

MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 62ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT KIARA ROOM, ROYAL SELANGOR CLUB, JALAN RAJA, KUALA LUMPUR ON THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025 AT 1.30PM

Present: Mr Mahinder Randhawa (President)
Mr Tan Su Beng (Chairman)
Mr David Law (Hon. Secretary)
Mdm Hildah Lee (Hon. Treasurer)
Puan Sri Annette Bashir (Committee Member)
Puan Andie Hanafiah (Committee Member)
Mdm Tan Kim Choo (Committee Member)

Members:

Mdm Ann Marie Narcis Puan Sri Ling Lee Hoong
Mdm Aruna Rajah Mrs Naga Mahendran
Mdm Cecelia Kok Mr Patrick Tse
Puan Renate H. Hamid Mr Yau Ah Peng
Mrs Pony Kinloch Mdm Yap Ching Kuan
Mrs Lian Godfrey

The President Mr Mahinder Randhawa welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting. He noted that there may be many bridge players who are not yet members of the MCBA, and requested the members to try to recruit them as new members. He then invited the Chairman, Mr Tan Su Beng, to conduct the meeting.

CHAIRMAN - Mr Tan Su Beng was in the Chair.

MINUTES OF THE 61ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting held on 6 June 2024 having been circulated within the prescribed period, were taken as read.

Puan Sri Bashir proposed that the Minutes be confirmed. This was seconded by Puan Hanafiah and unanimously carried.

MATTERS ARISING – the Chairman reported that bridgemates scoring devices have been used at the Royal Selangor Club Thursday games for a few months now. The Meeting acknowledged gratefully the grant from the Olympic Council of Malaysia towards the purchase of bridgemates.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 2024

The Committee's Report for 2024 having been duly circulated within the prescribed period was taken as read.

Puan Andie enquired whether the Kuching Bridge Club is affiliated to MCBA. The Secretary explained that MCBA's Constitution does not provide for affiliate members; however several Kuching Bridge Club members are also members of MCBA. MCBA grant a Master Points Franchise to several clubs, eg Royal Selangor Club and Royal Lake Club amongst others, to run a weekly duplicate session whereby their players who are also MCBA members may earn master points. Regarding games in Penang, the Penang Club runs a weekly game and the Penang Contract Bridge Society runs an online weekly game. MCBA lists all regular organized games in the website, whether or not granted a master points franchise, and non-members of those club may contact the organisers if they wish to play.

The Committee's Report was unanimously approved on the proposal of Puan Sri A. Bashir and seconded by Puan R. Hashim.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Audited Accounts for 2024 having been duly circulated within the prescribed period were taken as read.

Mr Patrick Tse enquired whether Bridgemates are not listed in the Fixed Assets because they were acquired only in 2025. This was confirmed by the Secretary, and the item will appear in the 2025 accounts as there was a cost for the import licence fee and taxes, and the total cost will be depreciated annually. The Secretary further clarified that the balance of RM3 appearing as Furniture & Fittings comprise of dealing machine, filing cabinets and tournament equipment which have been fully depreciated but are still in use and therefore kept on the books at nominal amount of RM1 each until disposed or scrapped.

Mdm Cecelia Kok enquired where the Fixed Deposits are held and whether it would be wise to shop for better rates. The Chairman replied that the difference if any, is minimal, while to open or change bank accounts require a lot of paperwork and time so it is not justified.

Mdm Kok also enquired about the Asean Championship Fund. The Secretary explained that this arose from surplus from past international events such as the Asia Pacific Championships and the Asean Championships and the fund is earmarked for hosting future championships or to fund national teams participating in those championships.

Puan Renate Hamid enquired about the stock (in 2023 accounts). The Secretary replied that this was for cards which were in stock and had been used or sold during the year.

There being no further questions on the Audited Accounts, Puan Renate proposed that the Audited Accounts for 2024 be adopted. This was seconded by Mrs L. Godfrey and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were nominations to the Managing Committee were received:

	<u>Nominee</u>	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
President	: Mr Mahinder Singh	Puan R. Hamid	Puan Sri Bashir
Chairman	: Mr Tan Su Beng	Mdm H. Lee	Puan Hanafiah
Secretary	: Mr David Law	Mr. S.B. Tan	Mdm C.K. Yap
Treasurer	: Mdm Hildah Lee	Mr A.P. Yau	Mdm C.K. Yap

There being no other nominations for the above four Office Bearer positions, they were all re-elected unopposed.

The following nominations were received for the three Committee Member positions:

	<u>Nominees</u>	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Committee	Puan Sri Bashir	Puan R. Hamid	Mr D. Law
Members	: Mdm K.C. Tan	Mrs L. Godfrey	Puan Hanafiah
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There were no other nominations and the abovenamed were duly elected to the Management Committee.

HON. AUDITOR

Encik Mohd Ramzi Mohd Sharif was unanimously appointed Hon. Auditor, on the proposal of Mr S.B. Tandin and seconded by Mr D. Law.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mdm C.K. Yap mentioned that when MCBA send a team to international events, the players must be fully committed to training and practices, and not tourism players. She proposed to set up a structured programme to recruit a pool of committed players from which a national team could be selected, and perhaps engage a coach for training. The Committee welcomed this proposal and will co-opt a subcommittee at their forthcoming meeting to initiate this. If a structured national training program is instituted, MCBA might be able to obtain a grant from OCM, subject to terms and conditions.

The Secretary mentioned participation in the Asia Pacific Championships, Asean Championships and World Championships is partially subsidised by MCBA, therefore the players must be fully committed. There are also many events which MCBA is invited to send a team, and may include events with a tourism element. These are self-funded and any players interested are welcome to contact for organisers for more details. All events are posted on the MCBA website when received.

The Chairman commended the Secretary for his work in operating the bridgemates at the Thursday games, as it had to be self-taught from a manual. The Meeting discussed that it was preferable for more people to know the operations. The Secretary added that there were many variables for using bridgemates, the most important is that there must already be a scoring program in place, and the person operating bridgemates is familiar with the scoring program. Many issues which may arise will only be found when actually in use. He will provide a link to anyone interested to learn so they could download the manuals for self- study. Puan R. Hamid enquired whether MCBA could assist Royal Lake Club in importing bridgemates. The Secretary replied he had already written to Royal Lake Club on the procedures and requirements to do so, and it will be up to the club to decide.

TERMINATION

There being no other business, the Meeting terminated at 2.30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the present Managing Committee.

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CHAIRMAN