

# **What's Happening at the TBA - September 2020**

## **COMMITTEE MEETING - September 1**

The TBA Committee met at the TBA on Tuesday September 1 from 2.30pm

Participating: J Rhodes (Chair), M Gibbs, M Sherlock, S Edler, E Gee, K Marsden, I Bailey, G Poulton, J Bills, S Falkingham

Apologies: L Cooke, J Grosvenor, A Paton

The following matters were discussed:

### **Building Matters**

A letter of acknowledgement of our grant application has been received from the Tasmanian Community Foundation. The letter advised that we would receive notification of the success or otherwise of our Stage 1 application by October 6, and that if our application progresses to Stage 2, we will have until November 11 to submit a Stage 2 application with a full business plan.

### **Tournament Matters**

Simon Edler reported that the Tasmanian Swiss Pairs would be run by Tamar Bridge Club in Launceston over the weekend of October 24-25.

Locally, the Club Open pairs will be run on Mondays September 14 and 21 followed by the Elsie Strickland (restricted) Pairs over the following two Monday nights.

Tasmanian Autumn Bridge Festival – April 9–11 2021:

The committee is exploring the possibility of hosting a 3 day COVID-19 Safe Festival at Elwick Race Course in April 2021. Negotiations are under way with the ABF about a potential format for the event and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

### **Youth Bridge**

The TBA is going to try to establish a dedicated Youth Program in 2021 at the club. We have written to 21 local secondary schools and colleges to seek their input as to the preferred format of such a program and are awaiting feedback from them. If you know any young people who would like to learn bridge, either as part of a school elective program or privately, please let me know and I'll make sure they are informed of our future program.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – September 5

The (postponed!) 2020 AGM was held at the TBA on Saturday September 5 from 12.30pm.

We all enjoyed our pre-plated “COVID-19 Safe” lunch – many thanks to all those who brought food to share – we had so much we couldn’t eat it all, but what we could eat was delicious!

The following nominations were received for the Committee positions by 2.00pm on Friday September 4:

President: Julie Rhodes

Vice President: Lynne Cooke

Secretary: Katherine Marsden

Treasurer: Graeme Poulton

Committee: Malcolm Sherlock, Sue Falkingham, Edward Gee, Philip Timmins, Ian Bailey

Margaret Gibbs is a member by virtue of her position as Masterpoints Secretary, although this situation will cease to exist at the next AGM due to a modification in section 15 of the Constitution which was passed at the AGM. Simon Edler and John Grosvenor are ex officio members of the committee by virtue of their positions.

Since the number of nominations corresponded with the number of vacancies, no election was required.

In addition, several other members nominated themselves for various volunteer positions within the Club. I thank them for this and will be contacting them in person to put them to work! Due to the positive response to the “nomination box”, I intend to put a permanent suggestion box in place at the club so members can provide feedback and suggestions to the committee at any time.

Other reforms to the constitution were approved by the meeting to clarify when annual membership fees are due and payable, and more precise information as to when nominations for the next committee should be lodged.

As a result of a motion moved by David Robinson, the TBA will purchase 10 new chairs for people with special needs. If you are a person with such needs, or have knowledge of chairs which might be suitable, please contact a committee member about it.

Our thoughts are with John Grosvenor at this time who is battling a serious illness in hospital.

Julie Rhodes

President, TBA

