

**REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC**  
**Management Committee Meeting Minutes - PROVISIONAL**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Welcome:** At 1.30 Nigel declared a quorum to be present and the meeting was duly constituted. Nigel thanked all for their attendance.

**Present:** Nigel Cleminson, Ros Putland, Anne Ormerod, Cathy Mathieson, Sandra Berns, Robina Cooper, Di Elliott, Max Latimer, James Williamson, Molly O'Donohue

**Apologies:** Paul Elkington

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

The minutes were tabled and accepted as a correct record of proceedings. Moved: Nigel Cleminson, seconded Sandra Berns. Carried

**Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- a) Follow up regarding access to the financial reports. Colin Gorton stated in a letter to the committee that detailed transactional information relating to the issues raised at the last AGM were sent to those members who requested that information. To date, no further questions have been received, he now therefore, considers the matter closed.
- b) Correspondence received from Redlands City Council informed me that our carpark is a public carpark and cannot be blocked. CATHY

**2. CORRESPONDENCE: Cathy**

The correspondence list from 29<sup>th</sup> April to June 13<sup>th</sup> was tabled and accepted. Moved Cathy Mathieson, seconded Nigel Cleminson. Carried

**Business arising from correspondence:**

- a) We are getting a donation of several puzzles.
- b) Membership booklets have been printed and expect delivery on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.
- c) An invitation to a Community Disaster Recovery Convention being held on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> June 8.30am – 12.30 at the Redlands Performing Arts Centre has been received. As the Redlands Bridge Club is a designated meeting area in the event of a major disaster, Anne Ormerod has volunteered to attend. ANNE
- d) In reference to a letter from Sherrille Russel regarding smoking at the entrance of the club: "No Smoking" signs will be erected on the outside wall adjacent to the path leading to the entry of the club. MAX
- e) Letter from Daniel Chua regarding behaviour at the bridge table involving Jane Whelan. Jane Whelan has written a letter of apology. The committee feels that the substance of this complaint is not a minor matter. Nigel will present the letter to

Daniel to see if he, Daniel, feels vindicated by this action. Daniel will be given the option of taking the matter further. NIGEL

- f) Letter from Neil Niemand regarding behaviour at the bridge table involving Brian Gamble. A letter will be written by Nigel and Ros to both Brian and Neil. This letter will, in part, state that the moment things deviate from acceptable behaviour the director must be called immediately. Continued poor behaviour will result in a possible suspension. NIGEL/ROS
- g) Due to increasing misunderstandings at the table, the directors will announce at every session that each partnership must have at least one Systems card. System cards can be purchased and filled out before play begins. This will also be published in July Trumpet. All players need to understand their system, so that they “alert’ correctly. Players must refrain from telling their opponent what their (the opponents) system is. The director must be called in the event of any disagreements. A Code of Behaviour reminder will be printed and placed at each table.
- h) Letter from Chris Mayfield regarding the minutes of 14/5/23. Nigel has spoken to Chris. Nigel has written a response to go in the minutes as follows: At the time the minutes were written, the claim relating to the absentee ballot process had not been substantiated. The claim was subsequently confirmed, with the result that those ballots were withdrawn and a new set offered to members using additional safeguards. Mrs Mayfield accepts that the dissemination of her letter did not comply with accepted process. This note accepts that there is no slur relating to Mrs Mayfield’s veracity.

### **3. TREASURER’S REPORT: Anne**

The Treasurer’s report was tabled. Moved Anne, seconded Robina that the report be accepted. Carried

- a) Issues arising from the reconciliation of the milk account.

### **4. DIRECTORS REPORT: Ros**

### **5. DEALERS & MASTERPOINT SECRETARY’S REPORT: Carradine**

The Dealers and Masterpoint secretary’s report was tabled. Moved Ros, seconded Di that the report be accepted. Carried

### **Masterpoint Secretary Report June 2023**

The most recent red point event awards were approved by the State Masterpoint Secretary in record time and were uploaded to the ABF website as soon as the approval was received. These were for a Red Point Thursday and Monday, the Marie Currell and the President’s Pairs. The points list for these was posted on the noticeboard for members to peruse. Next in line for approval will be the Winter Eclectic red point events and the GNOT, which will be sent to State Masterpoint Secretary as soon as it is completed.

### Dealers' Report June 2023

The dealers are battling on with the recently repaired dealing machine (which seems to have decided to throw a hissy fit every now and again), so that there are sufficient dealt boxes of boards, ready for club play. A particular thanks must go to Irene Mullan (who deals most of the competition boards), for keeping us up to date with these, as we have had some slight overlap in requirements for specialist events such as the GNOT and the Doris Kerr this month.

#### **6. EDUCATION REPORT: Nigel**

- a) There was only one table at supervised play last week. A number of the newer members have moved on to competitions.

#### **7. WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- a) We currently do not have a Health and Safety Officer. Derrick Richards will be approached to see if he will again take on this role. NIGEL

#### **8. MAINTAINENCE Max**

- a) Quarterly service of air conditioning system and cleaning of ceiling vents
- b) External light bulbs replaced.
- c) Annual pest inspection and rodent baiting done by Axis Pest Services including sealing off two potential rodent entry points into clubhouse ceiling as previously in 2021.
- d) Replaced three, bathroom sensor taps (one which was still faulty - to be replaced June 2023) meaning all six bathroom sensor taps have now been replaced at least once.
- e) Sewerage system plumbing and electrical check added to maintenance schedule.
- f) No Smoking sign(s) to be installed on front entry pathway.
- g) Max will tell the cleaners not to use chemicals on the taps. MAX

#### **9. NEW MEMBERS:**

Moved Robina, seconded Nigel that the following applicants be approved for membership. Carried. ROBINA

- Valerie Roland
- Louise Nowland

Sadly, we lost a club member – Genevieve Balzary. A member of the committee will attend the funeral. The date has not yet been confirmed. The family has requested a donation to the St Vincent's de Paul Society in lieu of flowers. As there may not be an official receipt, the committee has hereby agreed to a \$100.00 donation. ROBINA

#### **10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a) The Capitation fee will be increasing in 2024. As mentioned in the last meeting, the fees will not change for members until the amount needs to be rounded up.
- b) The date of the Christmas party has been set for the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. The catering has been arranged for both the Christmas Party and Melbourne Cup. The cost for the catering has not changed. Due to increased expenditure this year and a decrease in membership, it was decided that the fee charged to the members, for these two events, will be decided later in the year. DI
- c) A Trivia night will be run by Janelle and James Williamson on the first Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. A charge of \$10 a head will be charged. Pizza and a dessert will be

provided. The committee may request desserts be made by the members.

JAMES

- d) The Debit Card is going to be reinstated under the name of Sandra Berns. This card must be used for at least 5 transactions a month to take advantage of the increased interest that the account will generate. Other members of the committee can ask Sandra for the card when purchasing items for the club under \$100 in value. ANNE
- e) The Do Not Resuscitate list need to be updated. Derrick Richards needs to be added as he has a pacemaker. NIGEL
- f) Approval has been given for a \$5 table fee to be charged to players undertaking supervised play with a grace period of approximately 6-8 weeks after completing lessons. The director will do one subtotal printout after play in the morning, Nigel will do a second, subtotal printout after supervised play. The printouts will be placed in the wooden box. The final total will be completed after play, Wednesday night. These three slips will be attached to the reconciliation slip. The machine will then be settled for the day.
- g) It was suggested that we charge an extra dollar for red Point Days but decided not to go ahead with that suggestion.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday July 11th at 1.30pm.

**Close:** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 3.45pm

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_