

CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING Held at 9.00am Tuesday 12th November 2019

Minutes

Meeting Opened by Jean Moran (President) at 9.00am.

Present - Sally Clarke(SC), Gary Barwick(GB), Garrie Watt(GW), Pam Townsend(PT), Jean Moran(JM), Roy Cotton(RAC), Austin Driscoll(AD), Nola Daly (ND)

Apologies – Rhonda Nix (RN), Marianna Xerri (MX), Colin Kleinig (CK).

It was noted that a quorum was present

Minutes of the Committee meeting held 15/10/19 were available and circulated prior to the meeting.

There was one amendment to the minutes it was noted that GW was looking into potholes in car park and not CK.

It was moved that the minutes be accepted.

Moved JM, seconded GW

The motion was accepted unanimously

Business arising from the Minutes

Several unresolved items from previous minutes were discussed

Brown Sticker Systems - It was agreed after careful consideration that the club restrict the use of such systems for normal club play but allow in congresses and similar events. The restrictions to begin on 1st December. **JM undertook to inform the members of the association of the restrictions.**

Non Playing Directors – A brief discussion was held and the committee agreed that non playing directors was the preferred option.

Title Deeds – Progress continues to be made on resolution of title deeds. SC working with Land Titles to resolve.

Proposed Fun Day – This has been agreed to be bridge game only.

Alcohol Policy – GW has checked with local Police and it is OK for the club to provide alcohol as long as we do not sell it.

Correspondence: Incoming and outgoing correspondence schedule tabled and correspondence file available at meeting. No issues arising from general correspondence.

A letter received from Sharon Hart suggesting that the club investigate providing lessons to schoolchildren was discussed. **JM to discuss with John Redfearn.**

Reports

All reports received prior to meeting were circulated.

JM asked for any agenda items to be accompanied by a supporting report. All reports to be lodged with the Secretary no later than the Saturday prior to the meeting.

Constitution

Report Tabled

The constitution is now finalised and a copy will be made available for perusal. This will be presented at the AGM for acceptance as a whole by special resolution. JM to talk about the new constitution in the newsletter.

Limits on spending by the Committee will be presented as a resolution at the AGM. **JM to formulate the proposed resolution** for discussion at the next meeting.

Criteria for life membership are to be discussed at a later date.

Treasurer

Report Tabled

AD outlined present financial position. Indicating that for this financial year the club would incur a loss. A brief discussion was held on the reasons for the loss. AD indicated that significant additional expenditure had been undertaken to improve the club which generated the loss.

AD suggested an audit be undertaken and it was agreed that this would take place assisted by SC and Lois Smith.

Tournament

Report Tabled.

Lakes challenge completed successfully. Event to be organised by GB next year.

Swiss pairs well organised with 18 pairs competing.

Melbourne cup was not well attended but it was noted that there were many competing options on that day. JM to review for next year.

Novice and Restricted Pairs looking good .

Summer Teams boards prepared, GB to make sure computer is ready for event.

Proposal for an Olympic Teams event agreed upon.

Chief Director

No Report Tabled

JM asked that directors be reminded to put membership applications and receipts in with takings.

Repairs and Maintenance

Report Tabled

Termite inspection to be undertaken in house.

Potholes in car park still not resolved. GW to follow up again with council. JM suggested contacting local businesses that also use the car park to put additional pressure on council. PT said we and other business paid council for part of the car park. **GW and RC to contact local business to ask for support.**

Solar Panels, Meetings held with 4 potential suppliers and quotes obtained. GW suggested Spot on Solar using Jinko panels appeared to be best quote. Batteries were not considered. RAC asked that we check that any company we chose was ethical and that a business case be prepared to determine if the investment has a reasonable payback. JM asked GW to check on the business to be considered.

Proposal for Solar Panels to be presented to committee for approval. If agreed a motion for the expenditure will be put.

House

No Report Tabled

New Members

RAC said that the membership process outlined in the constitution was acceptable as long as it was followed correctly. A new application form was ready to be published when agreed by the committee.

JM will discuss what information new players are given with John Redfearn to clarify membership issues.

JM asked SC to remind directors about collecting the correct table fees.

AD stated that all monetary receipts for membership to be in triplicate. To be discussed at directors meeting.

Main Items

Budget – Covered in Treasurers' report

Prize Protocols

GB suggested that we review our protocols. We should be aiming to break even but some events are losing money.

PT stated that prize protocols are not completed yet as there is some conflict over several dates. SC suggested that prizes need to be rationalised.

GB stated that prizes should be based on best in each category and proposed an intermediate category to cater for those above 300 masterpoints and below 750 e.g. Open, Intermediate, Restricted and Novice. Points system to be lined up with ABF.

GB and PT to draft a prize protocol motion to be put to next meeting.

A brief discussion on the need to provide a most improved player prize. The award was considered to be too subjective and it was agreed not to award it in the future.

A motion was put that the most improved Player Award would be removed.

Proposed JM Seconded GW

The motion was accepted unanimously

Summer Teams

PT reported that Summer Teams organisation going well. GB said we may have some issues with the number of bridgemates available this will need to be checked. In addition all bridgemates will need to be ready for use on the day.

We need more chairs

Food Planned, also nibbles and drinks organised.

Raffle prizes organised.

Calender and Programme for Next Year

GB outlined issues and the need to coordinate with other clubs, NSWBA and ABF and to make sure events do not clash with major congresses, local club congresses and championship events.

GB explained how calendar is to be constructed. Suggested that we go back to calender with diary section. Calender will be presented at next meeting for approval.

GB was congratulated on the format of the calender proposed and the amount of work involved.

Appeals Committee

It was decided that the appeals process would be covered in Tournament Regulations

Supplementary Tournament Regulations

Supplementary regulations still being developed.

Alcohol Policy

It was agreed that alcohol consumption was to be prohibited during bridge playing sessions for all events.

Christmas in July and December 2020

It was agreed that bridge on these days would be paid for in the normal way but food would be provided by the club. Each event to be BYO alcohol.

Scores on Bridgemates

An issue with tournament settings on the bridgemates not being returned to the normal settings following an event was highlighted by GB. AD asked that directors be informed that bridgemate settings must be checked after and prior to commencing following session.

At the end of November the trial of omitting scores on bridgemates will be concluded. At this time the committee will poll active playing members and ask if they want scores shown or to have no scores available during play.

Forward Planning

No time available, to be held over.

Upcoming Events

A general discussion was held relating to the upcoming major events. **GB and PT to outline organisation of these events and circulate to committee...**

Other Business

Book cases to be rearranged to tidy up corner where books are currently for sale.

ND asked that the spare whiteboard be utilised for the Partner Arranger. GW to organise.

A brief discussion took place on membership fees.

Next Meeting 10th December in the clubhouse at 9-00 am.

Meeting Closed at 11-30am

President

Secretary