

MINUTES OF WESTERN CAPE BRIDGE UNION

62ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19 MARCH 2022, 10H00

1. PRESENT

Michele Alexander MA, Jocelyn Ashberg (V), Harold Bernstein HB, John Bryant, Andrew Cruise AC, Kitty Cruise KC, Gail Gersowsky (V), Selwyn Gersowsky (V), Joyce Hessen JH (V), Shirley Karon, Duncan Keet DK, Mark Kenyon MK, Eric Marx, Adrian Mauerberger (V), Hilary Nick (V), Len Oberholster (V), Brian Paxton, Shirley Phillips, Janette Schewitz, Andre Truter, Judy Walsh (V), Lara Woznica (V)

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Barry Gunton and Shirley Kaminer

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by DK, seconded by HB - accepted

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Keurboom requested more visibility on the WCBU website; if Keurboom used the ScoreBridge program with their BridgeMates, then their results could be uploaded to the WCBU website.

4.2 Proposed by JH, seconded by HB - accepted

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 Clarity was sought on the costs of running the Bridge Centre.

5.2 There were requests to only use local tournament directors for BBO tournaments.

5.3 Beginners pay R 150 for 6 lessons including a book; the balance of the cost is paid by SABF and sponsors.

5.4 Proposed by MA, seconded by HB - accepted

6. MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP

This was covered in the President's and Treasurer's reports.

7. TEACHING PROGRAMME REPORT

7.1 The merits of online versus face to face teaching were discussed.

7.2 MK explained that the WCBU is looking at bussing children in to the Bridge Centre or Amy Foundation for lessons. There was some opposition to this as a lot of the people thought we should be going into the schools and teaching there. Teaching volunteers for schools are in short supply.

8. VOTING AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

8.1 MK announced that ten nominations had been received for nine places. Agreed to co-opt the tenth to the committee.

8.2 New committee is: Michele Alexander, Jocelyn Ashberg, Mark Kenyon, Eric Marx, Adrian Mauerberger, Hilary Nick, Brian Paxton, Shirley Phillips, Carol Stanton, Lara Woznica

8.3 There was general concern that committee does not represent South African demographics; however, these were the only applications received. Committee will work toward making bridge more representative.

8.4 Andre Truter and Ian Holdsworth were thanked for their contributions to the previous committee.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. GENERAL

10.1 The JM club was applauded for running free bridge events during the Covid lockdown period.

10.2 In order to spur return to face to face bridge AC and KC requested BBO sessions be changed so they don't clash with face to face sessions. Players would then play at the Links depriving WCBU of revenue. WCBU and Links should discuss rationalising BBO offerings.

10.3 Cheating on BBO persists. Agreed to name and shame offenders.

10.4 WCBU to set up ethics committee comprising Michael Alexander and Brian Galgut. Tim Cope will be invited to join the committee.

10.5 Monthly bridge bidding challenge is to be set up sponsored by Warwick Wealth.

10.6 Sunday morning live bridge and lunch was a great success and would be repeated.

10.7 DK and KC requested that the WCBU collect bridge teaching materials from their homes.

The meeting ended at 11h40.

Mark Kenyon, President WCBU