

# MINUTES

## SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC

Committee Meeting at 69 Nathan Road Runcorn  
Opened at 1:35pm 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 by President Doug Matthew

**Present:** Doug Matthew (Chair), Jenny Andrews (Treasurer), Alice Edwards (Secretary), Bernice Cooper, Lee Pitt, Robyn Chippindall, Sue Holburt, Michele Thorne, Col Seed

**Apologies:** Kenneth Clem

### **Minutes of previous meetings**

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 are a correct record of the meeting.

This was moved by Alice Edwards, seconded Michele Thorne CARRIED

### **Business arising from Previous Minutes**

#### **Honour Board**

Col Seed advised that he still had not received a quote for new honour boards. Sue Holburt offered to investigate if she was able to find a supplier.

- Col Seed to advise the Committee when quote for new Honour Board(s) has been received.
- Sue Holburt to investigate

#### **Review of the Club Constitution**

Robyn Chippindall tabled the Constitution with changes agreed on at the previous meeting. Thank you to Robyn, Sue and Michele for taking on this project.

- Michele Thorne & Jenny Andrews agreed to proof read the document after which it will be forwarded to Alice Edwards
- Robyn Chippindall & Alice Edwards to liaise with the QBA
- Sub-Committee to review Club's Code of Conduct

#### **Garden Edges**

Doug Matthew advised that he had received a quote for \$2200 to replace the garden edging at the front of the club house with concrete edging. Doug Matthew moved that "the quote for replacement of the garden edging be accepted". Seconded by Sue Holburt CARRIED

- Doug Matthew to liaise with the supplier

### **Optus Tower**

Doug Matthew advised the Committee that Optus was using much more power than they had originally suggested and have agreed to pay the increased charges. The Treasurer is currently waiting for payment for the last bill (period ending 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022). A new bill will be raised for 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 by the Treasurer with advice from Doug Matthew.

- Doug Matthew to advise on progress of negotiations with Optus

### **Championship Pairs Trophy**

Robyn Chippindall advised that the plaques on the trophy have been updated to standardise the plaques.

### **Social Committee**

Jenny Andrews tabled a report from the newly formed Social Committee comprising Judith Bramich, Cheryl Martin, Richard Tarnawski and Debbie Hoogerdijk. The Committee endorsed the general principals which were put forward by the Social Committee including

- ❖ No involvement in catering for Congresses etc held by the Club
- ❖ Sunday lunch BBQ 3 or 4 times per year
- ❖ Organisation of specific events at the club eg. Australia day, Easter, Christmas etc

Jenny Andrews moved that “the Social Committee be given \$250 for the purchase of Christmas decorations”. Seconded Lee Pitt CARRIED

- Treasurer to liaise with Social Committee for purchase of decorations. Michele Thorne has offered to donate a Christmas Tree.

### **Defibrillator**

- Sue Holburt advised that a defibrillator can be purchased for \$1695 from a company on the Gold Coast. It is similar to ones which are in use by supermarkets, banks etc. The device comes with spoken instructions at the time of use as well as an instructional video. Michele Thorne moved that “the club purchase a defibrillator for use at the club rooms in an emergency”. Seconded Jenny Andrews CARRIED

### **U3A**

Sue Holburt advised that advertising lessons through U3A is not viable as they would require all participants to be members of U3A which would exclude anyone wanting to take bridge lessons but is not eligible for U3A membership.

