

What's Happening at the TBA - May 2020

The TBA Committee met via ZOOM on Monday May 4h from 1.00pm.

PARTICIPATING : J Rhodes (Chair), M Gibbs, J Grosvenor, J Bills, A Paton, L Cooke, M Sherlock, S Edler, E Gee, K Marsden, I Bailey, Chris Carolan (by invitation)

The following matters were discussed :

COVID19 Arrangements

Whilst the Club is closed we have taken the opportunity to change the air conditioner filters and shampoo all the chairs.

The Committee is working on a COVID19 business readiness plan in preparation for the time when the Club is permitted to re-open. This will be finalised once we fully understand the government requirements, but under present social distancing guidelines, we will be able to accommodate 12 tables. Full details of our plan will be circulated once it is finalised.

Social Forum

As the [TBA forum](#) is private, a request has been made to the committee for people to post on this using their real names. If you feel comfortable to do this, it will foster a greater sense of social connection for our members.

Bridge Base Online

The first TBA BBO session was held on Thursday April 30th with nine and a half tables. Apart from a few teething problems, it ran well and everyone was happy to getting back to playing bridge with a few familiar "faces"!

We are currently setting up a schedule of weekly sessions which will be advertised as we can staff them. However, you will soon be able to play bridge on line with your friends at the TBA most days.

Constitutional Change

At the next AGM, the Committee will propose three changes to the Constitution. These are to reduce areas of uncertainty in the Constitution as well as to make it more fit for purpose.

Briefly, the proposed changes are as follows :

1. Remove the requirement for the Masterpoints Secretary to be a Committee Member
2. Bring Committee Nomination procedures in line with the "Model Rules" which govern associations such as the TBA
3. Clarify the timing of Annual Membership renewals and payment schedules.

The proposed changes will be advertised in the usual way prior to the AGM, but for those desperate to view them now, documents describing the proposed changes are [here](#) and [here](#).

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TBA Committee Manual

The Committee is working on the development of a User manual for new and potential Committee members which documents the working of the TBA Committee, as well as all the voluntary roles which are currently performed by Committee members and other TBA volunteers.

This will be part of a TBA Operations Manual, which will document in the one place, all the information needed to run the TBA.

Stay Safe and see you soon in a BBO session!

Julie Rhodes

President, TBA

