

MINUTES

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC

Committee Meeting at 69 Nathan Road Runcorn
Opened at 1:43pm 15th March 2023 by President Doug Matthew

Present: Doug Matthew (Chair), Jenny Andrews (Treasurer), Alice Edwards (Secretary), Bernice Cooper, Robyn Chippindall, Michele Thorne, Sue Holburt, Richard Tarnawski, Chris Pohle

Apologies: Col Seed, Kenneth Clem

Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on 15th February 2023 are a correct record of the meeting.

Moved by Alice Edwards, seconded Robyn Chippindall CARRIED

Business arising from Previous Minutes

Honour Board

- Sue Holburt to advise when Honour Boards are completed

Review of the Club Constitution

The proposed changes to the Club's constitution were unanimously adopted at the AGM on February 11th 2023. Thanks to everyone involved in the review.

- Alice Edwards to submit the proposed changes to the Department of Fair Trading for approval.

Code of Conduct

- Sub-Committee to review Club's Code of Conduct

Street Signs

Despite having rung a number of times, Brisbane City Council have not responded with a cost.

- Sue Holburt to advise cost involved in directional street signs and painted STOP sign on driveway.

Handicap Events

Sue Holburt advised the committee that adding a handicap result to a session was not difficult. Sue Holburt and Michele Thorne to add handicap to Monday or Thursday morning sessions on an ad-hoc basis.

Club Booklet

The text, calendar and members' phone list have been completed and will be sent to the printer once a quote for printing has been received.

- Alice Edwards to co-ordinate printing of the 2023 club booklet.

Sprinkler System

- Bernice Cooper to source quote for sprinkler system.

Drainage / Tree Trimming

Doug Matthew reported that he has put mesh over the drainage pits to stop leaf litter from decomposing in the drains. The gardener has agreed to keep them clear when he comes and the Club will still have to get the drains cleared professionally once per year to clear any tree roots blocking the drains.

- Doug Matthew has a meeting Thursday 23rd March with BCC representatives

Bridgemate Server

- Sue Holburt to complete / lodge application for Southside Club grant which will, if successful, be used to purchase a backup bridgemate server and new bridgemates.
- Richard Tarnawski to review application

Building Fire Safety Compliance

Richard Tarnawski advised that the requirements set out in the document received from the Council would be difficult to comply with because it assumes that the same people will be in the building every day.

- Richard Tarnawski to ask BCC for a contact in a similar organisation which does have a plan which meets their requirements.
- Sue Holburt to speak to Jo Neary at Toowong Bridge Club to see if they have a plan which meets BCC requirements.

Kiss Trophy

Thank you to everyone who made the running of the KISS Trophy a successful afternoon and congratulations to the winners and everyone who took part.

Nationwide Pairs Masterpoints

Jenny Andrews advised the Committee that the December & January masterpoints were allocated at the end of February 2023.

Start Time of Sessions

After polling players who play at the night sessions, it appears that there was not sufficient interest in changing the start time of either session. The Committee took into consideration

that there were a number of ways to make sure that the session finished earlier including shorter breaks and/or fewer boards if that was what players wanted.

Michele Thorne moved that “Start times of night sessions remain at 7:30pm”. Seconded Chris Pohle and carried.

Birthday Cakes

Doug Matthew advised that he had negotiated a price of \$55 for a fresh cream cake.

Correspondence In

20-02-2023	Brisbane City Council	Community Leasing Information Portal
26-02-2023	Redlands Bridge Club	Under 500 Graded Teams Flyer
01-03-2023	W Beazley	Lessons Enquiry
28-02-2023	QBA	Club Survey – Online Bridge
04-03-2023	Peter Busch	Bridge Australia Web Sites
05-03-2023	Brisbane City Council	Electrical Safety Compliance
08-03-2023	Brisbane City Council	Electrical Audit
08-03-2023	Brisbane City Council	Drainage
09-03-2023	Guttershield	Quote
09-03-2023	Gutter Knight	Quote
11-03-2023	Peter Busch	Web Site Changes
12-03-2023	Margaret Low	Books
14-03-2023	QBA	Qld Novice Pairs Flyer
14-03-2023	QBA	Player Cancellations

Correspondence Out

07-03-2023	Sue Holburt	Peter Busch	Add Convenor/Editor to Web Site
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Business arising from Correspondence

Lesson Enquiry

Sue Holburt advised that she had received an enquiry from someone interested in learning to play bridge who has a hearing impairment. She advised the Committee that she is encouraging the person to come to lessons and did not think that there would be any insurmountable issues.

