

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB MEETING - 11 JUNE 2023

PRESENT: Leo Sim, Rose Isherwood, Jane Thomlinson, Pat Williams, Lenice Clarkson, Sue Osborne, Mary Wood, Richard Andrew, Dave Christian.

Leo welcomed Dave Christian to the committee; Dave has agreed to take over the Tournament Secretary job, and as well, his input on committee matters will be appreciated.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 6 May 2023

Moved and seconded the minutes be accepted

Pat / Leo

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Honours board updated, gold not satisfactory, will be altered next time signwriter attends if required. Previous lettering 'gold dust'.
2. Illumination of back paths – Leo advised there is a 'sensor' switch but not connected to lights and needs to be updated. Bull Electrical quoted and committee have OK'd to do. As Rose pointed out, we would be responsible if an accident occurs because of inadequate lighting.
3. Valuation still to be done, Jane will follow up, suggest we contact Tina Gao (sponsor) who may be able to put us in touch with suitable valuer.
4. Defibrillator battery replacement will arrive in August.
5. We will revisit – no partner requirement Tuesday and Friday am and Christian names first in Programme book.
6. It is thought the problem discussed last month re Bridgemates could be overcome with a computer update. Richard will let us know.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward and Outward – as listed on Agenda and circulated to all committee.

Feedback:

1. Changes to Tournament poster to be sent to Sue, Dave and Peter.
2. Interhemispheric Challenge – Up Over vs Down Under Real Bridge to be held 4 July – table money \$7.

MEMBER WELFARE:

Dave's suggestion of a Welfare Secretary to be discussed.

MEMBERSHIP:

177 members – an increase of 14 from lessons.

4 Life members / 6 Student members / 6 Secondary members / 161 Ordinary members.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (Jane's written report)

MAY was a good Income month (\$10,400), as we invoiced out our 3 sponsors for their annual contributions. However, Expenditure was also high (\$10,019) due to the second flyer drop for the upcoming lessons.

YTD Results:

1. Income is ahead of budget by \$5,492 – mainly due to Tournament Fees, Sponsorship, and Rental Income.
2. Expenses are over budget by \$14,523 – mainly due to Advertising (2xflyer drops not budgeted for), and the Insurance claim for the front door repairs.
3. Insurance Claim money of \$6,247 was received on 6th June and will reduce next month's R&M spend.

4. Adjusted New Profit totals \$3,250 (October 22 to May 23) against a budget of \$5,860, so a bit behind - predominantly due to the Advertising spent.
5. The big expense on the horizon is Insurances (~\$6k).
6. \$53.50 held in the Suspense Account – being \$45.00 cash to bank, and an \$8.50 bank fee to be refunded (both now cleared).

Moved and seconded the Financial report be accepted

Jane / Rose

CLUB EVENTS_ (Sue/Mary reported)

1. Hospice Tournament - Mary reported members are very slow to sign up. Advise members to contact Rose if they are looking for a partner. (Newsletter) (We need to keep in touch with members wanting to play). Leo will confirm with Peter to direct and Richard will score.
2. Sunday Salver tournament next Sunday 18 June, no partner required.
3. Tournament 3A/5B – new poster to be forwarded to Peter / Dave / Sue.
4. Dave discussed Monday Ladder outcome, committee in agreement with Dave's comments.

PUBLICITY (Rose reported)

1. Leo organised flyers for letterbox drop
2. Flyers and posters in libraries, Howick, Highland Park, TeTuhi, Pakuranga, Citizens Advice, Supermarkets
3. Local Times paper – this week Hospice, as well as Tuesday beginner lessons, next week Thursday lessons.
4. Neighbourly website
5. Our website corrected.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Jane reported in Peter's absence)

1. Everything OK but checks to do this week
2. Dave requested member emergency contact list. Could be done by leaving clipboard on directors desk for a few weeks for members to update details.

RENTALS (Lenice reported) All OK

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE (Leo reported)

Blockage of urinals, one draining particularly slowly. Suggest we request cleaner not to use scented tablets for a month or so until they dissolve. (Lenice will speak to cleaner)

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Constitution draft by Jan and Nat forwarded to Dave to check over with fresh eyes. Returned to Jan and Nat for further correction. Leo will forward current draft to committee to view.
2. Lysandra will be new HBC director – she has been learning with Kevin.
3. Discussion re Howell movement (why) on Wednesday night and more boards should be played.
4. Blue table numbers need to be replaced. Rose suggested it would be cheaper for us to purchase a laminator and do them ourselves.
5. Committee viewed Lysandra's Bridge Power Point for beginners' lessons.

Meeting closed at 5:10pm

Next meeting Sunday 9 July at 3pm at Clubrooms.