

MINUTES

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC

Committee Meeting at 69 Nathan Road Runcorn
Opened at 1:30pm 20th April 2022 by the President Doug Matthew.

Present: Doug Matthew (Chair), Jane Whelan, Jenny Andrews (Treasurer), Alice Edwards (Secretary), Bernice Cooper, Kenneth Clem, Col Seed, Robyn Chippindall, Sue Holburt, Lee Pitt

Apologies:

Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on 16th March 2022 are a correct record of the meeting.

This was moved by Alice Edwards, seconded Robyn Chippindall. CARRIED

Business arising from Previous Minutes

Bridgemates

Thanks to Michele Thorne, Col Seed and Doug Matthew for replacing keypads and cleaning the Bridgemates. Doug Matthew moved that "The Club purchase an additional 10 keypads at a cost of \$200 and also a replacement screen so that Bridgemates can be repaired as required". The motion was seconded by Col Seed and carried.

- Doug Matthew to order 10 keypads and a screen

Code of Conduct

The work of the sub-committee has been put on hold until the Constitution Sub-Committee has completed its work.

Honour Board

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

Repairs arising from Flood Damage

Thank you to Sue Holburt for lodging a grant application with the Brisbane City Council to reclaim expenses from flood damage repairs. The claim has been successful with \$5000 being received recently.

Doug Matthew advised that the outside lights had been tripping the circuit breaker. This has been repaired and the lights are now on a separate circuit so that they do not interfere with the lights & computers inside.

Name of Newsletter

Jane Whelan advised that details of the competition to name the newsletter will be advertised in the next newsletter.

Flood Relief Appeal

A red-point event was held on Sunday April 10th 22 with the table fees and donations going to the Salvation Army Flood Appeal. The Treasurer reported that it had been a successful event with \$905 being raised. Jenny Andrews moved that “The Club add an additional \$95.00 to round the donation up to \$1000.00”. The motion was seconded by Doug Matthew and carried.

- Sue Holburt to update web-site with amount of Flood Appeal donation

Improvers Lessons

Jane Whelan advised that she had been in contact with Richard Fox but as yet they had been unable to agree on a suitable date for lessons. In the meantime, Richard has invited Sunnybank Bridge Club members to attend lessons being held at QCBC on Saturday mornings during May 22.

Review of the Club Constitution

The Committee decided that there should not be a limit on the number of sessions a visitor can play before having to join the Club. The Constitution makes reference to Honorary Members (interstate members with ABF membership but not QBA membership) but does not specify whether they should pay table fees as members or visitors. The Committee decided to continue with the current practice of asking them to pay visitors fees.

- Robyn Chippindall to contact Paul Brake re table fees for members under 26 who pay half price membership.

Update of Web-Site

Sue Holburt reported that she had looked into modernising the look of the web-site but the changes able to made are very limited. She advised that the number of days of future events displayed on the front page has been reduced from 90 days to 45 days which has improved the display.

Correspondence In

16-03-2022	Julie Jeffries	SBC Teams Congress 2023
20-03-2022	Hervey Bay Bridge Club	Autumn Congress 2022 Flyer
21-03-2022	QBA	Annual Cancellations reminder.
23-03-2022	QBA	Latest QBA Bulletin
24-03-2022	QBA	25/50/75/100 Birthday Celebrations –Red Points
26-03-2022	QBA	AGM Information and Nomination Forms
29-03-2022	QBA	Council Meeting and AGM 21st April
29-03-2022	Toowong Bridge Club	Toowong Novice Pairs Congress
30-03-2022	QBA	Annual Cancellations - Final reminder
31-03-2022	Brisbane City Council	Optus Tower
05-04-2022	CommPlan	Install temporary telecommunication facility
05-04-2022	QBA	Trials Report and Invoice
08-04-2022	QBA	List of Nominations
09-04-2022	Gold Coast Bridge Club	Gold Coast bridge Club June Congress
12-04-2022	Loretta Lovett	Bridgemates
13-04-2022	Arana Bridge Club	Arana CBC June congress
13-04-2022	QBA	Bridge Laws
13-04-2022	QBA	Calendar Dates for 2023

13-04-2022	QBA	Bridge Laws – retraction of previous email
17-04-2022	Richard Fox	Improvers Lessons
18-04-2022	QBA	Congress Flyers – Novice & 2023 Gold Coast
19-04-2022	QBA	Youth Congress Flyer
20-04-2022	Michele Thorne	Resignation
20-04-2022	QBA	Council Meeting Information
20-04-2022	QBA	AGM Information

Correspondence Out

16-03-2022	Jane Whelan	Julie Jeffries	SBC Teams Congress 2023
17-03-2022	Robyn Chippindall	QBA	SBC Teams Congress 2023 Date Request
23-03-2022	Jane Whelan	Jo Neary	Sunnybank Championship Pairs
27-03-2022	Jane Whelan	Directors	2022 Calendar
30-03-2022	Sue Holburt	Brisbane City Council	Grant Submission
04-04-2022	Jane Whelan	QBA	QBA Policies and Practices
13-04-2022	Sue Holburt	Peter Busch	Changes to SBC homepage
13-04-2022	Robyn Chippindall	QBA	2022 Calendar Dates
17-04-2022	Jane Whelan	Richard Fox	Improvers Lessons

Business arising from Correspondence

Display on Bridgemates during Play

An email had been received from a member alerting the Committee to a problem with noise during play, especially at the Sunday afternoon session and asking if the interim results could not be displayed as this seemed to have an impact on the noise level. After much discussion, it was decided that the interim results should always be turned off for Red & Gold Point events. As noise is not a major issue at all regular green point sessions, it was decided that Directors could turn off the display of interim results if they feel it is warranted.