Gutter Guard

Doug Matthew advised that he had obtained 3 quotes for replacing the Club House’s gutter guard. He showed the Committee photos of the gutters which are currently full of decomposing leaf litter.

Doug Matthew moved that “the Club accept the quote from Gutter Knight Mount Gravatt for \$1372 to clean all gutters and replace all gutter guard”. Seconded Sue Holburt, CARRIED

Books

An email was received from a member who asked that the Club once again allow second hand books be swapped at the Club. The Committee agreed with this request.

- Alice Edwards to co-ordinate the return of second hand books.

Electrical Safety Report

Doug Matthew advised that he had received an email from the Brisbane City Council advising they will attend the Club on Saturday 22nd April 2023 to fix some issues highlighted in their recent report.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Profit and Loss shows a profit of \$6212.06 for February and a ytd profit of \$21882.33. Nothing of any significance has occurred during the month and although February is a short month, our average sessions have increased from 7 to 8 tables and hopefully that increase will continue.

Jenny Andrews moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Sue Holburt and carried.

Teacher's Report

- Following the last beginners' lesson on 18th March 2023, Pam Wood run some supervised play sessions on Saturdays. Of the people who registered for lessons,
 - seven will complete the lessons,
 - two others have been able to attend only half due to other commitments
 - two have had to withdraw because of medical issues
 - One dropped out after week 1
 - one other was a no show.
- Four of those who were unable to attend all lessons and four others have already enrolled for the next lessons.
- Tuesday night supervised play has been discontinued.
- Sue would welcome ideas for newsletter articles.

Sue Holburt moved that the Teacher's report be accepted. Seconded by Michele Thorne and carried.

Convenor's Report

Results of KISS Trophy – Sunday 12th March

Overall Winners 1st Dennis Lee & Albina Smyth, 2nd Richard Spelman & Loretta Lovett &
3rd Doug Matthew & Derek Morris

Plate 1st Marianna de Jongh & David Crocker, 2nd Lynette Crookall & Tomasina De Luca

Consolation 1st Allie Hays & Haija Lee, 2nd Richard Tarnawski & Debbie Hoogerdyk

A separate report on the day written by Loretta Lovett is available.

Coming events –

- GNOT Heat – Saturday 18th March. All day event.
10 teams entered. Entries now closed.
- Wednesday Pairs - 22nd March.
- Autumn Pairs – Friday 21st & 28th April.
- QBA Novice Pairs – Sunday 7th May

The Club's novice players to enter are encouraged to enter QBA Novice Pairs as this competition is always a very pleasant, relaxed day and a great way for newer novices to experience a Congress event in familiar surroundings and without any pressure.

Robyn Chippindall moved that the Convenor's report be accepted. Seconded by Richard Tarnawski and carried.

Social Committee Report

Richard Tarnawski advised that the Social Committee was organising a visit to the Toogoolawah Bridge Club on 22nd April 2023 and asked if this could be advertised through the newsletter and a Directors' notices. A form will be put on the noticeboard to allow members interested to register so that TBC can be given an idea of numbers.

The chair of the Social Committee wanted confirmation from the Committee that the Social Committee would not be asked to cater for Bridge Club Events like congresses. The Committee agreed that this would be done by volunteers on an event basis.

Richard Tarnawski moved that the Social Club's report be accepted. Seconded by Bernice Cooper and carried.

General Business

New Memberships

Robyn Chippindall advised that 1 application for membership had been received since the previous meeting. The Committee would like to welcome Michael Berger as the club's newest member.

QBA Novice Pairs

- Robyn Chippindall to write Directors' notice advertising the event and that the normal Sunday session will not be held on 7th May 2023.

Pavers

Bernice Cooper has been able to source free pavers which will be used to pave the area around the BBQ.

Doug Matthew moved that “the Club pay the gardener to lay the pavers at his normal hourly rate”. Seconded Bernice Cooper, carried.

Alcohol Wipes

The Club still has a number of boxes of alcohol wipes which were bought during COVID restrictions. Sue Holburt moved that “As the Club is unlikely to use the wipes before their ‘best before’ date, they be offered to members at \$5 per container”. Seconded Alice Edwards, carried.

Partner Organiser

The Club is looking for a daytime partnership organiser after Tomasina de Luca resigned the position after many years. Although Pianola has a partnership

Newsletter Editor

Our current editor has advised the Committee that the newsletter in May will be her last. She has offered to train anyone interested while doing the May edition.

The next meeting will be at 1:30pm on 19th April 2023.

The meeting concluded at 3:37pm.

President

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