



**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 7 DECEMBER 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**
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| Sarah Anwar       | Chris Larter  |
| Mark Hetherington | Rita Pringle  |
| Brenda McClean    | Eric Taylor   |
| Steve Pringle     | Mardi Hogarth |
| Epko Steinmetz    |               |

Apologies Antonina Hayles

**2. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting on 9 November**

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

**4. Motion's**

**a. 2021 Game Fees**

**- \$33.00 (500 PPs), \$137.50 (2500 PPs) & \$247.50 (5000 PPs)**

The above game fees for 2021 were discussed and agreed upon.

Steve proposed that a game fee amount between 500 PPs and 2500 PPs be introduced (i.e 1000 – 1250 PPs amount).

The Committee agreed with the additional PP game fee and authorised the Executive to investigate this and implement the PP amount and price.

**Moved: Sarah Second: Brenda All accepted.**

**b. 2021 Membership Fees**  
**- \$30.00 (Home Club) & \$10.00 (Associate)**

The above 2021 Membership Fees were discussed and agreed upon.

The Home Club Membership Fee now covers ABF & SABF Levies as well as the Club Fee.

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

**c. Committee Meetings**  
**- Quarterly meetings in March, June, September & December**

All agreed with making the Committee meeting quarterly in March, June, September & December.

Any urgent matters will be emailed and either voted for via email or at an additional Committee meeting on a need-by-need basis.

Reports will be still sent by President, Treasurer, Chief Technical Officer, Secretary and Masterpoint Secretary each month.

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

**5. Chief Technical Officer's Report**

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

In addition to the Chief Technical Officer's report, it was advised that the agreement has been signed by both SBI and SBAU. A copy of the signed agreement is to be sent to Epko.

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

**6. Treasurer's Report**

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

Epko asked why a drop in income for November. It was explained that Australia was basically COVID Free and that many people had returned to playing face-2-face bridge at their local clubs.

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

**7. Secretary's Report**

Nil to report.

## **8. Masterpoint Secretary's Report**

Nil to report.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Cheating**

There have been continued problem with this subject. Examples include partnerships sitting next to each other shoulder to shoulder and also partnerships talking together over the phone.

A couple of players have had a 5-day ban.

It was agreed that a statement of Zero tolerance be written and what we have done for a couple of pairs (not name names). Sarah to include this in the next newsletter.

Sarah to also formulate a specific TD announcement about Zero tolerance for cheating.

### **b. Pair Removed when there is already a sit-out**

Brenda asked if there is a way to move the sit-out pair, when a pair has been removed from a full table.

Epko advised that this is not possible. There is no solution for the time being.

### **c. Session Numbers**

Sarah advised that session numbers are dropping due to players returning to face-2-face bridge. Some sessions have now been doubled up so one TD can cover both sessions (i.e., Mornings, Weekend Afternoons, Weekday Evenings). If some sessions start to run below the minimum average to cover costs, they may need to be cut. The possible first session to go would be the 4pm Weekday session.

Eric asked if there would be a possibility for a section for players with under Grand Master status. Executive to discuss and report back at the next meeting.

### **d. Next Meeting**

Monday, 8 March 2021.

Monthly reports to be sent out in January and February.

Meeting closed 6.40pm (AEDT)

Chris Larter  
Minute Secretary

Note: these minutes have not been ratified.