

MINUTES FOR CENTRAL COAST BRIDGE CLUB

DISCIPLINE REVIEW PANEL HEARING HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023

COMPLAINT BY NORM BERGER AGAINST LOUISE LEWIS DATED 17TH MAY 2023

Purpose of Meeting

To hear the appeal by Louise Lewis against the suspension of 6 months imposed by the CCBC Committee following a complaint lodged by Norm Berger relating to an incident on 6th May 2023.

Composition of the Discipline Review Panel (DRP) & Attendees at the DRP Hearing

The DRP comprised Kevin Carson, Peter Fitzgerald, and Christine Flanigan together with Peter Greening and Gillian Aldridge as 2 reserve panelists. At 9.00am, the DRP and reserves met at the CCBC together with Louise Lewis and representatives of the CCBC Committee (David Purkiss, Kerrie Ransom and Lawrie Ransom).

Conflicts of Interest, Reserve Panelists & Support Person

No conflicts of interest were declared by the 3 members of the Disciplinary Review Panel (DRP), the Reserve Panelists were dismissed, and Louise Lewis requested a support person accompany her into the DRP hearing.

Documentation Provided to DRP Panelists

- 2023 CCBC Constitution and Code of Conduct,
- Minutes of meetings - AGM on 6 May 2023 and CCBC meetings on 31 May 2023 and 21 June 2023
- Complaint by Norm Berger dated 17 May 2023,
- Recorder's Report,
- Emails dated 25-28 May 2023
- Louise Lewis letter to CCBC dated 5 June 2023
- CCBC right to respond letter to Louise Lewis dated 5 June 2023
- Louise Lewis response dated 8 June 2023
- Stephanie Mathews letter dated 15 June 2023
- CCBC letter to Louise Lewis confirming sanction dated 24 June.

Conduct of DRP Meeting

The DRP requested a closed hearing and met to elect a Foreperson and to read the listed documents. Peter Fitzgerald was elected as the Foreperson. At 10.30am the formal hearing commenced with Louise Lewis and the support person invited in to allow Louise to state her case to the Panel. Lawrie Ransom was then invited to state the Committee's case to the Panel. The DRP then conferred.

Determination of Appeal by Louise Lewis Against Committee Suspension of 6 Months

At 12.00 noon, the Foreperson announced that the suspension had been revoked by majority vote (2:1).

Kerrie Ransom, Secretary

David Purkiss, President