

REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC
Management Committee Meeting Minutes (Provisional)
Tuesday 12th March 2024

- Welcome:** At 1.45pm Nigel Cleminson declared a quorum to be present and the meeting was duly constituted. Nigel thanked all for their attendance. He declared that the Redlands Bridge club is solvent. He has determined that there are no conflicts of interest in any item on today's agenda.
- Present:** Nigel Cleminson, Anne Ormerod, Ros Putland, Sandra Berns, Di Elliott, Max Latimer, Robina Cooper, Molly O'Donohue.
- Apologies** Cathy Mathieson

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 13 February 2024

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

Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- a) Continued requirement for members to be instructed in the use of the fire extinguisher and safety blanket. TOM
- b) Dates for 2025 congresses to be sent to Kim Ellaway. NIGEL
- c) The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 16th March. Nominations have been received that will require elections for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Committee Members. NOTE
- d) The Ad hoc committee results finalized. NOTE

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

The correspondence list from the 13th February to 11th March was tabled. It was moved Nigel Cleminson, seconded Di Elliott that the list be accepted. Carried.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- a) Letters of complaint from Jane Whelan, Di Elliott, Michael Souter transferred to General Business. NOTE
- b) The grant for the Dealer machine has been acquitted and finalized. NOTE
- c) Kim Ellaway sent us a note that there is an amendment to a Bridge law. NOTE

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Anne

The Treasurer's report was tabled. Moved Anne Ormerod, seconded Sandra Berns, that the report be accepted. Carried

- a) It is noted that some bills over the petty cash limit and have no direct debit feature, are currently being paid by a member of the executive committee via their credit or debit card. The club then reimburses these funds.

4. DIRECTORS REPORT: Ros

- a) Chris Mayfield has announced that she is withdrawing from directing duties.

5. DEALERS & MASTERPOINT SECRETARY'S REPORT: Carradine

- a) The new dealer machine is now fully integrated and functioning well.

6. EDUCATION REPORT: Nigel

- a) There are 5 names for the next set of lessons which are due to start on 3rd April. It is possible that some others will arrive, and previous beginners may also attend.

7. WORKPLACE HEATH AND SAFTEY: Tom

- a) There is a requirement that members are instructed in the use of the fire extinguisher and safety blanket. Directors will undertake this duty.

NIGEL

8. MAINTAINENCE: Max

- a) No Issues

9. NEW MEMBERS: Robina

Moved Robina Cooper, seconded Di Elliott, that the following applicant be approved for membership. Carried.

- Robert Bland

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) Regarding the letter of complaint from Michael Souter, the issue is to be taken up by the new committee, with an ad-hoc sub-committee to be set up to investigate this.

NOTE

- b) Regarding the handwritten note distributed by James Williamson and referred to in the email from Jane Whelan, a request will be sent to James asking for an explanation of how it was copied and distributed.

CATHY

- c) Regarding the letter of complaint from Di Elliott, a formal reprimand will be sent to Michael Souter expressing extremely strong disapproval of his actions.

CATHY

- d) Regarding the motion by Max Latimer stating that Michael Souter is unfit to be either a Director or Committee member, He will be strongly urged to withdraw his nomination to become Vice-President.

NIGEL

- e) Regarding the letter from solicitor Jude Ellyett regarding the demand from Bill Morgan, a reply will be sent that states the issues are largely historical and have been resolved in the past. A letter will be sent to all parties, instructing them to maintain congenial behaviour at the club.

CATHY

- f) A motion will be introduced at the next Annual General Meeting to be held on the 16th March, to make a variation to section 9.4 of the Constitution. The position of immediate past president shall be seen as advisory to the incoming President, and that honorary membership of the committee be reserved for the Head of Directors.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 9th, 2024, at 1.30pm.

Close: There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4.30 pm

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

Minutes of meeting with Nigel Cleminson 15th March 2024.

Present: Nigel Cleminson, Cathy Mathieson, Anne Ormerod, Robina Cooper, and Di Elliott.

Subsequent to the meeting held on the 12th of March 2024, several members of the committee raised concerns regarding the outcome of the meeting. A letter was drafted to Nigel raising those concerns. (see below).

Nigel agreed with this assessment and a letter was drafted to Bill's legal team to ask for more time in dealing with these serious allegations.

Cathy Mathieson (Secretary).

Dear Nigel,

Regarding the committee meeting

We, the committee, are writing to address some concerns that have arisen since the meeting held on the 12th of March, particularly regarding the drafting of important letters and the overall duration of the meeting.

Concerns have been raised regarding the content of the letters drafted during the meeting. It is important to us that all members feel their true feelings are accurately reflected in our communications and that the outcomes are correct. In retrospect, we feel the drafted letters do not correctly convey how we feel about these important matters. We were not informed of details relevant to your correspondence with QBA as noted in the correspondence list, which demonstrates a lack of trust in the committee. Not all committee members were present, and one was required to leave early. We are also two members down. Due to the extended length of the meeting, everyone was tired and felt rushed when drafting the letters. The meeting has been described as "stressful".

We have collectively decided that the letters cannot be sent in their current form. Further discussion is required. In view of the time restraints, the new committee will have to deal with them. The letter to the solicitor must reflect the current situation and the pressures we were under. A request should be made for more time.

Regards

Ros Putland, Anne Ormerod, Cathy Mathieson, Sandra Berns, Robina Cooper, Max Latimer, Di Elliott.