

MINUTES OF WESTERN CAPE BRIDGE UNION
61ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
20 FEBRUARY 2021, 10AM

1. PRESENT

1.1. Attended by Tim Cope TC, Kitty Cruise KC (Keurboom), Andre Truter AT, Andrew Cruise AC (Impala), Shirley Phillips SP (CTWBC), Mark Kenyon MK (JMBridge), Di Cope (Impala), Ian Holdsworth (Hermanus), Humphrey Peare (Alliance), Harold Bernstein (Grand Slam), Shirley Karon (Aces), Anthony Abbott, Michele Alexander (v), Shirley Kaminer (v) (Keurboom), Erica Zimet (v) (Impala), Joyce Hessen (v), Brian Paxton (v), Eckhard Boehlke (v), Jocelyn Ashberg (v), Hilary Nick (v), Duncan Keet (v), Zoe Charnock (v) (Bay), John Bryant (v) (JMBridge), Kathryn Herz (v), Barry Gunton (v) (Pinelands), Nita Abel (v) (Trumps), Jeanette Schewitz (v), Marilyn Bradley (v), Greta Levenberg (v) (Aces), Gail Gersowsky (v).

2. APOLOGIES

2.1. Received from Ann Sturrock, Peter Terblanche.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

3.1. Proposed by HN and seconded by TC – accepted.

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- 4.1. TC asked Di Cope to read his report.
- 4.2. KC thanked TC on behalf of the Committee and the Members.
- 4.3. Joyce Hessen proposed to accept the President’s Report and Harold Bernstein seconded – accepted.
- 4.4. TC also awarded the Tim Cope Long Service Award to Harold Bernstein.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

- 5.1. HN reported briefly on the financial report for the year past.
- 5.2. We retain R160k provisions in the books for Bridge Centre improvements and the Development Fund.
- 5.3. KC proposed and TC seconded – accepted.

6. MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP REPORT

- 6.1. Sponsorship included in President’s and Treasurer’s Report.
- 6.2. HN mentioned that the engagement with Warwick Wealth, one of our main sponsors, will be progressed by Mark Kenyon and Peter Terblanche

7. TEACHING PROGRAMME REPORT

- 7.1. KC reported on plans for extending teaching in schools in particularly in underprivileged areas.

- 7.2. We need teachers to volunteer to teach. This is our most important task, to keep Bridge alive in future.
- 7.3. Kids love playing on BBO – we should encourage this.

8. **VOTING AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

- 8.1. TC announced 10 nominations for 9 Exec committee places and suggested a general consensus on the committee that whichever 9 were voted in would gladly co-opt the tenth nominee onto the committee.
- 8.2. Due to COVID and clubs not operating during October/November 2020, it was decided the fairest method would be to use attendance figures from February 2020 for Members' voting rights.
- 8.3. New committee is: Michele Alexander, Brian Paxton, Andrew Cruise, Kitty Cruise, Duncan Keet, Mark Kenyon, Hilary Nick, Shirley Phillips, Andre Truter
- 8.4. Ian Holdsworth has been immediately co-opted onto the new committee as a full member.
- 8.5. Subsequently, at the following Exec meeting, Jocelyn Ashberg was also co-opted onto the committee as a full member.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 9.1. n/a

10. **GENERAL**

- 10.1. TC spoke about the integrity of the game – cheating online. Cheating will not be tolerated: there have already been SA players caught cheating and banned. There are some players in WC who are on the radar and action will be taken if players continue to collude.
- 10.2. Harold Bernstein asked about RealBridge, MK updated on the progress. There may be a legal issue with SABF running tournaments on RealBridge as there may be an exclusivity arrangement with BBO.
- 10.3. Brian Paxton talked about Pianola as a platform to replace the current WCBridge.co.za website. Brian was praised for the work he has done so far.
- 10.4. Joyce Hessen, Erica Zimet, Shirley Kaminer, DK and SP all thanked TC in particular and the committee for their hard work.

The meeting ended at 11.40am.

Tim Cope,

President, WCBU.