

MINUTES of the HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 14th February 2021 at 3.30pm.

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

APOLOGIES: R Andrew, J Heath.

MINUTES of the previous COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday 13th December 2020 at 3.30pm:
Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted. Lenice / Pat Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: nil.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: NZ Bridge: (previously distributed to committee by e-mail) no action.

Outward Nil Approved Cheryl / Pat.

MEMBERSHIP: 165 paid members.

- Confirmed that Dave Christian has rejoined the Club.
- Jim Ramsey and Eileen Taylor still need to pay the entrance fee @ \$25 each (Pat to follow up).
- Lists of unpaid members were distributed for Committee members to follow up.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- December and January reports were emailed out on 9th February.
- The rules about Associate members and visitors will be reviewed next month.
- Associate members pay \$40 pa plus table money \$5, and can play up to 6 times pa.
- Visitors pay only table money \$7, and can play up to 6 times pa.
- Youths pay sub of \$20 and \$2 table money for club sessions but full price for Salver and tournaments.
- Youth pre-pay tickets available – 5 for \$10.
- Judy Anderson has made a donation of \$100. (Pat to thank)
- Approved \$55 pa for increased Public Liability insurance under renewed lease.
- Agreed to pay Richard for installation of automatic payment of table money via Compass.
- Agreed to add another suffix to ANZ bank account to receive table money.

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

CLUB EVENTS / TOURNAMENTS:

- For the 5A tournament, Lenice will supervise kitchen staff re lunch, afternoon tea and cleanup
- For the Intermediate / Junior tournament, we will use Muzzas for catering. Discuss at next meeting.
- Cheryl will show sample name badges to Committee members next week (for consideration).
- Current lessons should yield 12 night and 8 day players, with 2 undecided.
- Discussion re Leo's email about finding partners online (as opposed to having partnership officer). Cheryl and Richard to investigate if this is easy enough to organise.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OF TABLE MONEY:

- Richard has successfully completed his testing of the Compass features for table money.
- Compass can email members when their balance gets low.
- Possible add-on features include paying prizes and staff.
- For the next meeting, Committee members are to consider the scope required.
- We will wait for Richard and Jean to advise start-up date of this feature for club.

PUBLICITY:

- The sign has been erected at Pakuranga Road. To be removed on 22nd February.
- Rose has distributed flyers to Citizens Advice and local libraries, and checked usage.
- Rose has contacted Pakuranga Times and Eastern Courier.
- Rose would like a version of the flyer without specific dates for lessons.
- Rose suggested that we encourage spectators. How might this work?

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- The Club's address has been added to all Fire notices

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

- Richard and Leo have completed their inspection.
- Fibrolite was used on the outside of the building and is also in the committee room extension.
- Leo will send his report template to Wayne. A hardcopy should be kept on site.
- Sue McK (Health & Safety) gave permission for her name to be used on the form.
- We will not get fibre optics installed – phones working when checked.

RENTALS:

- Lenice reported that all tenants have returned after the holidays.

SPONSORSHIP and FUNDING

- Our thanks to Tina Gao's continued sponsorship.
- In 2020, (due to Covid Lockdowns) we did not deliver the number of tournaments agreed with Bruce McLaren Village.
- We propose to move the agreed end date from 31 January 2021 to 31 July 2021 to cover delivery of agreed tournaments.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Pat reported to committee

- Suggestion that we need to be teach constantly, not once per year.
- Suggestion that we need to offer incentives for attracting new members.
- Bill is to send the key points of the work to date.
- We need a "vibrant" web site. ("Vibrant" was not defined.)
- Pat confirmed that Cheryl is responsible for changing the web site.
- The back notice boards will be reorganised for display of Strategic Plan. (Pat and Wayne)
- Tournaments notices to be moved to more prominent back notice board as well.
- Committee to consider a session (or 2) where members without a pre-arranged partner can attend and be guaranteed a game.
- Committee members to consider what else we might do.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Finding partners via the web site turns out not to be simple.
- Instances where other clubs reported increased daytime attendance with time.
- Wayne to draft our Privacy Policy (based on NZ Bridge sample). Cheryl to post on web site.

Meeting closed 5.40 pm.

Next meeting: Sunday 14th March 2021 at 3.30pm.

Venue - Howick Bridge Club.

Pat Williams

Chairperson