



**STEPBRIDGE AUSTRALIA BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

of

STEPBRIDGE AUSTRALIA BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED NSW NO.1601614

HELD VIA SKYPE ON 5 OCTOBER 2020 AT

6.00 P.M. (NSW & TAS), 5.30 P.M. (SA), 5.00 P.M. (QLD), 9.00 A.M. (Netherlands)

1. Present Sarah Anwar Antonina Hayles
Mark Hetherington Chris Larter
Brenda McClean Rita Pringle
Steve Pringle Eric Taylor
Epko Steinmetz

Apologies Mardi Hogarth

2. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting on 7 September

Moved: Chris **Seconded:** Antonina **All accepted.**

3. President's Report

A copy of the President's report was sent out prior to the meeting via email.

Sarah touched base on the main points of her report.

Moved: Sarah **Seconded:** Rita **All accepted.**

4. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Treasurer's report was sent out prior to the meeting via email.

A discussion was had regarding GST. The following proposal was agreed.

- GST will be implemented, back tracking to 1 July 2020
- StepBridge will absorb the GST cost at the moment and announce this to the membership.
- At the December Committee meeting, we will review if we continue to absorb the GST or increase table fees from 1 January 2021.

Moved: Steve **Seconded:** Eric **All accepted.**

Steve then shared the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheets as of 30 September.

Following this, it was proposed to pay the StepBridge International license fee for the last quarter (July, August & September).

Moved: Eric **Seconded:** Mark **All accepted.**

The Treasurer report was moved and seconded.

Moved: Steve **Seconded:** Sarah **All accepted.**

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary gave a verbal report at the meeting.

Our ABN contact details have been updated. However the ABN category is currently listed as an "Other Unincorporated Entity", even after contacting the ATO. This will be followed up for rectifying.

Other than that, it is business as usual.

Moved: Chris **Seconded:** Steve **All accepted.**

6. Masterpoint Secretary's Report

Nil to report. Business as usual.

7. Chief Technical Officer's Report

A copy of the Chief Technical Officer's report was sent out prior to the meeting via email.

Mark touch based on his report.

Mark explained that in the future, we will have 3 areas for StepBridge.

- Playing platform
- Website for information only
- Portal for administration and payments

Moved: Mark **Seconded:** Chris **All accepted.**

8. Virtual Clubs

3 Clubs are currently playing regularly on the Virtual Club system.

Numbers are not great as people rather play in the StepBridge tournaments than with their local club online.

Sarah and Chris to work out how to market to Clubs who are not with StepBridge.

Mark advised that Peter Cox at ABF Marketing is also happy to advertise our Virtual Club Rooms.

9. Difficult People

The Committee discussed about the events that led up to a temporary deactivation of a players account.

Most of the Committee agreed that after one calendar month, the account would be activated based on the following

1. A formal written apology was given to the TD
2. That this or similar behaviour does not happen in the future.

Epko then explained about the problems they have of banning multiple players a day in StepBridge NL and tools for reporting.

Mark asked Epko to provide details of StepBridge NL from Dutch manual in regard to this matter.

Chris to draft a letter for Sarah to send to the player.

10. GST

Already discussed as part of the Treasurer's report.

11. New Business

1. Mark suggested we could provide awards to players (best performance, most number of sessions played each month, improvement pair etc). These players could get some participation points and recognise in the newsletter. There was concerns that this could lead to unethical behaviour. Executive Committee to discuss awards to players and bring back to next meeting.

Moved: Mark **Seconded:** Sarah All accepted

2. The subject of unethical behaviour, such as cheating, was discussed. There are ways that we can try and determine if this is happening such as same IP address, looking back at logs etc.
Epko spoke on ways they determine this at StepBridge NL.

Meeting closed 6.50pm (AEDT)

Chris Larter
Minute Secretary

Note: these minutes have not been ratified.