

Summary: Committee Meeting held 12th December 2019

Correspondence

NSWBA: NBC Congress selected to be part of 2020 Road to Spring Campaign

Participation gives restricted players the chance to win \$100 then be in the draw to win a contribution towards the entry fee and accommodation for the Spring Nationals. We have advised that we will participate. Allocation of the prize money will be determined prior to the Congress.

2020 Hunter Interclub events

First event - 15th March at Toronto; Second event – 12th July at Tomaree Bridge Club.

Third event – volunteer host being sought. NBC has advised that if there are no other offers, we will consider it. Date would be 15th November with a maximum of 22 tables.

Bridge Lessons

The Sub-committee tabled a report which included an outline of lessons for 2020.

Beginners lessons will commence on Monday 3rd February. There will be 10 lessons with 4 weeks of supervised play after the first 6 lessons and a homework quiz after each lesson. The lessons will be promoted on Facebook.

The report also listed a proposal for various **Improvement lessons** by Paul Rooms and Ken Wilks.

Ken Wilks presented a report on the **Card Play lessons for NT lessons** that he ran in November.

102 members participated over the course of the 3 lessons (2 sessions for each) - a good result given it was run only 2 years ago.

2020 Program Booklets

Booklets are now available at the sign-in desk

Financial Reports

P&L: The YTD deficit is -\$346 due primarily to the replacement of the kitchen benchtops, higher R&M expenses and timing issues with State/National Competition participation. Table fees remain below budget year to date but slightly ahead of last year, indicating that the budget for the first half was probably ambitious.

Investment of Club's funds: \$100,000 has been invested in the funds previously proposed and agreed. The first quarterly distribution is due in January.

Christmas Newsletter

A report from Mailchimp showed that the Newsletter was opened at least once by 194 of the 325 recipients.

Replacement of Scoring Computer

It was agreed that it is time to replace the scoring computer due to its age and consequential shortcomings. A specification will be written, and quotations obtained. Replacement of the office computer will also be investigated.

Encouragement Award in lieu of handicap prizes for 3-week pairs events

A suggestion was received to replace the handicap prizes for 3-week events with an encouragement award. It was agreed in principle to implement the change; the criteria will be discussed and agreed at the January Committee meeting.

Nonagenarian luncheon

It was agreed not to pursue this activity.

Christmas Week arrangements

Feedback from some members indicated some concerns about this year's offerings. It was agreed that if the same format is used next year, more effort is needed to get a volunteer from each session to coordinate the arrangements. The Committee elected at the 2020 AGM will be responsible for determining the Christmas arrangements for 2020.

Next Committee Meeting

Thursday 9th January at 1:20pm.

A full copy of the minutes can be found on the Notice Board at the Club.

Julie Butel (Secretary)