



**STEPBRIDGE AUSTRALIA BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED
INC1601614**

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

of

STEPBRIDGE AUSTRALIA BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED NSW NO.1601614

HELD VIA SKYPE ON 21 JUNE 2020 AT 10.30 A.M. AEST

- 1. Present**
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| Sarah Anwar | Richard Lawrie |
| Antonina Hayles | Brenda McClean |
| Mardi Hogarth | Rita Pringle |
| Chris Larter | Eric Taylor |
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes 22 April 2020 Committee Meeting**

Moved: Rita Seconded: Mardi Motion Carried.

- 3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**
Any business arising will be addressed during the meeting.

4. President's Report

Sarah spoke to her report which was sent out prior to the meeting, mentioning the labour involved with the new players, the appreciation received from the new players, the number of players processed each month, and thanking everyone for their commitment and hard work shown. Everything is starting to settle with good attendance at each session.

The new under 50 sessions, which was established since the last meeting, has been running well with an average of 12.5 tables per session. These players are incredibly grateful for having their own session.

The TDs are finding that the under 50 masterpoints, novice and restricted sessions are easier to run than the open session overall.

Sarah mentioned StepBridge International, a new company proposal from StepBridge NL. Further information will be provided in the Treasurer report.

5. Treasurer Report

Richard explained that moving forward we may need to consider commercial type arrangements with staff paid on a commercial basis under award rates. We will need to put to StepBridge NL some of these financial considerations, as well as payments and reimbursements for our staff.

Richard said that we need authority from Committee to negotiate favourable terms and asked if there were any questions before moving ahead with the motion.

There was a discussion on the current agreement and how we need to think, going ahead, with what it be like paying reasonable rates of payment.

Sarah also spoke about the tiers of Incorporation and relation to GST. There was a discussion about the reasons for changing our financial year to July-June and problems related to GST.

StepBridge NL is promising all the bells and whistles with the upgraded platform, however there will be a need for features such as masterpointing for Australia.

Motion

That the general Committee authorise the executive to negotiate favourable terms of operation and reimbursement with Epko to ensure StepbridgeAU remains a viable organisation.

Moved: Richard **Seconded:** Sarah **Motion Carried.**

Motion

That StepBridge change the financial reporting year from January/December to July/June and to seek amendments to StepBridge Constitution to facilitate this process.

Moved: Richard **Seconded:** Rita **Motion Carried.**

Preparation will now start to happen to call a Special General Meeting for the change of financial year.

6. Masterpoint Secretary's Report

Antonina report that since April, we have had 67 new home club members for StepBridge Australia

We are also averaging 7-10 new applications every day. Since March, approximately 2500 new player applications have been processed.

Sarah also talked about the use of Red Point sessions early from our 2021 allocation due to the influx of players.

7. Secretary's Report

Emails are reducing each day.

Special thanks to Mardi for her help with background work.

8. New Business

WA 9.15pm session have had limited success. Most likely this session will finish up when the WA clubs start to reopen.

Once clubs around Australia start to return, we will need to work out if new schedule is required to cater appropriately for number of players.

Peter Van Casteren passed away. Peter was a long-time supporter of StepBridge Australia and an extremely helpful sub. We will mention this in our next newsletter. It was also considered that we either email Karin and/or send flowers.

Meeting closed 11am

Chris Larter
Minute Secretary

Note: these minutes have not been ratified.