

## Summary: Committee Meeting held 06 August 2019

### **NSWBA Proposal: Bridge at Shopping Centres during NSW Seniors Festival 2020**

NSWBA advised Clubs that if there was support for a proposal to promote Bridge at shopping centres during NSW Seniors Festival (February 2020), it would apply for a grant to fund it. NBC supported the idea (as did 15 other clubs) as it fits with our objective to increase awareness of the game of Bridge. NSWBA will now lodge an application and expect to be advised of the outcome in October. If successful, NBC will man a stall at a local shopping centre.

### **Newcastle Bridge Club 2020 Congress**

We have applied to NSWBA to hold our annual congress in June next year. It is proposed to hold it at the same venue as this year. We are still looking for a convenor to organize the event. Contact the Committee if you are interested.

### **Bridge Lessons**

The format for the Beginners' Lessons has changed for the course currently underway. Instead of lessons for 15 weeks, the first 6 lessons will be followed by 4 weeks of supervised play. Lessons on more advanced topics will follow. The aim is to give beginners a chance to practise what they've learnt before moving on to more complicated concepts. We hope to have a structured lesson plan for 2020.

### **Medical Incident Procedure**

Our Medical Incident procedure has been updated. It will be filed in the Emergency Contacts folder at the sign-in desk.

### **Competition Regulations**

The Club's Competition Regulations have been re-written to make them easier to read as well as to remove a few anomalies and errors. The revised document is now on the noticeboard.

### **Friday Graded Pairs**

Numbers continue to be a concern and changes made in recent years appear to have had little impact. The statistics of the competition will be reviewed at its conclusion in October and a decision made re the event in 2020.

### **Thursday Players and Wednesday session**

There is no interest among Thursday players to occasionally participate in the Wednesday session so there will be no further action regarding this suggestion. There is also no interest from Tuesday night players to play on Monday nights. It was agreed that players will play at other sessions on their own volition when and if they are interested.

It was also agreed that the trial of Blue vouchers introduced to encourage Thursday players to play at another session has had little or no impact. There is negligible use of the vouchers and they are difficult to award as the first eligible pair is often well down the field. It will be discontinued immediately.

### **Financial Reports**

The July reports include a proposed budget for FY 2019/2020. Cost increases forecasted for the year are expected to be generally offset by reduced costs for Social (anniversary luncheon last year) and Consumables (lower costs expected for card replacements). The forecasted profit of \$12796 for the year is slightly more than last year.

July figures are favourable to last year due to it being a 5-week banking month this year.

### **AGM**

The AGM will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am followed by a BBQ. Notices will be emailed to members via Pianola and will also be displayed on the noticeboard.

### **2020 Program and Booklet**

Work has commenced to prepare the 2020 Program and Booklet.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

There will be no meeting in September due to the AGM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30pm (TBC).