

MINUTES SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM) HELD ON 27 July 2023
Right of Appeal of Disciplined Member: Gary Heyting

General Meeting

A general meeting of the Central Coast Bridge Club was held on 27 July 2023 at 4.00pm at Central Coast Bridge Club to hear the appeal by Gary Heyting against a resolution by the Committee to suspend Gary from all CCBC activities for twelve (12) months following a complaint by the Director, Matt Raj Mal on 19th March 2023.

Apologies: Carole Davidson, Anne Ward, Geoff Ward, Kevin Carson, Maureen Carson, Barry Smith, Lois Smith.

Attendees: 83

Resolution: to suspend Gary Heyting from all CCBC activities for twelve (12) months.

Scrutineers: Peter Johnman, Peter Fitzgerald

Chairperson: David Purkiss, President.

David welcomed members and outlined the complaint against Gary, the Recorders Report together with the Committee's review process including a history of complaints against Gary since 2019. David also explained the length of the suspension imposed and compared it to a 6-month suspension of a member in February 2022.

Member's Right to State Case Against the Suspension

Gary Heyting read his response to the appeal including his Grounds for Appeal.

Committee's Right to State Case in Support of the Suspension

Lawrie Ransom spoke on behalf of the Committee outlining this complaint together with five previous complaints since 2019 including a three-month suspension relating to a complaint from Margaret Regan in March 2020.

Kerrie Ransom spoke on behalf of the Committee explaining the reasons for past complaints and the suspension of 12 months.

Secret Ballot: To Confirm or Revoke the Suspension of 12 Months

Chairperson, David Purkiss, called for a vote on the resolution by secret ballot.

Determination of Appeal by Gary Heyting

Scrutineers retired to count votes. At 5.05pm, Peter Johnman announced that the resolution was confirmed by a majority: 59 votes to confirm the resolution, 24 votes to revoke the resolution.

Gary Heyting was suspended from all CCBC activities for a period of twelve (12) months effective immediately.

Kerrie Ransom, Secretary.

David Purkiss, President.