

MINUTES HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday 23rd May, 2020 commencing at 3pm

PRESENT: P Williams (Chairperson), R Andrew, L Sim, W Oakley, J Heath, , C Winsor, L Clarkson, S Osborne, M Wood, S McKinnon

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, 10th March 2020

Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted

Sue Osborne/Wayne Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Wayne was thanked for chairing the last committee meeting
- Tape on mats in kitchen have been replaced

IN-COMMITTEE MINUTES, 10th March 2020

Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted

Cheryl/Sue Osborne Carried

It was suggested that in future, In-Committee Minutes should be emailed to all committee members prior to the next scheduled meeting. The Minutes are confidential and are not to be placed on the club website

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: NZ Bridge Covid-19 (all forwarded to committee)

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Outward: Card to Pat Cooper (redirected from Middlemore Hospital and sent to Bruce McLaren)

Moved and seconded that the correspondence be accepted

Pat/Sue McKinnon Carried

MEMBERSHIP: 177 members

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- The reports for March and April were all emailed out on time with extra reports showing a reconciliation between the Cash Book and new MYOB Essentials programme, as well as a 12 month report from the Cash Book to allow for comparisons if required
- A treasurer's report was emailed to members on 2nd May
- From April, only the Essentials programme is being used
- The committee were advised that there is a possibility we could be expected to refund some Sponsorship money due to cancellation of our Tournaments
- We were successful on getting the wage subsidy
- GST was paid on 7th May 2020
- Insurance of \$5,315 is now due. This will be paid in four-monthly instalments
- Jay, our cleaner started back last week to do a once a week clean in the downstairs area only returning clients

- Consideration will be given to zero table fees for players returning to bridge in the first week after we reopen from lockdown. Pat to write to all members to encourage them to return
- Lease agreement requirements has gone to Auckland Council. We are awaiting their response

Moved and seconded that the financial report be accepted.

Jean/Pat - Carried

CLUB EVENTS /TOURNAMENTS:

Sue Osborne advised:

- Tournaments for March - May have been cancelled due to Covid-19
- Open 3A & Intermediate/Junior 5B Tournament - still scheduled for Saturday 27th June
- Hospice Tournament on 18th June has been cancelled.
Pat to send an email to members suggesting that in lieu of the Hospice Tournament this year that members make a voluntary donation online to the Totara Hospice.
Cheryl to place a notice on the HBC website
- Neil Beckett has done a great job in encouraging HBC members to play BBO in PCBC tournaments during lockdown. Neil suggests that Howick members donate table money to HBC each time they play in the PCBC tournament. Cheryl to add instructions for this on the HBC website

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Sue McKinnon had nothing to report as the club has been shut because of Covid-19.

Discussion was held on Covid-19

- NZ Covid Tracer, QR Code poster, - Business Govt newsletter was given to Sue McKinnon to print. Posters to be placed at strategic points in the building Sue to look at this.
- Form for each bridge session to be given to all playing members to ensure that contact details (cell phone, home and email addresses) are current. Sue McKinnon to design form, Anne to check update contact information on bridge database

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

Leo stated that there is a traffic cone on top of the HBC roof which needs to be removed.

SPONSORSHIP:

Jean stated that sponsorship funds have been received from both Bruce McLaren and New World.

FUNDING: No report

BUILDING and FIRE CODE:

Richard stated that:

- Building Code of Compliance has been received
- Annual fire inspection was conducted on Friday 22nd May and passed
- Register of items that need compliance / inspection checks to be compiled by Richard and Leo

HONOURS BOARD:

Honours Board needs updating. Richard to contact Ray Te Reo, sign writer, to remind him to update the Board with gold/gold coloured lettering.

RENTALS:

Lenice said:

- Clients are slowly coming back - two have returned and she will prompt the other two if they have not returned by the end of this month
- An email has been sent to a long-term client, a yoga instructor, to pay the same amount as everyone else - all other clients had a rental increase in 2014, but because this client had a low client base it was left as is. As from January 2021 her rate will be the same as everybody else, ie \$25 per hour (GST incl)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Coronavirus** - NZ Bridge has recommended that clubs should not open their doors for play until New Zealand goes to Alert Level 1.
Pat will advise all members by email about NZ Bridge's guidelines
- **Handicaps** - Leo suggested that we should use X-Club results over a specific period of time, eg 6 weeks, to reward those players who have improved. Leo thought that Monday night would be suitable to find a player, such as in the Restrictive pairs tournament from 8-29 June. He believed that it would improve player's confidence with the handicap system.

The committee made the following comments:

- Handicaps had been thought about in previous years but had not been considered viable
- Monday was a more social evening as players generally wanted to enjoy themselves and do not want the pressures of more advanced bidding
- Richard believed that handicap points could be displayed. It was suggested that the Director could announce who had won and also how people had scored on Handicap points - two lists could be displayed on the wall. It was thought that Wednesday and Thursday nights were considered to be the most suitable for handicap x-club results to be listed. (Trial period)
- It was recognised that we need to find ways to boost numbers on Wednesday and Thursday nights - Cheryl believes that Tuesday night players could be encouraged to join Thursday night play
- Cheryl mentioned X-Club results are worth looking at and would encourage HBC members to use X-Club as bought up by Leo. This will be via a newsletter when play commences.

Meeting closed 4.25pm

Next meeting (date to be confirmed 14 June) Sunday, 3pm 2020

Venue - Howick Bridge Club

**Pat Williams
Chairperson**