



**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 9 NOVEMBER 2020 AT  
6.00 P.M. (NSW & TAS), 5.30 P.M. (SA), 5.00 P.M. (QLD), 8.00 A.M. (Netherlands)**

**1. Present**

Sarah Anwar	Antonina Hayles
Mark Hetherington	Chris Larter
Brenda McClean	Rita Pringle
Steve Pringle	Eric Taylor
Epko Steinmetz	Mardi Hogarth

**2. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting on 5 October**

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

**3. President's Report**

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

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

**4. Treasurer's Report**

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

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

**5. Secretary's Report**

Nil to report.

**6. Masterpoint Secretary's Report**

Nil to report.

## **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 mentioned that there would be software updates over the next few months. Mardi asked if there would be any updates for MACs, which Mark said no as these are backend updates.

Sarah asked Mardi if there were any MAC problems, to which Mardi said she was not aware of any.

This led to a discussion about Tablet users being unable to private message each other. Mark to look into this issue with some testing.

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

## **8. Monthly Prizes Proposal**

Mark present his monthly prizes proposal and asked for feedback.

Eric said that he like prizes for most sessions played in the month and most improved players / pair. However, not for best players of the month as they receive masterpoints for their efforts.

Sarah agreed with the suggestion of only rewarding most supportive players.

Epko suggested other ways to reward high performing players such as a club championship option with the possibility of it being restricted event to best performed players over the year.

It was moved that the monthly prizes proposal would be implemented, with the amendments suggested by Eric to only award players who play the most sessions in the month and the most improved player / pair for the month. The award to be 100 PPs per player.

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

## **9. Virtual Club Marketing**

The Virtual Club marketing is on hold for the moment due to pressing matters with technology improvements.

## **10. New Business**

### **a) Perceived Cheaters**

Brenda brought up about the continued problems with perceived cheaters.

Sarah asked Epko to explain how Netherlands deal with perceived cheaters. This currently involves the following

- Volunteers, going back through sessions manually, and checking results / boards over several sessions.

- Netherlands, however, are changing their terms and just blocking / suspending people for a period.
- The matter is to be discussed with the Executive Committee and most likely form an independent panel of 3-4 people to look at perceived cheaters, which is currently 3 cases at present.
- Epko offered to help with going through the first case.

Meeting closed 6.45pm (AEDT)

Chris Larter  
Minute Secretary

Note: these minutes have not been ratified.