MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB MEETING - 6 MAY 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Sue Osborne

MINUTES of previous meeting held 2 April 2023

Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted Rose /

Rose / Pat carried

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1. Roger Rose will update Honours Board as well as new signage for toilets.
- 2. Session times updated on website.
- 3. Illumination of outside paths quote required

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

MEMBER WELFARE: (Pat reported)

Get Well cards sent to 2 members.

MEMBERSHIP: (Jane reported)

- 1. 163 members an increase of 1 (a returning Youth member)
- 2. All subs have been paid.
- 3. Compass funds returned to Nina Gebler; Judith Jones very kindly donated David's funds (thanked by Jane).
- 4. Unclaimed Compass funds now reduced to \$193.00

FINANCIAL REPORT: (Jane reported)

April was a break-even month with additional income offsetting addition spending. Additional income included:

- \$600 from NZ Bridge (\$300 p.a.) contribution towards annual marketing activities.
- The 8B Tournament a net gain of \$327

Additional spending included:

- Bridge Consumables purchase of bidding pad stock \$441
- Repairs & Maintenance gutter cleaning and mesh installation \$800

YTD Results:

- Income is ahead by \$2,842 a good result
- Expenses are over by \$8,875, but include \$6,787 to be refunded from our Insurance claim
- Adjusted New Profit totals \$5,481 (October22 to April 23)
- The largest variances against budget are:
 - 1. Membership Subscriptions \$1,611 less than hoped for
 - 2. Cleaning costing a little less than expected each month (\$2,093 savings)
 - 3. Advertising lessons flyer letterbox drop (\$3,586 cost)
 - 4. Wages \$2,144 under budget
- \$55.00 held in the Suspense Account cash to bank as at 30 April.

Rose asked if Compass payments were up-to-date. Richard advised that overdrawn members are regularly reminded. Benchmark for Compass – negative balance receive automatic email reminder (we have overcome the problem of Microsoft initially recognising reminders as spam).

Jane / Lenice carried

CLUB EVENTS: (Sue reported)

- The Restricted tournament held last Saturday was a great success; thanks to all who helped out. Philippa Cunningham entered and paid but then had to cancel; she has donated her \$60 to our club – Sue thanked her
- Next event is our 58th Birthday party on Sunday 21 May. Jane's offer to make birthday cake gratefully accepted. We will have pre-play drinks at 12:30 then the normal Sunday afternoon tea at the conclusion and we will open the bar again. Peter will direct as per usual Sunday Bridge
- 2. New Directors hopefully someone has answered Leo's call as we are pretty desperate now.
- 3. We received an email from Grant Jarvis saying they may review the number of tournaments we currently hold. We are supposed to get authority each year from the Regional Committee, this has never been done! NZ Bridge rules say we are allowed 1 x 5A or 3A, 1 x 8B, 1 x 5B and 1 x 3B. However it is status quo unless we hear from Grant.
- Hospice Tournament Thursday 15 June quality items only acceptable for trading table, no clothes please; Mary has commenced her request to local businesses. Directors to remind members about items for raffle.

PUBLICITY: (Rose reported)

- 1. Noticeboards for next lessons booked for 1 month display at Stockade and Pakuranga Highway.
- 2. Mac Teaching, Joy will assist on Tuesday evenings, assistance still required for Thursday am.
- 3. Flyers: Leo's email covering printing and distribution costs discussed, along with reverse side to be printed in Chinese. Majority voted in favour.
- 4. Signage on top of building is great 'permanent' advertising but needs refurbishment, Lightbox suggested, and we will investigate that option at the appropriate time (repainting of building).

HEALTH & SAFETY: (Peter reported

- 1. Defibrillator checked; battery replacement will be forwarded to Richard to replace.
- Pads due for replacement October 24 and a reminder that pads need to be placed on bare skin.

Jane has offered to be responsible for Health & Safety in Peter's absence.

RENTALS: (Lenice reported)

All going well, vacancies during day, running over budget.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- 1. Leo will get quotes for painting (outside)
- 2. Check fluorescent lights in committee room (Leo)
- 3. It was agreed we would get a valuation carried out for insurance purposes (last completed July 2018) suggest email asking members in first instance.
- After discussion and \$ figures (labour and price index) put forward by Jane, Committee all in favour of updating session payment to directors. Effective 1/6/23. Jane will advise directors by email.
- 5. Intermediate Improvers Lessons on-line with Rona Driscoll agreed in principal. Leo will discuss with Rona, cost and time.
- Youth 25 and under as per youth NZB tournament indicator. Full price for tournament participation but Youth can apply for partial cost claim from NZB. If Youth in fulltime employment, they pay full price for tournament.
- 7. Good progress on (draft) Constitution, thanks to Jan and Nat, Dave will check it over with 'fresh' eyes. We are 'ready to go' when the new incorporated societies act will be published in September which may or may not require us to alter our draft.
- 8. Leo has asked Dave Christian to be our new Tournament Secretary, he will reserve his decision until he has discussed with Sue.
- 9. Storage of documents organised by Leo in (named) google drive and he will check security.
- 10. Leo has spoken to Joy and Lysandra re becoming Director but they have yet to confirm. No response to email from members.
- 11. Rose put forward that Tuesday and Friday am sessions should be "no partner" required. Further discussion required because we obviously need a roster of standby members to make this work. Needs to be organised before printing of 2024 "Programme of Events" book.
- 12. Rose requested printing member names in "Programme of Event" book be by Christian name first (not Surname). Not everyone knows surnames. We will consider this before printing of 2024 book and advise Cheryl.
- 13. Bridgemates updated software reinstalled, won't know till we use them again if that has fixed the problem. Regardless, committee were in agreement that we immediately order a new server for Bridgemates through Jan Spaanz. None currently in NZ so delivery will be delayed.

Meeting closed at 5pm Next meeting Sunday 11 June