

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB MEETING 6 AUGUST 2023

PRESENT: Leo Sim, Rose Isherwood, Jane Thomlinson, Pat Williams, Lenice Clarkson, Richard Andrew, Dave Christian

APOLOGIES: Mary Wood, Peter McLean, Sue Osborne

At the request of the committee, Nat Natarajan addressed the committee submitting his ideas for changes to awards criteria.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 9 July 2023

Moved and seconded the minutes be accepted

Pat / Jane

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Laminating still to be done (Rose)
2. Re valuation, Jane completed form online, no reply, followed up with phone call and their promise to contact, still waiting.
3. Still waiting for Hospice truck to pick up items.
4. Bull Electrical, Lenice still to follow up re sensor for two lights for path downstairs.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward and outward as listed on agenda and circulated to all committee as well as e-google to members where necessary.

MEMBER WELFARE (Pat) – bereavement card as listed on agenda.

SOCIAL SECRETARY (Rose)

Dave will show Rose how to source members not attending bridge, for follow-up.

MEMBERSHIP (Jane) – 181 – return of 2 past members.

(NB: 2 schoolboys allocated a bridge number for recent tournament were included in last month's numbers but as they are not members, they have since been removed).

FINANCIAL REPORT (Jane's written report)

Financials – Key Points:

All seems to be tracking to budget as we head to the end of the financial year. July produced a Net Profit of \$197.

Year To Date:

- Total Income \$101,809 - \$12,164 ahead of target. Subscriptions being the only area falling short.
- Total Expenses \$ 99,124 - \$6,779 over budget. Mainly due to advertising cost previously mentioned.
- Net Profit \$5,004 - \$6,154 ahead of target, but prior to adjusting for Hospice Donation Funds held.
- Adjusted New Profit - \$301

Moved and seconded the Financial Report be accepted

Jane / Pat

CLUB EVENTS (Sue's written report tabled)

1. Next Sunday Bridge is on 27 August, Sue will be 'spare' with Nicki. Dave will attend, other committee members noted date.
2. Next Tournament is on 9 September, our 3A/5B 'Congress warmup' tournament. Flyer has gone out to all clubs and email to all tournament players goes out next week. Entries are slowly coming in.
3. Jane advised Pizza Tournament made a profit of \$260.

PUBLICITY (Rose)

Council advertising display boards have been ordered and confirmed for 2024.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Jane in Peter's absence)

All checks completed (Peter back for September)

RENTALS (Lenice)

JuJitsu adding more sessions for kids.

All going well with and for tenants.

TOILET RENOVATIONS (Leo)

Leo will contact Mar in due course, she has contacts for renovations.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. It is disappointing to note that our newest members (from February lessons) seem to be dropping off. Leo has asked Cheryl to contact them to encourage them to continue. Committee thought we had a better success rate in retaining new learners when they were appointed a 'Mentor' who helped them over a period of 3-4 weeks.
2. Annette and Judy have requested 'Mentors' and helpers for their students when their lessons are completed.
3. NO PARTNER REQUIRED will be trialled over the period of 4 Friday am sessions, 25 August – 17 September, in an effort to target those members who, because they do not have a partner nor advertise on-line, do not attend. Rose will be available to be the 'spare'. This initiative needs to be advertised by e-google and announced at each session, plus members (word of mouth).
4. Signage request by Jujitsu group – not on our building but very happy for 'feather' to be erected in grass area or something raised to show above the parked cars.
5. Because of the cost it was confirmed by committee that only plain biscuits would be purchased in future for supper.

Meeting closed at 4:20 pm

Next meeting Sunday 10 September at 3pm