

THE MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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29 May 2025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Contract Bridge Association will be held at the Kiara Room, Royal Selangor Club, Jalan Bukit Kiara, 50480 Kuala Lumpur on Thursday 19 June 2025 at 1.15 p.m

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 June 2024
2. Matters arising
3. To present the Chairman's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024
4. To present the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024
5. To elect Office-Bearers
6. To appoint an Honorary Auditor
7. Any other business

By Order of the Committee,

David Law
Hon. Secretary

MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 61ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION HELD AT KIARA ROOM, ROYAL SELANGOR CLUB, JALAN RAJA, KUALA LUMPUR ON THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2024 AT 1.15PM

Present: Puan Sri Ling Lee Hung (President)
Mr Tan Su Beng (Chairman)
Mr David Law (Hon. Secretary)
Mdm Hildah Lee (Hon. Treasurer)
Puan Sharmina Andie (Committee Member)
Mdm Tan Kim Choo (Committee Member)
Mdm Wong Fong Yin (Committee Member)

Members:

Mrs Agnes Krishna	Mrs Naga Mahendran
Mdm Anne Marie Narcis	Mrs Prema Nadkarni
Ms Lawrence Husson	Mrs Roshni George
Mrs Jane Kong	Mdm Betty Tan
Mrs Pony Kinloch	Mrs Junko Sekiguchi
Ms Takae Murata	Mrs Ruth Randhawa
Mr Mahinder Randhawa	Datin Rozinah Ahmad
Puan Azlina Nizaruddin	Mrs Jette Wich
Mr Patrick Tse	Mdm Christine Chew
Puan Sri Annette Bashir	Puan Renate Hashim
Dr N.K. Chin	Mdm Leela P.T. Singam

CHAIRMAN - Mr Tan Su Beng was in the Chair.

MINUTES OF THE 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting held on 29 June 2023 having been circulated within the prescribed period, were taken as read.

Mdm C. Chew proposed that the Minutes be confirmed. This was seconded by Dr N.K. Chin and unanimously carried.

MATTERS ARISING – nil

COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 2023

The Committee's Report for 2023 having been duly circulated within the prescribed period was taken as read.

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 2023

The Audited Accounts for 2022 having been duly circulated within the prescribed period were taken as read.

Mdm L. Singam enquired whether it was necessary for the Association to continue making a surplus in view of the healthy financial position. The Chairman replied that the accumulated funds are necessary for hosting large international events, such as the South East Asia/ASEAN Championships which MCBA is obliged to host every five years. Fixed deposits are necessary to earn interest to meet the Association's expenses. Hon. Secretary add that the previous year surplus is only RM300 and the funds have been accumulated not in recent years but over 60 years. The national events just about break even or run at a loss because there is not enough

support. Furthermore, the annual membership subscription of RM20 is extremely low compared to other regional NBOs.

Mr Patrick Tse enquired whether about the Furniture & Fittings if very old should be written off. The Hon. Secretary replied that the items comprising dealing machine, filing cabinets etc are still in use and therefore kept on the books at RM1 each until they are disposed.

There being no further questions on the Audited Accounts, Mrs R. George proposed that the Audited Accounts for 2023 be adopted. This was seconded by Mdm B. Tan and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were nominations to the Managing Committee were received:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
President	: Mr Mahinder Singh	Mr D. Law	Mdm H. Lee
Chairman	: Mr Tan Su Beng	Puan Sri L.H. Ling	Mrs R. George
Secretary	: Mr David Law	Mrs R. Randhawa	Puan R. Hashim
Treasurer	: Mdm Hildah Lee	Mrs A. Krishna	Mdm L.Singam

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>	<u>Proposed by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
Members	: Datin R. Ahmad	Mr D. Law	Mdm L. Singam
	Mdm A.M. Narcis	Mdm H. Lee	Mrs R. Randhawa
	Mdm F.Y. Wong	nomination declined	
	Puan Sri A. Bashir	Puan R. Hashim	Mr D. Law
	Mdm K.C. Tan	Puan S. Andie	Mrs J. Wich
	Puan S. Andie	Mdm H. Lee	Mrs R. George

Datin R. Ahmad and Mdm A.M. Narcis also declined nomination prior to a vote and Puan Sri. A. Bashir, Mdm K.C. Tan, Puan S. Andie were elected to the Management Committee.

