

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TBA - October 2019

The TBA Committee met on Tuesday October 2nd from 7.30pm.

PRESENT : J Rhodes (Chair), M Gibbs (Minutes Secretary), J Bills, E Gee, J Vernon, S Edler, J Grosvenor and M Sherlock

The following matters were discussed :

Concession Card Audit

It was resolved to conduct an audit of concession card holders over the next two months as this had not been done for over twelve months. John Grosvenor will design a form to capture the expiry dates of concession cards to enable the audit process to be more streamlined on future. Simon will liaise with the Directors about the audit process.

ABF Restructure

Following legal advice, the ABF is changing its structure to enable it to operate more effectively. For example, at present the ABF cannot hire an experienced Finance Officer - rather, it must rely on co-opting such expertise from its Management Committee members. The TBA resolved to monitor the restructuring process especially with regard to any consequences for the TBA or affiliated clubs.

Cashless Payment System

Books of ten vouchers are now available for purchase by cash or card as an interim solution to Member's requests for a cashless payment system. John Grosvenor and myself are currently evaluating fully electronic alternatives for a long term solution. Members will be asked to show consideration to Directors by not seeking to purchase them at the last minute. Julie will consult with Directors about an alternative to being paid by cash, and will also explain to Members why the vouchers are not being sold on a "bulk discount" basis.

Beginners Classes

Sue Falkingham will be conducting a second series of Beginners Classes which will commence on October 14th (afternoon) and 15th (night). If you know anyone who wants to learn bridge, let them know they have a chance to get started before Christmas. Cost is \$100 for six lessons which includes a text book.

Thankyou Catharine Bartonek!

Catharine is retiring from her shopping duties for the TBA – help which she has been providing for many years. We give great thanks to Catharine for her service and wish her well. Pam Murphy has agreed to take over the shopping duties so thanks also (in advance!) to Pam.

Printing, Stationery and Room Hire Charges

Thank you to Jana Vernon who has collated this information so it can be locate easily as required. This will be of particular interest to affiliated clubs who may wish to avail themselves of TBA facilities.

In Memorium

It was resolved to establish an “In Memorium” section on the TBA website to honour members who have passed away.

Working Bee

We will be seeking helpers to label and fill 2000 new boards which will be arriving at the TBA shortly. Keep an eye out for further information if you think you could help with this job.

Grandparent Day

The TBA will conduct its first “Bring Your Grandchild to Bridge Day” on Friday April 17th. This is in the school holidays and the idea is for any grandparents who are on child care duty to be able to bring their (school aged) grandchildren for a fun day of bridge related activities.

Bianca Gold (ABF Youth Co-ordinator) will be running the day and cost is \$10 per child. Grandparents are asked to bring a plate of lunch to share.

Affiliated Clubs are encouraged to send a representative to “watch and learn” so that they can in turn run one of these events at their own club.

Regular Friday players are on notice that this will be a particularly “vibrant” day!

Chief Tournament Director Honorarium

The TBA has resolved to establish an honorarium of \$ 2400 per annum for the person who fulfils the role of Chief Tournament Director for the TBA. Specific duties associated with this honorarium will be developed by Julie Rhodes and Simon Edler and then ratified by the TBA and will include such duties as Director Training and progression, attendance at the State Meeting, liaising between the TBA management Committee and TBA Directors etc.