

Redland Bridge Club Inc
Management Committee Meeting Minutes - Provisional
Tuesday 12th July at 1:30pm

OPENING: At 1:40pm Molly welcomed those present.

PRESENT: Molly O'Donohue (Chair), Colin Gorton, Deborah Thomas, Jenny Boxer, Nigel Cleminson, Ros Putland & Ben Whitehouse.

APOLOGIES: Jan Deaville, Glynis Hendricks, Sebastian Raciti & Michael Souter

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held 14th June 2022

Moved Colin seconded Jenny that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of proceedings. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Toilet Renovation / Clubhouse painting:

- i. work is sporadic and progressing slowly. The builder is not a good communicator so for the most part we aren't aware of what's going on. A giant mirror has been installed in the men's toilets - way too high for the cleaner to reach the top of. Molly to speak to Ben Poulson re the timeframe of our next congress and our expectation that work be fully completed by then.
- ii. Painting quotes are being sought. Comparative prices are essential to gauge cost effectiveness. Quotes will be sought for external surface preparation, repairs and painting as well as internal painting. On a scale of importance, internal painting is not essential at this stage whereas we are required to keep the outside of the building in good repair and painted within three (3) months of the end of lease. Sebastian

2. Name on Insurance Policy: as we've been unable to achieve a certificate of currency with updated ownership details, it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance until our insurance is next due and to make sure that the correct details are shown on the certificate of currency from then on. Deborah

3. Carpet cleaning: Cleaning is scheduled for Sunday 17th July. Help will be required to move furniture off the carpet and replace it prior to play on the Monday. Friday players will be asked to help move the bulk of the furniture after their session and the remainder will be moved following Saturday's session. Then early on Monday morning members will be asked to help replace the furniture prior to play. Molly

4. Cancer Council: the number of requests for donations has been a bit overwhelming. Molly suggested we choose the actual Cancer Council, not one of its subsidiaries, for our donation and that we have a morning tea, a request for donations and maybe a raffle to raise some money. Whatever is achieved can be topped up by the club. Molly to speak to Glynis on her return re catering and a date will be set after that. Molly

5. Electricity bill / new solar system: Colin & Sebastian were in contact with suppliers to obtain updated quotes and to see if any are offering an EOFYS deal. Three (3) quotes have been obtained. It was decided to hold this over 'til the next meeting when Sebastian is available. Colin/Sebastian

6. Redland City Council lease: we've received notice from Council that we have been granted a 10-year lease. The club is responsible for legal fees, survey etc. The lease will be drawn up by the Council's inhouse legal team at our expense. We are still awaiting Council's providing the lease document.

All other items from the previous minutes have been actioned.

CORRESPONDENCE: Deborah

The correspondence list from 14th June - 11th July was tabled. Moved Ros, seconded Nigel, that incoming and outgoing correspondence be accepted. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

7. State of toilets following congress: the club cleaner, Debbie Turner, complained about the condition the men's toilets were left in and resigned. She raised a few issues which we should investigate, in any case, whether we can entice her to stay or not:

- i. Recycling - members are not interested. It was decided to abort recycling and to get rid of the recycling skip bin. All refuse/rubbish will go into general waste bins from now on.

- ii. It's important that members empty the table bins after each session. It isn't the cleaner's job.
- iii. Mirror height - the new mirror is way too high for the cleaner to reach. Her concern is not being able to clean it above arm's length.
- iv. Hand towel dispensers in men's toilet isn't closing; the disabled toilet paper dispenser is scrunching the paper
- v. We definitely need to provide bags, paper or plastic, for the disposal of sanitary items
- vi. Potential for slipping on new tiles, if wet
- vii. Builder isn't cleaning as he progresses

A meeting has been scheduled after the Monday session (4:10pm) on 18th July for Deborah and Molly to speak to the cleaner. We highly value her services. She is by far the best cleaner we've had in recent times. We don't want to lose her.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Colin

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

1. **Executive Summary**
2. **Payable Invoices Summary**
3. **Budget Variance**
4. **Overall Budget Summary**

Colin stated he had set up member accounts in Xero to automate the subscription process at the end of the year.

He also mentioned there was provision for donations to charities to the extent of \$125/month.