HON. AUDITOR

Encik Mohd Ramzi Mohd Sharif was unanimously appointed Hon. Auditor, on the proposal of Puan A. Nizaruddin and seconded by Dr N.K. Chin.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mdm L. Singam enquired about the possibility of MCBA acquiring bridgemates. The Hon. Secretary replied that MCBA would use bridgemates only three or four times a year so the cost of about RM600 per unit plus the console does not justify the expenditure. However, when the Association host a major event of about 40 tables, it may apply to the OCM Trust Fund for a grant at that time, as OCM Trust Fund only grants for specific purpose, supported by a detailed budget, such as hosting an international event, training courses etc.

The Hon. Secretary, who attended the NBO Officers' Seminar organized by the World Bridge Federation on 16-17 May 2024, briefed the meeting on several items discussed:

- (i) Youth & Development – EBU and FFB provide free teaching material, some online sites are also useful for lessons, methods to address cultural perceptions. Benefits of bridge in education and importance of targeting parents and teachers
- (ii) Senior players – health benefits and social aspects of meeting up, special events, resistance to new technology or methods, recruitment and retention of senior players as they have more free time and resources

- (iii) On-line vs Face to Face competitions – may appeal to different players. New WBF Small Federations Online Championship to cater for small NBOs who find it difficult to send teams far away for long events. WBF has issued a Disciplinary Code for all online events held under their auspices, which applies worldwide and has instituted a No tolerance policy for cheating.
- (iv) Anti-Doping Regulations – WBF is a member of IOC and subscribe to World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”) regulations for all its events. All players must be fully conversant to comply and sign declaration to that effect before participating in any WBF event. It is irrelevant whether the prohibited substance enhanced performance, any detection from a random test will lead to disqualification. Players who take any prohibited substance (some found in health supplements) are advised to obtain a Therapeutic Exemption Form from their physician.
- (v) Transitioning from social/rubber bridge to competitive – how to encourage players, especially new players who have just learnt, to play in competition and thereby increase membership of the NBO.

TERMINATION

There being no other business, the Meeting terminated at 2.00 pm with a vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Committee Members and to the Chair.

CONFIRMED BY

CHAIRMAN

MALAYSIAN CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024

I am pleased to present this report of MCBA's activities for 2024. Membership increased from 69 to 85 last year. Thank you to the Kuching Bridge Clubs and the bridge sections of clubs in the Klang Valley organising weekly games and lessons for encouraging their members to join. It will be a good target if we can achieve a 25% increase or more in membership every year.

The four national events were duly held, the Mixed Congress, Tunku Abdul Rahman Trophy (Malaysian Open Pairs), Andy Chan Trophy (National Handicap Teams) and Wong Kok Leong Trophy (Individuals), all having larger turnouts than in 2023. Hopefully this trend will continue as more players who play only weekly experience the excitement of playing in longer events. The Royal Lake Club Congress was also successfully held, though attracting a lower turnout than previous year, continue to be the flagship regional event in Malaysia for oversea players.

MCBA was invited to send a team to the inaugural Maritime Silk Road International Bridge Invitational Tournament held in Quanzhou, China from 18 to 21 April. MCBA was represented by Yap Ching Kuan (Captain) David Law, Hildah Lee, Mahinder Randhawa, Betty Tan and Yau Ah Peng. The team did poorly due to insufficient practice and unsteady partnerships and finished last. Two members, Alan Orchard and Vasanth M. Pai took part in the 2024 Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Congress, finishing 39 out of 92 pairs in the Open Pairs, and teaming with Singaporean players, 23 out of 25 in the Open Teams and 48 out of 54 in the Consolation Swiss Teams.

The ASEAN/South East Asia Championships were held in Jakarta on 25 to 29 September. M. Randhawa and S. Bachtiar were awarded the Best Senior Pair in the Swiss Pairs. Well done! In the teams event, MCBA was represented by Mahinder Randhawa (Captain), Supli Bachtiar, Loi Kai Jun and Wong Yee Hern, the latter two are Malaysians studying in Singapore. This is the first MCBA representation since it was suspended between 2020 and 2022 due to the pandemic and MCBA did not take part in the 2023 event. The team finished last in the 25-team qualifying round.