## Correspondence In

18-08-2022	Lesley Heatherington	Contact for Asterlyn Crabb
19-08-2022	Caboolture Bridge Club	Caboolture Teams Congress Flyer
20-08-2022	Julie Jeffries	GNOT Final Update
22-08-2022	QBA	QBA Congresses / Updates
31-08-2022	Janet Price	Nationwide Pairs
02-09-2022	KBC	Kenmore Novice Congress Flyer
02-09-2022	QBA	QBA Teams of 3 Flyer
06-09-2022	BCC	Fire Safety Inspection
06-09-2022	Pianola	Members not receiving emails
11-09-2022	QBA	Error in 2023 Calendar
11-09-2022	QBA	Masterpoint Newsletter
13-09-2022	Noosa Bridge Club	Noosa Novice Pairs Congress Flyer
15-09-2022	Caloundra Bridge Club	Graded Matchpoint Pairs Flyer
19-09-2022	CPR Group	Grant Writing
29-09-2022	CPR Group	Grant Writing
03-10-2022	Janet Price	Friday Bridge Movement
05-10-2022	Julie Jeffries	Brisbane Zone Interclub Teams
11-10-2022	QBA	QBA Seniors Pairs congress Flyer
11-10-2022	QBA	Open teams Report
11-10-2022	QBA	Dr Reg Busch
12-10-2022	Noosa Bridge Club	Noosa Pairs Congress Flyer
16-10-2022	QBA	QBA Senior Pairs Replacement Flyer
16-10-2022	QBA	Director Exam Nominations

## Correspondence Out

18-08-2022	Alice Edwards	Lesley Heatherington	Contact for Asterlyn Crabb
31-08-2022	Robyn Chippindall	Janet Price	Nationwide Pairs
06-09-2022	Alice Edwards	Pianola	Members not receiving emails
16-10-2022	Alice Edwards	Peter Busch	Letter of Condolence

Motion that Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted was moved by Alice Edwards, seconded by Robyn Chippindall and CARRIED.

## Business arising from Correspondence

### Interclub Teams Congress

Robyn Chippindall highlighted that an invitation for the annual interclub teams event to be held at Arana Bridge Club had been received. The Committee agreed that interested pairs/teams should be asked to nominate and entries would be at their own cost (\$100 per team) Only one team in each category is allowed. If more than one team nominates in a category, the successful team will be drawn out of a hat.

- Robyn Chippindall to put poster on noticeboard for nominations

## Bridge Movements

The Committee has received an email regarding the bridge movement used when a Mitchell movement would result in a sitout of more than 4 boards. The options discussed were playing fewer boards so that the sitout is restricted to 4 boards, using a Howell movement or asking the affected pairs for their preference. The general consensus was that sitouts should be rotated NS and EW noting that if there is an even number of tables, a NS sitout is not practical. The Committee agreed that if the Director wishes to have a sitout of more than 4 boards, then it must be agreed to by the affected pairs otherwise he must choose a different option.

## Reports

### Treasurer's Report

The following reports have been distributed as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

1. **Profit and Loss Report** including ytd
2. **Balance Sheet**
3. **Bank Register** showing bank statement entries for the month and the bank balance agrees to the Balance Sheet
4. **Summary of Table Fees** this summarises session table fees and the Net Table fees agrees to the Profit and Loss
5. **Summary of Sunnybank Teams Congress** which shows a surplus of \$887.68. That is overstated somewhat as the bottles of wine and drinks have been previously accounted for and thanks to the kind contributions from our members we did not have to outlay for food so that increases the surplus too.

and as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

6. **Profit and Loss Report** including ytd
7. **Balance Sheet**
8. **Bank Register** showing bank statement entries for the month and the bank balance agrees to the Balance Sheet
9. **Summary of Table Fees** this summarises session table fees and the Net Table fees agrees to the Profit and Loss

The Profit and Loss shows a profit of 3360.43 for August and a profit of \$2466.10 for the month of September giving a ytd profit of \$31346.72. Our bank account continues to rise steadily and I have arranged to put an additional \$40000 with our \$76000 term deposit. This will then give us a reasonable rate of 2.85% for 9 months when it can be re-visited.

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

## **Teacher's Report**

### Beginner's Lessons

The lessons finished a week ago with nine new people enrolled and three repeats. I am hopeful most will join the club.

There will be two extra sessions of help with play on 22 & 29<sup>th</sup> October (run by Pam and Pam) followed by a Jacoby Transfer lesson on November 6<sup>th</sup>. After this the players will be encouraged to attend the other supervised play sessions.

Next lessons are planned to start on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### Promotions team for lessons and SBC

A subcommittee to help promote upcoming lessons would be very useful to help increase student numbers. Could also be used to promote our club in the community. I would like to advertise this in the newsletter.