The matter of potentially increasing table fees was brought up. Ros said she was loathe to see a decision to increase table fees made by the committee without consulting the member body and that the AGM was the proper platform for such discussion.

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

CONGRESS REPORT: Molly

Income from the day was \$2,010. Director, Chris Snook charged \$400. After prizes and expenditure, profit was \$759.45.

There was some malcontent that there was no catering. Molly thought the issue could be addressed by having the convenor put plates of food on the tables at the completion of each round so nobody would need to remain on standby all day.

Nigel offered to speak to a professional caterer to obtain a costing for supply of food only.

DEALER'S & MASTERPOINT SECRETARY'S REPORT: Carradine

Carradine provided a synopsis of her activities with Masterpoints and Dealing.

She reported that one of the dealing machines has a broken band and will need to be shipped to Sydney for repair.

Moved Colin, seconded Jenny that the reports submitted be accepted. Carried.

EDUCATION REPORT: Nigel

We currently have twelve (12) - thirteen (13) people attending supervised play sessions. They are being taught how to use the Bridgemates. Sessions will continue until the new course of lessons begins in September.

The question of presenting teaching matter to learners was brought up. Nigel said it's easier to teach if there are slides to talk to. DelSound did have a look at the ceiling anchor where our old projector was located and was going to provide some information on our potential options. Molly said she'd follow them up. Colin said he may have a projector controlled via a laptop he could lend to the club. He needs seven (7) days to confirm its availability.

The flyer for circulation prior to the next scheduled lessons has been designed. Old, outdated flyers were found in the office cupboard - they have a superseded email address and a UBD reference. They could be amended with correct details on sticky labels should we decide to use them.

Nigel brought up the matter of having the flyers printed. Officeworks was suggested. The number to be printed is yet to be finalised. We have a list of 19 local retirement villages to target. Our members, living in retirement villages, will be asked to take flyers with them for people who may be interested in learning how to play Bridge.

Carradine has been asked to filter the club membership list for members residing in said villages. A record of how many flyers are handed out and to whom must be kept so there's no duplication. Other sites for the flyers are clubs (bowls, golf, RSL, etc) and shopping centre notice boards.

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

Ros has advised that from now on there will be a note at the bottom of each special event's entry sheet stating that after a specific even number of entries is received all subsequent entries will be classified as 'reserves'. People from the reserves list will be called on to fill positions left by entrants who can't attend for any reason. This will hopefully encourage members to enter early.

The Winter Teams event will be run over consecutive Fridays, 22nd & 29th July. Ten (10) teams have entered and there are reserves as well.

The next event after that will be the Eddie Santagiuliana event which is held on a Saturday and is generally a Swiss movement.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY:

Derek has resigned from his positions and will need to be replaced. This is to be included in ongoing announcements until we find said replacement.

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

MAINTENANCE:

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

NEW MEMBERS: Robina

Membership applications have been received from:

- Kath Seefeld (rejoining) &
- Elaine Dale (rejoining)

Moved Colin and seconded by Ben that their applications be accepted. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

8. **Vaccination policy:** the QBA dropped its requirement for double vaccination in April. Moved Colin, seconded by Ros, that we adopt the QBA vaccination policy with the provision that non-vaccinated people are mandated to wear masks and that people with any form of upper respiratory tract infections stay away until clear of symptoms. Carried.
9. **Free play for 90-year-olds:** not supported
10. **Complaints by members re Alex Wu:** written complaints were received from two (2) members who played in the congress on 10th July. The complaints related to Alex's behaviour, his lack of manners and consideration for others. Ben spoke quite agitatedly about Alex sneezing in Neal Healy's face; squirting another member in the face with hand sanitiser and laughing about it. Colin mentioned that Alex persists in running through the clubhouse despite having been told not to. Molly wanted to talk to QBA to establish our authority in banning him from the club. It would be optimal for club members to ban him. He is too young to mix in the club's demographic with his current level of care for others and lack of interpersonal skills. His attention span is infantile. This resulted in his punching holes in the top of a table at the April congress. Ben spoke about a stern letter to his parents asking for their undertaking in guaranteeing his improved behaviour and interpersonal skills as an alternative to his being banned. Awaiting the outcome of Molly's QBA consult. This matter is not to be overlooked or swept under the carpet.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 1:30pm.

CLOSE: 2:45pm

Confirmed: _____ Date: _____