

MINUTES of the HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 28th March 2021 at 3.30pm. (Note: the meeting scheduled for 14th March was postponed because there was no quorum.)

PRESENT: P Williams (Chairperson), R Andrew, L Clarkson, R Isherwood, S McKinnon, W Oakley, L Sim, C Winsor.

APOLOGIES: J Heath, S Osborne, M Wood.

MINUTES of the previous COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday 14th February 2021 at 3.30pm:

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Jim Ramsey and Eileen Taylor have paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: NZ Bridge: (previously distributed to committee by e-mail) no action.
Discussed paying Tournament Director tuition fee of \$25 for Kevin.
John Mitchell (on behalf of his mother) re email contact Pat has progressed.

Outward Nil Correspondence approved Pat / Cheryl.

MEMBERSHIP: 177 paid members plus 2 unpaid.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- February reports were emailed out on 3rd March.
- Approved affixing of the Club's seal to the new lease.
- Approved raising of part-year subscriptions to \$10 per month (plus joining fee \$25).

Moved and seconded that the Accounts as presented be approved and accepted Cheryl / Pat.

CLUB EVENTS / TOURNAMENTS:

- Cheryl's supplier of name badges has fallen through. Lenice to investigate what Papatoetoe have done.
- Agreed not to award second prizes unless the event runs to at least 4 sessions.
- Cheryl called for help with beginners on a rota basis (Macleans College, Tuesday evening).
- Rose to survey daytime players about session times.
- Pat to talk to Tuesday evening players about another session.

PUBLICITY:

- A feather sign is available @ 135. No action yet.
- Pat will approach Harlequin about how they created their signage.
- Warehouse Stationery can supply fliers @ 7 cents each for 1,000.
- Consider signage on the roof.
- Discussed signage at Stockade Hill, Lloyd Elsmore and community notice boards.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- Do we have a Building Warrant Of Fitness?
- Discussed cameras and lighting for the car park.
- Does the air horn still exist?

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

- Asbestos Management Plan: draft completed and approved. Wayne to distribute.
- Leo has replaced the bolt on the door to the basement.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Pat reported to committee

- Discussed lessons, timing and staffing. Approved the next wave of lessons.
- Payment for teachers to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Pat and Lenice to discuss unlocking / locking up.
- Discussed an answer-phone. Rose to investigate alternatives.
- Pat to meet Maurice re extending our web site e.g. membership form.
- Pat suggested that we replace technology with ambassadors.
- If an existing member introduces a new member, then we will pay the existing member 4 session vouchers. Approved.
- Any such bonus vouchers would need to be distinguishable from the current vouchers.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- The Easter raffle drew a poor response. Downsize next year.
- Richard to order 2 sets of 30 boards.
- The use of an assistant for disabled players was approved in principle. The disabled player must provide the assistant.
- Painting or replacing the hessian notice boards was discussed. Pat to progress or not.
- Discussion of the issues raised by Sue Thompson's letter.
- Suggested that nuts no longer be served because of COVID hygiene concerns.

Meeting closed 5.55 pm.

Next meeting: Sunday 11th April 2021 at 3.30pm.

Venue - Howick Bridge Club.

Pat Williams
Chairperson