



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 ZOOM ON 11 JULY 2022 AT

4.30 P.M. (AEST), 4.00 P.M. (SA), 9.30 A.M. (Turkey), 8.30 A.M. (Netherlands)

1. Present	Sarah Anwar Mark Hetherington Pauline Caust	Chris Larter Suzi Ledger Eric Taylor
Apology	Antonina Hayles	Epko Steinmetz
Absent	Brenda McClean	Rita Pringle

- 2. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting on 9 May.**
Moved: Chris Larter **Seconded:** Eric Taylor **All accepted.**

3. President's Report

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

The President spoke to the report at the meeting.

Playing numbers have been consistent.

Taree Bridge Club were very happy with their congress in May. Our own club congress will be held this Saturday.

The SGM will be held today to present and vote on the New Proposed Constitution.

The President noted that the President, Treasurer and Chief Technical Officer being overseas has not had an impact on the running of the club.

The Club Championships scheduled for August. The Chief Technical Officer offered to assist with obtaining the averages for the different championships. The Secretary and Chief Technical Officer to liaise separately to arrange a process.

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.

The Treasurer spoke to the report and financials at the meeting.

Moved: Suzi **Seconded:** Mark **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.

The Chief Technical Officer spoke to the report at the meeting.

The Chief Technical Officer noted that extra work was done in May, to automate reports required while being overseas.

The focus now is work on the Swiss Teams capability for the club and the ability to apply a Master Factor using the Median method for Club Sessions.

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

6. New Business

a. Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence

The Secretary advised that all incoming correspondences were being discussed in the below New Business items.

b. Autumn Nationals (ANOT) Sponsorship

The President provided the meeting an overview of the email received, and discussion had with Barbara Travis (SABF President & ANOT Convenor) regarding sponsorship for the ANOT Under Grand and Under Life Pairs & Teams

The sponsorship would include advertising in the congress bulletins, logos on scorebooks, display our StepBridge banners, and ongoing advertisements / articles in the SABF Bulletin. StepBridge would also be allowed an opportunity to conduct a demonstration of the platform during the ANOT.

The committee were in favour of the proposal, especially as it was supporting the lower categories which are the future of our game, for a period of five years. The committee would like to see naming rights, as it would be for five years.

It was proposed that StepBridge sponsors the Under Grand and Under Life Pairs & Teams, for a period of five years, with event naming rights.

Moved: Sarah **Seconded:** Eric **All agreed**

Sarah to communicate the Committee decision with Barbara Travis.

c. Annual General Meeting Preparations

The Secretary plans to send out information regarding the AGM to the membership in mid-August. It is asked that items for the AGM are submitted to the Secretary in early August.

d. Next Meeting

Monday, 10 October 2022, 6.00pm AEDT

An additional meeting may be scheduled, for AGM Preparations, between now and the 30 September.

e. Fair Trading & Special General Meeting

Pauline provided the meeting with an explanation of the email forwarded to the Committee from Fair Trading regarding proposed new rules for incorporated associations from 1 September.

Following Pauline contacting Fair Trading, the advice was to continue with our SGM to present and vote on the Proposed New Constitution, and then review later if any further amendments were needed based on the proposed Regulation.

Pauline will complete, on behalf of the Committee, the survey included in the email from Fair Trading.

Pauline then provided a final overview of the Proposed New Constitution and highlighted what might be areas that members may ask questions.

The President thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 5.07pm (AEST)

Chris Larter
Secretary

Confirmed: 

Date: 10 October 2022