

Redland Bridge Club Inc
Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 13th December at 1:30pm

OPENING: At 1:30pm Molly welcomed those present.

PRESENT: Molly O'Donohue (Chair), Sebastian Raciti, Colin Gorton, Deborah Thomas, Nigel Cleminson, Jan Deaville, Glynis Hendricks, Ros Putland, Mick Souter & Ben Whitehouse

APOLOGIES: Jenny Boxer

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held 8th November 2022

Moved Glynis seconded Jan that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of proceedings. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Clubhouse painting:

External painting commenced the week starting 8th November and was completed very quickly. The cost was higher than quoted because the quote didn't include the back of the clubhouse. The internal painting will be visited at some stage in the future. Deborah

- 2. Electricity bill / new solar system:** all is progressing according to plan. We called in a structural engineer, from Peer Consultants, to assess the clubhouse roof's ability to stand up under the load of the new system. His report was positive, so we have the go ahead from him. Cost was \$1,200 + GST. The Council grant of \$7,500 has been received. A \$20,000 deposit has been paid towards the cost of the new system. Work is scheduled to begin on Wed 21st December. **Stop Press** - start has been changed to 19th Dec.

- 3. Time clock:** The logistics of changing our clock over has come down to securing a laptop and a TV - both with HDMI ports. Mick offered to bring the ex-club laptop in for Colin to assess for suitability. Molly followed up on software and reported there were many versions available cheaply online. Colin

- 4. Refresher lessons:** Molly suggested a Saturday morning session. Topics would be flexible to cope with member requirements. Etiquette and good practice would be covered as well as bidding and leading etc. Other accomplished members may be willing to help - Dan Maher, Di Elliott & Ron Khaled.

Start Date - 4th Feb at 11:00am. Notice to be put in the Trumpit. Molly

- 5. Pens for Club event prizes:** Pens inscribed with the Club's name and website, were given to all attendees at our recent Congress. The pens were keenly priced at \$0.60 each. They cost \$219 for 250 pens or \$279 for 500.

It's also possible to buy engraved metal barrel pens quite cheaply. They would make a great prize for Congress winners and for members' general use. If bulk numbers are bought, the price comes down to about \$1.20 each. It was decided to up the quality of the pens and use them as prizes for the club's important events. Deborah

- 6. Potholes in carpark / tall trees:** the carpark potholes have been attended to by Redland City Council. After no advice from Council re lopping/trimming specific trees Deborah followed up. Another request for service had to be lodged. Council said to expect a 35-day wait for attention. Sebastian said he has a contact who would cut the big tree to the north of the clubhouse down and remove the debris for \$700. Molly suggested we wait to see what shading effect the trees have before incurring more costs. Deborah

All other items from the previous minutes have been actioned.

CORRESPONDENCE: Deborah

The correspondence list from 9th November - 13th December was tabled. Moved Jan, seconded Sebastian, that incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil business arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Colin

For the month of October 2022, Colin presented the following:

1. **Executive Summary**
2. **Payable Invoice Summary**
3. **Balance Sheet**
4. **Profit & Loss Schedule**

Moved Colin seconded Sebastian that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Raising table fees was brought up again for discussion. Molly moved, seconded by Sebastian, that as of 1st Feb table fees would be increased from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Ros stated that we couldn't proceed with the motion because all such matters must be presented to the member body to be voted on at the AGM. Ben said Clause 18 of our Rules and Regulations deals with membership fees but doesn't expressly include table fees per se. He said Clause 12 says we can deal with table fees separately. Given the disagreement in this matter, the table fee increase will be held over to the AGM.

Ros spoke about having a 12-month moratorium on vouchers for competitions, helpers and free sessions. After much discussion, Ros moved that the Club has a 12-month moratorium on free sessions; seconded by Colin. Carried.

DEALER'S & MASTERPOINT SECRETARY'S REPORT: Carradine

Carradine reported on lodgment of the club's results and her appreciation for the work put in by the dealers.

Approved by committee members present.

EDUCATION REPORT:

Supervised play finishes up on Wed 14th December and resumes on Wed 11th January 2023.

Nigel suggested that a review of teaching resources would be timely with the next beginners' six (6) weeks course scheduled to begin on Wed 1st March 2023. Andrew Marsden's resources are amongst those to be considered.

Nigel reported that most people signed up for lessons as a result of the article we ran in the Redlands City Bulletin rather than from word of mouth or from the flyers. That being the case, it was decided that the focus should remain on such articles. Molly said she'd contact the Bulletin and see if we can have a few articles run over a period of weeks in the lead-in time before lessons start.

Molly

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

Max is now an accredited director.

The new roster was sent out to directors.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY:

Molly initiated the Fire Safety Drill we needed to document for regulatory reasons. Reports were sent to the Qld Fire and Emergency Services and the Council. Future docs can be lodged electronically.

The committee is not aware of any other workplace health and safety issues at present.

MAINTENANCE:

The spreaders in the urinals needing replacing - they are corroded and look shabby. Deborah offered to speak to a plumber contact.

The old fittings on the toilet partitions are grimy and need scrubbing. Deborah to follow up on.

The committee is not aware of any other maintenance issues at present.

NEW MEMBERS: Robina

The following new membership applications were received:

- Stanis Davey
- Marrienne Hitchen
- Jean Florence
- Paul Gill

Moved Glynis, seconded by Jan, that the applications be accepted. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

7. **Sessions on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve:** these Saturday sessions could be very light on for players. Molly put sheets up on the notice board for players to indicate which day/s they intend playing. The availability of director/s is also a matter that may affect whether the sessions are abandoned or not.
8. **2023 calendar:** the proposed calendar drafted by Ros and Carradine needs ratification. Moved Ros, seconded Molly, that the draft 2023 calendar be accepted. Carried.
9. **Events:** Molly, who has done an amazing job running our social events in the past, stated that we need a new co-ordinator. Molly said new ideas and a fresh approach are needed. Deborah said we should put notice in the Trumpit asking for contenders to come forward.

Moved Ros, seconded Colin, that a vote of thanks and commendation should go to Molly for her efforts in feeding participants at our recent Congress. Agreed to by all present.

CLOSE: 2:43pm

Confirmed: _____ Date: _____