



Canberra Bridge Club

Canberra Bridge Club Committee Meeting

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1 MEETING OPEN AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 MEETING OPEN

Mary Tough opened the meeting at 17:03.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Mary Tough (President), Alison Russell-French (Vice President), Jennifer Yeats (Treasurer), Liam Minogue (Secretary), David Wawn (Tournament Secretary) (until **Item 5.5**), Jenny Bergin, John Brockwell, Ian Robinson, Barbara Bialowas, Nicole Finn, Bruce Chapman.

1.3 APOLOGIES

Jennifer Yeats (Treasurer)
Nicole Finn
Bruce Chapman

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No new conflicts declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES 19 September 2024

Accepted with amendments.

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting 19 September 2024 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved: Jenny Bergin

Seconded: Alison Russell-French

CARRIED.

4 ACTION ITEMS ARISING

4.1 ST JOHN'S FIRST AID TRAINING

Twenty-four members attended the St John's First Aid training held at the Club. The key message from them was that your number one action should always be to Call 000.

5 TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Item moved up.

5.2 2025 CALENDAR

A meeting was held to plan the 2025 Calendar – David is collating the key points and will circulate a draft.

Ongoing areas of discussion include:

(a) the planning of Tuesday night competition sessions re: RealBridge sessions – a survey will be conducted to gather their responses;

(b) review of congresses to be held, including a Youth Fund Raising event like the one held this year and a Charity Congress.

5.3 A/B GRADING UPDATE

The A/B Grading policy will be extended to all CBC Sessions where more than one section is held (i.e., if there are two or more sections there will be at least on B Graded section).

MOTION: That the A/B Grading Policy be extended to all sessions where more than one section are ran.



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Moved: David Wawn

Seconded: Alison Russell-French

CARRIED.

5.4 TRIAL CHANGES TO SCORING FORMAT ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Following feedback from members and a proposal made to the Committee, there will be a trial of removing the %'s from the Bridge Mates at the end of each board on the Wednesday Evening Duplicate sessions. Members will still be able to view their final % at the end of the session, as well as the finalised per-board % via the email they receive from Pinaola.

A summary of the reasons for this change are as follows:

- (a) the %'s create unkind conversations at the table by putting another pair down (e.g., "they got 0% for that partner");
- (b) the %'s are wrong and misleading, especially in the early boards of a session as not all tables have played the board (e.g., a 100% in round 3 can easily become a <50%); and
- (c) the discussions around % impair the integrity of sessions (e.g., "well we had 12 tricks partner but how do we bid it" – followed by every table within ear shot bidding the slam).

It is the hope that removing these %s (but still showing the contracts) will reduce these issues in part. Future trials may consider removing the contracts as well.

MOTION: That %s be removed from the results screen in between boards on the Wednesday Evening Duplicate Session, including the Supervised Session, for a trial period until the end of December 2024.

Moved: Liam Minogue

Seconded: David Wawn

CARRIED.

5.5 REMOVING % ON THE THURSDAY MORNING BUTLER

An ongoing error in the system has caused the showing of %s in between boards on the Thursday Morning Butler. %s are inappropriate for this scoring format and will be removed.

David Wawn left the meeting at 17:34

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

6.1 FINAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 2023-2024 COMMITTEE

Warm thanks to all Committee members for what has been an exciting year for the Bridge Club, and we look forward to their continued involvement in Club governance moving forward.

6.2 BFACT MEETING REPORT

Key items from the BFACT Meeting include:

- (a) a working group for the ANC 2026, to be held in Canberra, has been formed;
- (b) Richard Hills may suggest the CBC as a venue for a Trivia Night;
- (c) BFACT will be regularly meeting at the CBC Club premises (dates TBD, to be worked out with manager);



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- (d) Manager hours may change in the new year if Steve Geddes is no longer continuing.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

8 MANAGER'S REPORT

Key items from the Manager's report include:

- (a) air condition system has been fully fitted in the Club;
- (b) excess stock from the Paul Lavings stall from Canberra in Bloom has been stored.

9 CONGRESS AND SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

9.1 VOLUNTEER PARTY

Due to little interest, the Volunteer's Party has been cancelled.

9.2 MELBOURNE CUP EVENT

Melbourne Cup event has been organised and more information will be made available in the CBC Newsletter

9.3 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The Committee will run Christmas drinks and snacks at the end/middle of sessions week beginning 16 December 2024

10 YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE

The CBC will hold a Youth Day on 3 November 2024.

11 EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

No Report

12 HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE

No Report.

13 CONTRACT AND EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

No report.

14 MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS

14.1 RADIO PROMOTIONS

After multiple meetings and discussion regarding radio marketing, the Committee has decided not to continue this method of marketing due to cost.

14.2 TRAVEL ASSOCIATES

Travel Associates will continue their sponsorship of the Club.

15 CONSTITUTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The updated bylaws are still in draft form, but the Committee endorses in principle the following Sub-Committee changes to the Sub-Committee structure:

- (a) Social Sub-Committee rolled into the Promotion Sub-Committee



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16 CORRESPONDENCE IN

16.1 TRISH SANDLING

Trish Sandling submitted a written letter regarding the A/B Sessions on the Friday morning, not allowing one of the members in her social group to play in that session. The Club runs over ten sessions per week, and unfortunately the Friday Morning session is a B Graded session only. Allowing stronger players to play during that session hurts the integrity of the system. It is unfortunate that the social calendar and the Club's protected session calendar are in conflict, but that is unresolvable. The Committee has agreed that where stronger players can only play during B Graded sessions (such as Friday) that may be able to do so with a weaker partner in a mentoring capacity – subject to the approval of the director on the day.

16.2 PHIL MARKEY

The Club requested additional information from the ABF regarding the use of the MyABF platform, in particular, agreements and documentation regarding the level of service to be provided; the ABF's cyber security and insurance; and the protection of member funds which are ostensible paid into the platform and later debited. The General Counsel of the ABF (Phil Markey) responded with answers to some of these questions but the Club will be pursuing further details regarding cyber security and insurance.

17 AGM

The AGM date is **29 October 2024 at 5:00 pm.**

18 ACTION ITEMS

No table of figures entries found.

19 NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE

19.1 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be arranged by the newly elected Committee at the AGM on 29 October 2024.

19.2 MEETING CLOSE

Mary Tough closed the meeting at 18:38.