

# Minutes of a meeting of the South African Bridge Federation held on Zoom on 19 September 2021

Present: James grant (President)  
Jocelyn Ashberg (Vice President)  
Philip Feinstein (Treasurer)  
Kit Gilmour (Secretary)  
Helen Kruger  
Annie Allen  
Andrew Cruise  
Ice Peenz

Apologies: Arie Ridderhof  
Roz Bernstein  
Graham Burrows

James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting, which had not been dealt with.

INTERCLUB 2021: was discussed, and a decision taken to ask Rod Pienaar and Arie Ridderhof to run the event, which is diarised as the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November, on RealBridge. Having an international director was regarded as an unnecessary expense. The event shall be advertised, entries taken until 29 October. Having set a precedent last year in that clubs could enter multiple teams, the same has to be accepted this year. However this ought to be dependent on the size of the club. A fee of R420 per team will be charged this year.

TOURNAMENT DATES for 2022: To stay in line with the schedule for 2021, Congress teams shall be held on 16-19 June and pairs on 14-17 July. If face to face Bridge is back, a venue has to be decided and the necessary changes made to the dates.

SAWBA is being held on 5-8 and 11-15 March. Online.

Interclub should be 10 11 12 November

OPENING OF CLUBS: It was agreed that these remain closed until the end of the year and the situation reviewed in January 2022.

RULES FOR VIRTUAL CLUBS: James pointed out that people were no longer playing only in their own regional tournaments but all over the country, thus amassing many more red points than would normally come their way. The committee felt that this was not a serious problem, and that no immediate action need be taken to address this.

However, it was decided that once clubs reopened all red point events would be held face to face not virtually, the exception being Interprovincial which has been held online for some years.

The large number of red point events was discussed, but no change made to the current rule that each Union is entitled to 4 events a year.

A further point was raised that perhaps we need a rank higher than Grandmaster, but the committee felt this was unnecessary, particularly since PI now takes precedence over masterpoints.

RESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS: There were no objections to organizing tournaments for players with under a certain number of Masterpoints or PI

SABF SUBS: The closure of our clubs and the introduction of virtual clubs had made the collection of subs that much more difficult. This was further exacerbated by the fact that not all virtual clubs were awarding masterpoints , making it difficult to see who was playing but not paying. It was agreed that from January all clubs would be instructed to award masterpoints.

LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE: Tim Cope has agreed to be responsible for the reviewing the Laws.

ETHICS COMMITTEE: This comprises of Andrew Cruise, Tim Cope, Leif Stabell, Neville Eber, Hennie Fick, Chris Bosenberg and Rob Stephens. This committee exists solely to investigate cases of possible cheating, though the complaints have lessened since the announcement of the committee's existence, so that might have proved a deterrent.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter had been sent to the President and Secretary by Duncan Keets, but it was agreed that this was a matter to be handled by WCBU.

General: Helen brought up the subject of private club slots that were swallowed by the introduction of virtual clubs at the start of lockdown. This was meant at the time as an emergency measure, but 2 years later the status quo remains, and this was unfair to the original owners of these clubs. Andrew felt likewise. It was suggested that this was a matter to be discussed with the Unions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12h10.