The Committee agreed that Sue Holburt could form a sub-committee to investigate new / innovative ways of advertising bridge lessons and promoting the game. Sue also advised that a blue card is not required even if children attend lessons.

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

## **Convenor's Report**

### **Results of recent events**

#### Novice - under 50Mp's - Thursday 18 August

1 (NS) Greg Holburt – Catherine Mahoney / 1 (EW) Alice Edwards – Judith Bramich

#### Novice Pairs <100 MPs – Thursday 8 & 15 September

1. Eileen Cooke – Bernice Cooper
2. Jenny Andrews – Betty Forsyth
3. John Atkin – Christine Atkin

#### Sunnybank Championship Teams – Saturday 15 October

Another successful and enjoyable event for Sunnybank members. Our Director, the lovely Jo Neary, ensured that the day ran smoothly, despite a glitch with our club's recalcitrant photocopier early in the day. Only positive comments about the day were received from players and, at the end of the day, Jo mentioned to me how much she enjoys directing at our club!

The winning team, comprising Pam Wood, Pam Pratt, Ros Purchase & Doug Matthew, was a pleasing result, as all four members have contributed to the club in various ways over a number of years

Many thanks to those members who provided snacks for everyone to enjoy during the breaks. It was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our new Sunnybank Teams Champions! Final results were -

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Pam Wood, Pam Pratt, Ros Purchase & Doug Matthew
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Spelman, Janet Price, Narelle McIver & Mick Fawcett
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lyn Crookall, Carolyn Blyth, Cheryl Martin & Richard Tarnawski

### **Coming events –**

Spring Pairs – 21 & 28 October

Wednesday Pairs – 16 November

Queensland Wide Pairs – QBA website states that event cancelled

Robyn Chippindall moved that the Convenor's report be accepted. Seconded by Jenny Andrews 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 Ron Hijsman to the Club.

#### **BBQ**

The club has had a BBQ in the shed which was donated but has never been used. The Committee agreed that the BBQ should be advertised in the newsletter to find a new owner.

- Sue Holburt to liaise with the newsletter editor.

#### **Experienced Players**

Concern has been raised that number of masterpoints does not necessarily reflect the experience of a player. The ABF rules includes the option that the ABF can give a player a ranking which reflects his level.

- Jenny Andrews to write to QBA

#### **Street Signs**

Sue Holburt offered to contact the Brisbane City Council about getting a sign for the club on the corners of Warrigal & Daw Roads and Beenleigh & Daw Roads and also the possibility of them installing a STOP sign on the driveway leaving the club as the footpath is used by cyclists and scooters.

- Sue Holburt to contact BCC re signage

#### **Grant Greenbank RSL**

The Committee agreed that Sue Holburt could apply for a grant being advertised by Greenbank RSL and that, if successful, it be used to a large banner for advertising bridge lessons.

- Sue Holburt to apply for grant

## **Melbourne Cup**

As the Social Committee will not be organising anything for Melbourne Cup this year, the Committee agreed to limit the festivities to prizes for fancy hats, sweeps and ask members to bring a plate to share for lunch on the day.

- Doug Matthew to write a notice for Directors

## **Christmas Party**

Doug Matthew advised that the club has a booking for a Christmas lunch at the Runcorn Tavern which was booked earlier in the year.

- Doug Matthew to find out what options the Runcorn Tavern is offering.

## **Termite Damage**

Doug Matthew to liaise with tradesman to find out what needs to be repaired and how much it will cost. The damage appears to be quite extensive and should be repaired as soon as possible. Doug Matthew moved that "he be able to co-ordinate and authorise repairs as it will not possible to get an accurate quote until the work is underway". Seconded Alice Edwards  
CARRIED.

- Doug Matthew to co-ordinate repairs

## **Handicap Events**

Doug Matthew advised that some other clubs published handicap winners for Club Sessions. Sue Holburt offered to investigate the work involved.

- Sue Holburt to investigate

**The next meeting will be at 1:30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

The meeting concluded at 3:34pm.

*President .....*

*Secretary.....*