

## **MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB MEETING - 12 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 3PM**

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

### **MINUTES of previous meeting held 13 November 2022**

Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted Pat/Leo Carried

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

Brian will continue with sponsorship when required.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Improver Lessons require teachers – available on-line at Auckland – we could do a 15 minutes 'lesson' before play.
2. Retention of new members -partners an issue – buddy system liked and works
3. Ask for helpers – use whiteboard at club as well as group email.
4. Leo will contact Nat.

### **MEMBER WELFARE:**

6 Bereavement cards sent (member and spouses) and 1 Get Well

### **MEMBERSHIP:** (Jane reported)

1. Paid up members = 124 (includes Life Members)
2. Played at least once this year and not paid subs yet = 20
3. Have not played this year and not paid subs = 37
4. Members confirmed not returning = 3
5. Member deceased = 1

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:** (Jane reported)

1. January was a good month making \$1591 profit, generally due to expenses over the Xmas period being lower than budgeted for.
2. YTD figures are now what we need to focus on  
Total income of \$42.715 is on budget  
Total expenditure \$46374 is over budget due to payments made for the door repairs (insurance claim to be made) and the toilet reno costs that will be transferred to the B/sheet once complete
3. After these adjustments we have made a YTD Net Profit of \$3895 (budgeted on only making \$330)
4. The number to watch closely now is Subs; currently only received 67%
5. Email reminder to all unpaid members with invoice attached.
6. A further challenge is dealing with any Compass money that needs to be returned to non-returning members.

Moved and seconded that the Financial Report be accepted Jane/Pat Carried

**CLUB EVENTS:** (Sue reported)

1. HBC 5A Tournament to be held 11 March – Leo to push completion of disabled toilets area and use of ladies' toilets as is with tidy up – if not we have option of downstairs (Lenice will advise morning group using that area)
2. Tony Morcom has confirmed he will direct.
3. First Sunday Bridge 19 March – Richard will direct
4. To date, Cheryl has had 3 enquiries re lessons.
5. Interclub Teams entered – 5 Junior, 1 Intermediate, 1 Open.
6. HBC Facebook – next newsletter, please ask members to use and “like”.
7. Suggestion – Fun event / Social night? Sue will talk to Julie re catering suggestions
8. April committee meeting scheduled for Easter Sunday to be cancelled.

**PUBLICITY:** (Rose reported)

1. Display notice re lessons to all libraries in area, Music in Parks (11/3), Neighbourly, Car show, Retirement Villages.
2. Community boards not available, all booked
3. Howick Board office not manned but enquiries on-going to use their notice board,
4. Peter happy to do Howick 'stall' again and will ask for helpers to hand out brochures. (whiteboard) – suggest 4/11/18 March. Contact for Market, Jane Newbury.
5. Bridge playing demos in Libraries to be arranged (as previously)
6. Lessons start 21 March (Cheryl and Richard).

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** (Peter reported)

1. Peter to check St Johns website re requirements for first Aid Box to ensure ours is up to date.
2. Fire Inspection Monday 13 Feb (Leo)
3. Stepladder required (Rose to purchase)

**RENTALS:** (Lenice reported)

1. One tenant has been dismissed due to inconsistent payments
2. Heat Pump cleaned last week
3. Jane will open another suffix in bank ac for Lenice to check rental payments, committee ok'd.
4. Downstairs fridge needs to be left on permanently, currently turned off with power.
5. By keeping rents at current level we have consistency with tenancy and income.

**REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE** (Leo reported)

1. Leo is hopeful that doors will be reinstalled this week. Timeframe is due to unprecedented work demand due to current crimewave ie ram raids and more recently business flooding.
2. Hold-ups re the rebuilding of disabled toilet discussed and Leo to give them 'hurry-up', not only in view of upcoming tournament but also member comfort.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Richard will check with Cambridge/Tauranga 'what is considered a reasonable 'donation' payment for Bob Fearn. Urgent payment to be made pre Tournament.
2. Gum tree – Leo has completed an on-line Works Order form for removal.

3. Award for “Most Improved Pair” as suggested by Leo, discussed by committee (criteria? / benchmark? etc) and dismissed.
4. Nat’s letter re TE Salver discussed. Leo will contact Nat to discuss committee decision. Committee did appreciate Nat’s time, thought and effort in presenting his reasoning.
5. Flyers re advertising for lessons. “Saturation” option agreed by committee and includes area letterbox drop to 25000 homes targeting 40-60 year age group.
6. Discussion re ‘occasional’ players and compass account payments for such players to be able to continue playing. Committee confirmed that they are either visitors with status to play 6 times a year only or they must join the club as either a member or associate.
7. Constitution update. Members, particularly with business aptitude, required to assist Jan Hollway who will oversee this job for HBC.
8. Monday 13 February will be transferred to on-line due to storm issues. Leo to email members, we will make it a 1NMP so those who cannot play online are not disadvantaged in the competition.

**Meeting closed at 5:10pm**