- Kenneth Clem to write a notice for Directors regarding noise level and discussion of boards during play.
- Kenneth Clem to write a piece for the newsletter

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

Resignation

Sadly, Michele Thorne has advised the Committee that she has resigned from all positions that she currently holds including Director, Librarian, First Aid Officer and Committee member. The Committee wishes to thank Michele for her extensive contribution over many years.

Thank you to Sue Holburt and Lee Pitt for agreeing to take on First Aid Officer and Librarian respectively. Sue Holburt will also be the director for supervised play on Mondays.

Business arising from Correspondence

Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Profit and Loss shows a loss of \$231.20 for the month and YTD profit of \$6618.09. The reduced income was due to the storm damage that was paid for and the fact that the Club was closed for 3 days at the start of the month. Brisbane City Council offered us a payment from their disaster relief fund and Sue Holburt kindly offered to put in the paperwork. This has resulted in a payment of \$5,000 which was more than expected. It will be reflected in our financial statements for April.

Jenny Andrews moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by Robyn Chippindall and carried.

Teacher's Report

No formal report was available but Sue Hoburt advised that the 'No Trump' lesson which had to be cancelled because of the flood has been rescheduled for May 28th 2022.

Convenor's Report

GNOT Sunnybank Qualifying Heat was held on Saturday 2nd April 2022 with 3 teams eligible to represent the club in the Zone Finals in August. Thank you to Julie Jeffries for directing on the day and everyone who contributed to a successful event despite the challenges faced by the Convenors because of players withdrawing due to illness.

The Autumn Pairs Red Point event was held on Tuesday 12th and 19th April 2022.

Events to be held during May include Robinson Pairs on Wednesday 11 & 18 May, Australia Wide Novice Pairs on Thursday 26th May and SBC Championship Pairs on Saturday 28th May (2 Sessions)

The QBA Novice Pairs Congress will be held at the club on Sunday 1st May 2022. Currently 20 pairs have nominated for the Congress with room for 48 pairs. Further advertising may be necessary. The Convenors will set up the club room after the session on Friday 29th April and are wanting help to do this and also to assist during the Congress.

Robyn Chippindall moved that the Convenors Report be accepted, seconded by Jane Whelan and carried.

General Business

New Memberships

Robyn Chippindall advised that five membership applications had been received and moved that the new applicants be accepted as members of the Club. The motion was seconded by Col Seed and carried.

The Committee would like to welcome three new members – Claire Neale, Virginia Young, Nerida Stark and two returning members – Bernadette Dwyer and Jeff Dittman.

Club Birthday

The Club's 41st birthday will be celebrated on Sunday May 15th 2022 with a cake and drinks and snacks after the session.

- Doug Matthew to organise cake and drinks

QBA Bulletin

Jane Whelan asked whether access to the QBA Bulletin could be made easier and Sue Holburt suggested a link on the Club's web-site.

- Sue Holburt to organise link on web-site

Directors Drawer

- Kenneth Clem to decide how Directors' information should be filed so that the drawer is not used as storage.

Refund of Congress Fees

The Committee discussed whether or not competition entry fees should be refunded if players or teams withdraw from an event after the closing date. The Convenors pointed out that if refunds were given regardless of circumstances, then the event could easily run at a loss because substitute players do not pay the entry fee. The Committee decided that as it was impossible to foresee every circumstance and the practice should not become routine, it was best to include that "refunds cannot be guaranteed" in the Club Rules but allow the Convenors to refund at their discretion.

Morning/Afternoon Teas

The Committee decided that because there are no longer any COVID restrictions to prevent members sharing food, the Club could return to the pre-COVID practice of members bringing a plate for sessions with no lunch break.

- Sue Holburt to write notice for Directors and newsletter

Pathway for Beginners who cannot attend daytime sessions

The traditional pathway for beginners to continue their bridge journey after having attended lessons is to attend a Supervised Play session. Currently there is only one session on Monday morning but there is not a clear path for those unable to attend. It was emphasised by the President that members, at any level, are welcome to attend sessions on Monday and Thursday nights.

- Sue Holburt to ascertain interest in a night-time/week-end session from those who are currently attending the Saturday afternoon session
- Jane Whelan to write a segment for the newsletter re Using Partner Finder in Pianola

Walk-Ins

Monday & Thursday morning and Sunday afternoon sessions have traditionally been 'walk-in' sessions allowing those without a partner to play. The Committee decided that the idea of having a monthly roster should be pursued. Members could volunteer to be available for one session per month to play if there are an uneven number of walk-ins and they would be advised approximately 25 minutes before the start of the session if they are required.

- Alice Edwards to send email to members, write Director's notice and newsletter

The next meeting will be at 1:30pm on 18th May 2022.

The meeting concluded at 3:40pm.

President

Secretary.....