

## NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

### MINUTES for the COMMITTEE MEETING via Zoom

At 4:45pm 17 February, 2022

1. **Attendees and apologies.** David Fryda (Chair), John McIlrath, Les Grewcock, Maryann Russett, Elana Kohn and Winston Horne. Mark Guthrie was an apology. Gary Barwick and Liam Milne also attended the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 16 December, 2021 meeting.** The Committee meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Q&A or Discussion of Managers' Reports.** Gary's report on RealBridge covered the following topics: an analysis of the table numbers for the first 6 weeks of 2022; membership numbers; an update on organising a partnership desk; NSBC online; commencing a casual room; status of Beginners Lessons and the practice room; Supervised sessions with board replay; Stratified Pairs in March; directors on RealBridge while others are away at the Gold Coast Congress; how the "MyABF experience" is progressing; entering tournaments on RealBridge; NSBC Summer Pairs championship; NSBC Summer Teams Championship; Australia Day Weekend Swiss Pairs Congress; Sunday afternoon sessions; a separate report on Face-to-Face Bridge across Australia comparisons; Masterpoint session registrar and the North Shore Online Website. The Committee thanked Gary for his professional and comprehensive report.  
  
Liam's report covered an update on "The Willis"; new F2F session times; the Newsletter and ideas on the handover to the new General Manager. There was a great deal of discussion about The Willis and the ongoing issues. It was agreed that replacement chairs are not needed at this time. The Committee approved Liam sharing the minutes of the past Committee meetings with the new General Manager as part of the handover process. The Committee thanked Liam for all of his efforts.
4. **President's Report.** David updated the Committee on Property issues and the Newsletter.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** Les indicated the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement distributed to the Committee should be the final numbers for the year subject to any audit changes. The net loss for the year was \$160,671. This is in line with expectations. Les indicated that his report for the AGM will explain the reasons for the loss.
6. **Subcommittee reports:**
  - a. **Business Development** – John reviewed an opportunity for the club. The Committee unanimously supported John and David continuing to pursue this opportunity.
  - b. **Tournament Committee** – nothing to report
  - c. **Teaching sub-committee** – Elana updated the Committee on the current beginners' class and that 90 beginners from the last class have become new members of the club and are moving to supervised play. The Committee supported the tremendous efforts of the teaching staff.

- d. **Marketing** – There was no report and Maryann was asked to get an update from Mark on the progress of a new logo for the club.
7. **Constitution changes – information for members at AGM.** The Committee agreed to the proposed information to be distributed to members for the AGM on this topic. Les provided some wording changes which will be made. A question was raised on whether to send out this information soon rather than be dictated by the 21-day legislation requirement. Maryann is to look at this.
8. **Online bridge as a separate entity.** Papers prepared by John and Gary were noted. It was agreed that David is to include this issue in his handover notes to the new President when he/she is elected at the April 2022 AGM. As well, perhaps merging the East Lindfield and NSBC ABF numbers should be considered as long as certain benefits re: special events is preserved.
9. **Complaints Handling policy and procedures including the Code of Conduct.** The Committee accepted this policy and code. In our Code of Conduct we should insert a website reference to the “rules” of our club, the NSW Bridge Association and the ABF.
10. **AGM Timeline and project plan.** The Committee agreed to hold the AGM at 10:30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022 at EL and via Zoom. A light lunch will be provided after the meeting. The draft Agenda is to be updated to allow for an “address by the outgoing President” and an “address by the incoming President”. Also, agenda item 4 should be updated to refer to the “NSBC Secretary” Maryann Russett in items a, b and c. Gary is to talk to Leo about updating the club’s website for a section on the AGM where information can be stored.
11. **Review of previous meetings action items.** This list was not reviewed at the meeting due to time constraints. Committee members and the managers are to send updates to this list to Maryann by 10 March.
12. **General Business.** No items to report to members.

The meeting finished at 6:30pm.

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David Fryda