducing a MP limit of 400 (as per the Monday afternoon session).
11. **Charity Day – Table Fee Pricing** - discussion held.

Motion: “That \$10 table fee be charged with \$5 or 50% allocated to a selected charity and \$5 or 50% retained by the CCBC”. Proposed by MH, seconded by CK, 10 in favour, MRM abstaining.
12. **Bridge Table Etiquette (RS): Concerning behaviour at the Bridge Table (JBM)** – due to lack of time, this matter was carried forward to the next meeting.
13. **Ideas From Other Clubs (CK)** - due to lack of time, this matter was carried forward to the next meeting.
14. **Succession Plan for Teaching (CK)** - due to lack of time, this matter was carried forward to the next meeting.
15. **Upcoming Events - Clarification and Terminology (CK)** - due to lack of time, this matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

Meeting Closure: 12.30pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th November at 9.30am.

Kerrie Ransom (Secretary)

David Purkiss (President)