

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB MEETING 10 OCTOBER 2023 at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Leo Sim, Jane Thomlinson, Richard Andrew, Mary Wood, Rose Isherwood, Lenice Clarkson, Dave Christian, Pat Williams, Peter McLean

APOLOGIES: Sue Osborne

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 10 September 2023

Moved and seconded the minutes be accepted

Pat / Leo

MATTERS ARISING

1. Bull Electrical a no show to alter outside lights to 24 hr sensor.
2. Disgruntled 'customers' re no chocolate biscuits for supper but happy with tea options
3. Fibre connection – Leo will speak with Harlequin Theatre.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward and Outward as listed on agenda and circulated to committee as well as e-google to members where necessary. Tournament notices displayed on club notice board.

MEMBER WELFARE Pat reported bereavement card to Gillian Goodall's family.

MEMBERSHIP (Jane)

1. 187 members – decrease by 1 (deceased)
2. We started the year with 184 members, but got as low as 158 following membership renewal in February.
3. Checking compass we have 160 members playing on a regular basis.

FINANCIAL (Jane's written report tabled and discussed)

The financial year is now complete, and we finished well with a \$2,751 Net Profit (subject to auditing). A very good result as we continue to re-build membership and table numbers back to pre-Covid levels.

Key Points:

1. Total Income \$114,239 (2022 - \$64,866).
2. Total Expenses \$114,017 (2022 - \$85,136)
3. Interest Income \$2,529 (2022 – \$1,183)
4. Net Profit \$2,751 (2022 - \$12,049) Note: Before depreciation.

Notes:

- Covid impacted Q1 of the 2022 results.
- 2022 Net Profit was boosted by \$31k of wage subsidies/support payments.

Moved and seconded the Financial Report be accepted.

Jane / Rose

Jane advised Valuation carried out with Prendos at a cost of \$800.

Valuation report forwarded to brokers, Crombie & Lockwood.

Leo will advise Harlequin.

CLUB EVENTS (Dave reported)

1. Loveblock NZ Wide pairs to be held 10 November to be further promoted.

2. NZB 2024 schedule tournament prices discussed and comparison of what other clubs charge checked by Dave.
3. Leo advised NZB Calendar crowded with some events poorly attended because of clashes. Popular and well attended events are – Restricted, weekend, ie 2 and 3 days tournaments.
4. Jane will report on the impact of tournament levy increase in the new year.
5. NZB issued policy for Electronic communication by clubs which we are obliged to follow. We will have to change our method of circulating tournament information to bridge players outside our club. We need players outside our club to ‘opt in’ to receive information and ways to do this was discussed briefly. Dave to implement a revised approach next year.
6. Whilst it is welcomed that HBC members ‘share’ their knowledge to aid Committee, it is essential that committee also have access to that knowledge.
7. Peter will advise Leo of email password.
8. Peter moderates e-google group for club.
9. Cheryl also has access to e-google (backup).

PUBLICITY (Rose reported)

1. Advertising boards for 2024 – confirmed by Council
2. Rose will follow up with Nick Ferguson.
3. Peter will erect advertising boards in January because Leo away.
4. Push local advertising libraries, newspapers, neighbourly, etc
5. Lysandra will design another smaller board for signwriting and display roadside Recreation Centre.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Peter reported)

Battery replaced in Defibrillator as required on 29 September.

RENTALS (Lenice reported)

1. Lenice requested security stays for downstairs windows be fitted. Although constantly reminded, security is becoming an issue because tenants are leaving windows open.
2. Church requested permission for a car wash fund raiser. It is not committee’s place to give permission, they need to approach council, Lenice will advise them.

TOILET ENHANCEMENT

1. Still waiting for quotes from interested parties to complete job.
2. It was suggested by Peter that the men’s bathroom be repainted only and the urinal downstairs be replaced. Discussion followed in the affirmative.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Reiterated from last month’s minutes..... (questions raised by Peter)

1. We will continue with our expectation that HBC players of regular Real Bridge sessions must be either a **fully paid-up member or Secondary member of Howick Bridge club**. We do not consider it fair (to our members who pay full subs) for players from other clubs to join in on a **regular** basis to play Real Bridge as a visitor. A visitor and Associate can play only 6 times in a year (they could use their 6 visits to play Real Bridge). If they want to play more often then they must join HBC as full member or secondary.
2. Yes, we could run a face to face session at the same time as the Real Bridge session like Auckland Bridge, however we do not have enough members to do so.
3. ANRC meeting at Orewa, re lessons, Leo reported signage and facebook successful, radio not successful. Auckland/Northern region experienced membership growth of 118 members compared to other regions who lost members.
4. Leo will check for suspected water leak, Rose to ask John to assist.

5. "Seasons" book will no longer be dropped off and left outside club. They need an address (member). Mary will ask Golden Age Club if interested.
6. Following update from NZB there is no urgency re Constitution which was due to be tabled at 2023 AGM. We will take advantage of more time as there are still some areas that need further discussion, understanding, and sign-off by committee. Dave will make further suggestions in new year.
7. AGM - 26 November – call for nominations for committee – forms to be made available and will be on Directors table.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm

Next meeting Sunday 12 November.