

MINUTES of the HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Held via Zoom on Sunday 14th August 2022 at 3 pm.

PRESENT: Leo Sim (chairperson), Richard Andrew, Lenice Clarkson, Rose Isherwood, Peter Mclean, Wayne Oakley, Sue Osborne, Pat Williams, Cheryl Winsor, Mary Wood.

APOLOGIES: Jane Thomlinson, Joy Zeng.

MINUTES of the previous COMMITTEE MEETING: held on Sunday 10th July 2022 at 3 pm.

Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted.

Pat / Mary Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

- Rose reported that NZ Post would service a letter box outside our building.
- New batteries for the emergency lighting have been installed. Argus to confirm the testing schedule.
- Peter to check the back windows and guttering. Cheryl noted that we have a window cleaner.
- The Honours board has been updated, with a typo "LEOSIM".
- Te Tui will host our bridge demonstration again "anytime".

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward

NZ Bridge (distributed to the committee).

Outward

Thank you letter to Domino's Pizza.

Consolidated feedback on Online bridge to NZ Bridge.

MEMBER WELFARE:

Cards were sent to Tony Turner, Sharon Travers, Neil Beckett, Sue McKinnon, June Hughes, Jean Fitzgerald, Geraldine Rose and Peter Bowyer.

MEMBERSHIP:

177 – a net increase of 2 from last month.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- The monthly financial reports were emailed on 6th August 2022.
- \$5,000 donation to Hospice was paid out on 1st August.
- Grant money of \$6,000 received in July overstates the month's operating result.
- Removing \$6,459.70 of income (Grant & Hospice) we made an operating loss for July of **\$3,196.92**.
- YTD our adjusted* Net Profit result remains positive at \$12,269.71 (*\$11,000 deducted for Hospice & Grant).
- The COVID Resurgence Payment continues to cover our monthly net losses.
- Next year will be financially challenging if we can't get Table Money income up.

Moved and seconded that the Financial report be accepted.

Leo / Cheryl. Carried.

CLUB EVENTS / TOURNAMENTS: Sue / Cheryl reported:

- Sunday Salver on 28th August: Sue will ask Peter or Richard or Kevin to direct.
- 3A / 5B tournament on 10th September: Sue will ask Tony to direct.
- Chris suggests that we schedule no ladders on Tuesday evening or Thursday morning, to allow new players to concentrate on building partnerships with a small number of people. Agreed to change the Programme book for 2023.
- We are out-looking 6 regular tables for Thursday morning. We may need to purchase another cup. Who would be eligible to win prizes?

PUBLICITY Rose reported:

- Demonstrations on Main Street attracted 4 new members. Peter would be a starter for another demonstration.
- An Internet presence is required.

HEALTH & SAFETY: as above.

RENTALS Lenice reported:

- The new Samoa church has not disturbed a Sunday Salver.
- 20 replacement plastic chairs were purchased for downstairs for \$238 Lenice / Pat Carried.

REPAIRS / MAINTENANCE / TOILET ENHANCEMENTS:

- See "Sponsorship applications" below. In some cases we can re-apply.
- Leo will meet the contractor to discuss a reduced scope of works. Priorities are: the bucket and the unisex toilet. We need to pay the architect \$3,000.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Leo and Joy to prune the cleaning in the light of reduced use of the clubrooms. July was \$1,700.
- Pat suggested raising table money to \$7. No decision yet.
- Tuesday morning receipts were \$60 for 3 tables. Costs exceeded \$70. Leo to write to members about attending to more face-to-face sessions.
- Friendly online match with Canada or UK: Leo to write to members to gauge support.
- Suggestion from Nat re TE Salver: declined. Leo to talk to Nat.
- Chris has cleaned the dealing machine. Leo to write to members about reporting damaged cards.
- We have received, from another club, a verbal complaint about the behaviour of one of our members. No action will be taken on a verbal complaint.

Meeting closed at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting: Sunday 11th September 2022 at 3 pm.

Venue: Zoom.

Leo Sim

Chairperson

Grant Applications:

Still awaiting two more outcomes, but overall very disappointing. The main reason given by the charities is that they are all very short of funds at present – not enough funds to go round.

Charity	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Date Money Rec'd
Lion Foundation	\$20,000.00	\$6,000.00	28/07/2022
BlueSky Community Trust	\$20,000.00	pending	
Grassroots Trust	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	
Trillian Trust	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	
Pub Charity	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	2/08/2022
NZ Community Trust	\$5,000.00	pending	
	\$90,000.00	\$11,000.00	