

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB MEETING 10 September 2023

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

APOLOGIES: Peter McLean

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 9 August 2023

Moved and seconded the minutes be accepted

Pat / Leo

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Lenice advised Bull Electrical had completed outside lights, however not 'sensory' as requested. Lenice will discuss with Bull Electrical. Suggested vegetation should be trimmed back too.
2. Laminator purchased
3. Leo contacted Cheryl re new members, chatted and sorted
4. Friday am 'no partner' trial going OK, one or two extra players turning up.
5. Jujitsu signage ongoing, their concern.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward and outward as listed on agenda and circulated to a committee as well as e-google to members where necessary.

1. Loveblock Pairs Friday 10 November – Leo reported he has had conversation with Papatoetoe who are not keen to join us, older members do not want to travel out of their area. Decision made to host, Pat to advise Richard Soloman, (our) Richard will be contact, Dave to advertise to Monday evening players. Richard will direct.
2. Hui at Orewa , Leo and Rose will attend, Pat to advise Grant Jarvis.

MEMBERSHIP: (Jane)

188 members – an increase of 7 (6 from lessons, 1 partner of an existing member)

FINANCIAL: (Jane's written report tabled)

Key Points:

Eleven of twelve months now complete – and all is well financially. August produced a Net Profit of \$2,196.

We will need to pay out the Hospice Donation before the end of the financial year. We need 'code' for Hospice payment.

Year To Date:

1. Total Income \$110,387: \$14,442 ahead of target.
2. Total Expenses \$105,502: \$6,877 over budget (Advertising and R&M)
3. Interest Income \$2,478
4. Net Profit \$7,363 - less \$4,730 Hospice Donation.
5. Adjusted YTD Net Profit \$2,633
6. An interesting fact – if we had left the Table Money fee at \$5 we would be reporting ~\$11k Net Loss.

Moved and seconded the Financial Report be accepted

Jane / Sue

CLUB EVENTS: (Dave reported)

1. The Open and Intermediate tournaments held yesterday 9 September were a great success. Thanks to everyone who put so much time and effort into making it so - especially Peter Bowyer for stepping into the director's role at such short notice.

2. Next Sunday Bridge on 17 September will incorporate farewell afternoon tea for Sue.
3. We currently have 3 website administrators, but Cheryl has taken a back seat and Dave is just learning. Given the importance of the website for the club, Dave feels that - in the medium term - another person should be nominated to have administrator access so that there is a path for continuity should Dave and Peter both become unavailable and someone else needs to step in.
4. Dave has advised Peter of transfer of Sue's role to Dave and he has passed on publicity information. Dave has created new email account for tournaments.

PUBLICITY: (Leo reported)

Leo has asked Lysandra to draw up new Lesson sign to be displayed roadside in front of Leisure Centre.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

1. Jane will do this month check before Peter returns next week.
2. Do NOT stand on tables, we do have a step ladder.

RENTALS: (Lenice reported)

1. All going well with and for tenants.
2. Another request for 6 hours on Saturdays for Chinese language and arts tuition. Downstairs already tenanted on Saturdays but we could offer 3 hours downstairs (language) and 3 hours upstairs committee room (art tuition – uses poster paint and oil pastels) – floor would be covered. She has been advised committee room would be unavailable when we have a tournament. 4-5 students in Art class and 9-10 students in language class. Requires two folding tables which we will provide. Committee agreed to a trial period until Christmas with renewal option if it works out OK (for us).
3. New rubbish bin required for downstairs.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE: (Leo reported)

1. Leo talking to Mary about stage 2 and quotes.
2. Plans modified
 - We are required to install fire collars around plastic pipes
 - We will use large sheets to line walls so no join required.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Seating requirements – meant to toss for seating last two sessions of competition – Directors need to advise players.
2. Pat to inform Nat that the committee voted to continue with the status quo regarding competitions and prizes.
3. Wednesday winners will receive prizes, trophies and wine at AGM.
4. 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. (Query from Angela Signal)
5. Harlequin insurance query (to Leo)
6. Harlequin arranging for fibre connection quote, they are offering to share connection costs.
7. Jane's further calls to QV re valuation still unanswered so Prendos new contact for quote which can be done off plans and physical look around. (Check insurance cover for 'landlords').
8. Programme book printing, committee confirmed Christian names to be listed first followed by surname. Committee who require further changes or insertions to contact Cheryl with changes written out asap.

9. Tutor payment for lessons to be checked by Jane with the option of Compass credit.
10. Club email addresses: Leo and Dave to investigate, clarify and recommend changes if appropriate - Particularly with regard to privacy and robustness/continuity.

Meeting closed at 4:50pm

Next Meeting Sunday 8 October 2023