

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB MEETING 10 MARCH 2024

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 11 February 2024

Moved and seconded the minutes be accepted

Pat / Alan

MATTERS ARISING

Excellent response to “Free” Tuesday evening session with 6-8 tables

CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated and discussed.

1. Leo forwarded Tournament Director assessment dates to Lysandra.
2. Lesson advertising reimbursement done.
3. “Ultra” Tournament discussed, and Rose has forwarded to Franklin and Papakura.

MEMBER WELFARE (Pat reported)

Jocelyn Biddick’s husband, George, passed away last week.

MEMBERSHIP (Jane circulated and reported)

1. 6 people remain unpaid, despite calls, messages and emails (list as circulated)
2. Excluding the above (6) we have 160 members (after 24 resignations)
3. Jane to provide list of secondary members (would be helpful).

FINANCIAL (Jane’s written report and accounts emailed to committee and discussed)

YTD Key Points

1. Income is running ahead of budget (\$43,699) by \$699.54
2. Despite being \$1,711 behind target in Subscriptions, Table Money is running \$1,206 ahead.
3. Expenses are tracking well at \$34,426 (\$274 favourable to budget).
4. Net Profit of \$10,218 (\$918 ahead).
5. There will always be variances (unders and overs) at an expenses line level - overall I have no concerns.
6. We have signed off audited accounts, now waiting on auditor’s signature for them to be returned to us. We will then forward copy to Companies Office.

Moved acceptance of Financial Report

Jane / Rose

CLUB EVENTS /TOURNAMENTS (Dave reported)

1. Acknowledge Peter Bowyer will continue to direct our Sunday Salver Tournaments
2. Kevin will direct and Richard score Howick Open 5A Saturday 16 March
Currently have 14 tables registered, it would be good to see more Howick players entered.
Julie, Lenice will organise afternoon tea, players to bring lunch, Rose will help in kitchen
3. It should be noted that 1/3 of field will now get A points
4. Peter Bowyer will direct Intermediate/Junior Pairs 5B Saturday 13 April
5. Chris Tinkler will be sitting in on scorer’s job to learn
6. Confirmed payment
Tournament Directors (2 sessions) \$200
Tournament Scorers (2 sessions) \$200
Session Directors \$80

7. NZB listed 2 of our tournaments as an on-line option, discussed and agreed we prefer f2f in both instances. Dave will advise NZB and will provide HBC committee with NZB feedback
8. 2025 Tournaments confirmed same as last year.
9. Novice/Junior restricted tournament for Howick players only will be held on Sunday 7 April with 1pm start. Alan will design "Get out of Jail Free" card (designed to help with bidding only, not play) Dave will ask Chris to direct and as well email all eligible HBC players who qualify to participate.

PUBLICITY (Rose reported)

1. Enrolled 24 learners on Tuesday evening and 7 learners Thursday morning.
2. Facebook – 4 / Signage – 5 / Googled HBC – 4 / Radio 1. All brought friends with them.
3. Rose has a charity contact who can provide us with cheap(er) wine and chocs (lessons) and will make contact.
4. Too expensive for NZB to provide "bags" for learners this year.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Heather reported)

1. Organised Defibrillator check April/May (annual check)
2. Building WOF check carried out. Emergency lights didn't last long enough, fixed. Leo will advise we have fixed for WOF to be issued.
3. Leo also noted that extract fan in Ladies toilet area needs repair.

RENTALS Lenice reported everything OK no issues

BUILDING (Leo reported)

1. Clean windows (Leo and Peter)
2. GRANT monies. 3 applications, 2 declined and still waiting to hear on the other, no money. Leo advised we will apply for another option accepting applications July/Aug/September with decision in December.

GENERAL

1. **Alan advised** - Manual updated to current status and digitalised. Alan has made us aware updates are still required and when changes take place let Alan know so he can update manual to accurately capture what we do. Future manual will be electronic and Alan happy to carry out the process.
2. All (HBC) data should be held in one place, it is the responsibility of HBC committee, not any one person. New Constitution changes the situation.
3. **Dave advised** – Thanks to Richard who updated new computer. Old computer now learning computer. Old/old computer to be disposed of.
4. No advice when BridgeMate server will be updated – it is due to happen.
5. Check compass emails working.
6. Thursday evening low attendance will be monitored over next month.
7. Improver Lessons – Alan advised Sunday am suitable. Leo will check again with Cheryl. A teacher alternative was suggested to fit preferred timeslot.
8. Easter raffle – Rose
9. Rose will purchase Vacuum cleaner for club.
10. Constitution to be (again) circulated to committee and prioritised for discussion at next meeting. (Dave)

Meeting closed at 5:20pm. Next meeting Sunday 14 April