

Minutes for Central Coast Bridge Club

20 April 2021

Call to Order

A meeting of Central Coast Bridge Club was held on 20 April 2021 at the Central Coast Bridge Club. It began at 4:30 p.m. Louise Lewis presided, and Steph Mathews served as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included David Purkiss, Jill Wildey, Colin Kleinig Graham Williamson, and Rod Shellshear, Norm Berger, and Kerrie Ransom.

Apologies

Phil Thomas and Kerrie Ransom.

Objectives

1. Approve minutes of previous meeting
2. Receive and approve reports from Treasurer, Tournament Secretary, Chief Director, and Masterpoint Secretary
3. Update committee on COVID requirements
4. Update for committee from the President
5. Inform committee about skills check
6. Discuss possible constitutional changes
7. Update committee re Chief Director's ideas and seminar plans
8. Decide on revised version of out of session motion regarding suspension of social memberships
9. Update committee on signage and meeting with architect
10. Update committee re implementation of fire and safety recommendations
11. Update committee re Marketing Sub-committee's progress

1. Call to order

Louise called the meeting to order and requested a change to the agenda – replacing the President's Update with the Life Membership Nomination.

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/business arising

Steph moved that the minutes of the 16 March 2021 meeting be approved; Jill seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Correspondence

Incoming

None of import.

Outgoing

None of import.

4. Membership applications

John moved that David Levy's application for membership be approved; Norm seconded; the motion carried with 6 voting in favor and one abstention. Steph also presented an application from Chris Hasemore for social/alternate membership; action on that application deferred.

5. Action List Update

Steph updated the committee on the status of items on the action list, most of which have been completed or are in progress.

6. Treasurer's Report

David presented data from other clubs re changes in membership numbers and data re our lost membership. He also presented the Profit and Loss report for March and year to date along with comparisons to previous years and predictions for the current financial year. Based on current information, the club is predicted to break even for the current financial year. David recommended that at the June 2021 meeting the committee revisit payment of directors' fees from 1st July 2021.

7. Tournament Secretary's Report

Norm reported that the calendar is finished for the balance of the year. He is meeting with Shan on Sunday to prepare an A4 sheet with all upcoming events. Norm also expressed his disappointment that only 2 committee members had signed to play in the Country Teams and Mixed Pairs.

8. Chief Director's Report

John reported that John McIlrath will run a directors' seminar on a Saturday morning, date to be determined.

9. Masterpoint Secretary's Report

Colin advised that the masterpoints are up to date and advised that a few people are playing who have not paid their membership fees. Directors advised to collect visitor fees from non-members who play at the club.

General Business

10. COVID update. Kerrie prepared a written report (attached), which Steph distributed to the committee.

11. Librarian. Steph reported that Kerrie has resigned as the librarian for the bridge library. We will need to recruit new librarian; directors should announce the opening at sessions.

12. Life membership nomination. Committee members presented their final thoughts on the meaning of life membership and in recognition of Glen's contributions to the club. As the committee has discussed Glen Campbell's nomination for life membership at length at the previous two meetings, Steph proposed that the committee vote on Shan Lawson and Annette Houtman's proposal of life membership for Glen Campbell; John Redfearn seconded; none opposed. See Motions, below.

- 13. Skills check.** Louise proposed a survey of the membership regarding what skills members have and ways members may want to participate in the running of the club. Louise and David to develop a survey.
- 14. Constitution Review.** Louise reported that the solicitor advised that the current constitution is a boilerplate form that should be customized for the CCBC. For example, there are areas that need clarification, insufficient guidance for decisions such as awarding life membership, practical problems with disciplinary procedures, and an absence of provisions for club-owned premises. Louise to prepare a President's message to membership seeking input.
- 15. Chief Director's ideas.** John suggested we defer this discussion to a later date.
- 16. Director's seminar.** Handled above during Chief Director's report.
- 17. Suspension of social memberships.** As the wording in the Out of Session motion reported in last month's minutes was not clear; the committee seeks to make clear that acceptance of alternate (social) memberships is suspended until the week following the 2021 AGM and that this decision does not affect any current financial members.
- 18. Building and Maintenance Sub-Committee update.** David reported that he and Peter Fitzgerald have consulted with Fabric Architecture Studio regarding building upgrade options for the Clubhouse. The Studio will provide a fee proposal/contract for the provision of their architectural services, which will be shared with the Building Sub-committee, which will then report back to the Committee with its recommendations at the next meeting.
- 19. Fire and Safety Update.** Rod has given Marland the go ahead to complete the necessary work outlined in Marland's report to us. Rod also reported that he was able to fix the water cooler at no cost
- 20. Marketing Sub-committee update.** David reported that the sub-committee has discussed objectives, set 10 priorities, and allocated responsibility for those priorities. They are meeting next week to move forward.

Motions

Graham Williamson moved that the club grant life membership status to Glen Campbell; Steph seconded; the motion was defeated with 3 voting in favour and 6 opposed.

Steph moved that the committee find an alternative way to recognize Glen's generosity of spirit and his many contributions to the club over the last 36 years; Graham seconded; motion carried unopposed.

David moved that the committee rescind the out of session motion reported in last month's minutes concerning suspension of social memberships; Steph seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

David moved that acceptance of alternate (social) memberships is suspended until the week following the 2021 AGM and that this decision does not affect any current financial members; Rod seconded; the motion carried with 8 in favour and 1 opposed.

Meeting Closure

The meeting objectives were met, and the meeting closed at 6:28 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 18 May 2021, time TBA.

Stephanie Mathews, Secretary

Louise Lewis, President