MCBA was also invited to send teams to many other regional events, and some players participated in the Thailand Open Masters and MBH Cup.

The inaugural Small Federations Online Open Teams, a World Bridge Federation Championship held online at Realbridge, was held in December but there was not enough entries to form a team. Hopefully we will be able to participate in the second edition to be held in October 2025.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our Honorary Auditor, Encik Mohd Ramzi Mohd Sharif, as well as all members who have supported and participated in our MCBA bridge activities.



Tan Su Beng
Chairman

2024 RESULTS

Mixed/Ladies Pairs (15 pairs)

- 1st Conny - Supeno
- 2nd Tan Su Beng – Jan Shaw
- 3rd Christine Chew – Jette Wich

Mixed Teams (8 teams)

- 1st David Law – Azlina Nizaruddin – Flemming Wich – Jette Wich
- 2nd BHINEKA – Conny – Supeno – Suci Amita Dewi – Handojo
- 3rd Tan Su Beng – Jan Shaw – Chin Nyok Kien – Christine Chew

Tunku Abdul Rahman Trophy (Malaysian Open Pairs) (11 pairs)

- 1st Christine Chew – Flemming Wich
- 2nd Chin Nyok Kien - David Law
- 3rd Azlina Nizaruddin – Jette Wich

Andy Chan Trophy (National Handicapped Teams) (7 teams)

- 1st Chin Nyok Kien - Rona Chin - David Law – Tan Su Beng
- 2nd Christine Chew – Azlina Nizaruddin – Flemming Wich – Jette Wich
- 3rd Jane Davies – Tan Kim Choo – Yap Ching Kuan – Yau Ah Peng

Wong Kok Leong Trophy (Individuals) (13 players)

- 1st Mahinder Randhawa
- 2nd Laurence Husson
- 3rd David Law

2024 TOURNAMENT

ACCOUNT	<u>MIXED</u>	<u>TAR</u>	<u>NT</u>	<u>IND</u>
ENTRY FEES				
Teams (4)	1600.00		1680.00	
Pairs (15)	1500.00	1100.00		
Individuals (12 + 1 student)				240.00
Supplement				
Lunch		45.00	6.00	
	<u>3100.00</u>	<u>1145.00</u>	<u>1686.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>

EXPENSES

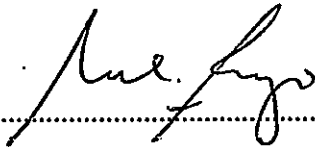
Entry fees				
Prizes	1040.00	300.00	600.00	120.00
Angpows	560.00			
Hand records	16.80	4.00		
Catering	1850.72	742.38	819.12	78.44
	<u>3467.52</u>	<u>1046.38</u>	<u>1419.12</u>	<u>198.44</u>

Surplus (-Deficit)	-367.52	98.62	266.88	41.56
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Report of the Auditor to the Members

In my opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31 December 2024 and of its results for the year ended on that date.


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Mohd Ramzi Mohd Sharif, M.Com (Melb)
Hon. Auditor

Kuala Lumpur,

Date: 6 April 2025

The Malaysian Contract Bridge Association

Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Expenditure	2024 RM	2023 RM	Income	2024 RM	2023 RM
Affiliation fee	3,329	3,345	Subscriptions	1,700	1,380
Stationery, printing, postage, etc.	466	79	Master points franchise	600	525
Tournament prizes and expenses	6,081	2,224	Tournament entry fees etc.	6,120	2,425
Courier & Delivery	-	9	Interest from fixed deposits	3,182	2,623
Cost of cards sold	65	80	Sale of cards	150	409
Bank charges	15	3	Rental of equipment	100	600
Filing fees	-	16	Tax expense written back	20	-
Website maintenance	307	307	Deficit of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds	411	-
Meeting expenses	656	256			
Storage expenses	1,359	761			
Travelling Expenses	5	5			
Surplus of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Fund	-	877			
	<u>12,283</u>	<u>7,962</u>		<u>12,283</u>	<u>7,962</u>

M. Andharan
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President

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Hon. Treasurer

NOTE:

1. The Income and Expenditure Account above do not include contributions in kind.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

Wendell
President

President

Hon. Treasurer