

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 9 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 3PM

PRESENT: Rose Isherwood, Mary Wood, Lenice Clarkson, Geraldine Rose, Heather Green, Peter McLean, Leo Sim, Jane Thomlinson, Dave Christian, Pat Williams

APOLOGIES: Lana Ashley, Richard Andrew

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

- Pat, Jane, Dave and Richard are employees of the club.
- Lenice has Ryman shares.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 14 January 2025

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Heather / Geraldine

MATTERS ARISING

- Jujitsu debt cleared.
- Webpage still to do (Dave)
- Update of donation board – discussed – check history with Peter - Pat will list more recent donors and advise Leo
- Keys given to Lana and Geraldine
- “Designated job list” emailed to committee – (update ?)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email all members “Reluctant Directors” info and pin on wall.
- Victoria Astorga venue hire did not eventuate.

MEMBER WELFARE

Bereavement card to Marlene Young.

MEMBERSHIP (as emailed to committee)

- 58 members have re-joined and paid their subs (90% of original number)
- 20 players have been resigned
- 21 player’s subs remain outstanding. A follow up email was sent 5th January.
 - 4 of these 21 have attended sessions in January – so still likely to rejoin
 - 14 with no contact
- Final membership expected to be ~170

FINANCIALS (as emailed to committee)

January’s numbers are over inflated due to the Funding Grant received to fully renovate the toilet blocks. Work on the downstairs urinal commenced 22nd January and is now complete. The financials will normalise as further renovation stages are paid for. January was also another good month for subscriptions with \$6,015 received. Rental income was down slightly due to the holiday period.

YTD Key Financial Results:

- Total Income \$124,080
- Total Expenses \$66,088
- Total Interest Income \$879
- Net Profit \$58,871
- Removing the grant money received and the renovation costs paid, produces a Net Profit result of \$14,333 (mostly from Subs and Nat Natarajan’s very generous donation).

(NOTE: as advised by Rose, Franklin pay \$125 membership which includes \$25 NZB Levy)

Moved and seconded acceptance of Financial Statements

Jane / Dave

CLUB EVENTS (Dave)

Tournaments

- Kevin and Lysandra will direct, (except Hospice), Richard will score.
- Catering - Julie and Heather will co-ordinate. Heather will do lunch duties.
- Pat and Lorraine standby pair for 5A Tournament 15 March
- Tournament fees vary greatly between all clubs
- NZB questionnaire – mixed response from members -Dave will respond to NZB

Improvers Lessons

- Lysandra already putting together 'scoring' info
- (Rose) Committee agreed OK for Papakura to participate and will pay \$5 per lesson

Directors

- Chris away – replacements needed for his sessions – Dave, Nicolo, Joy Zheng ??
- Nicolo didn't do handicap results for last Monday session, Dave will do and display.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY

- Peter thought Bunnings BBQ went well but dress up waste of time, cheaper to buy at \$2 shop than have couriered (twice!). After deductions for costs and leftovers, we made a \$200 profit. The idea was to promote our lessons and members of the public did show interest.
- Billboards up, Peter and Heather will do letterbox drop on their walks – Jane will copy off more flyers – Rose will contact Pakuranga Times to advertise, plus Village Centre billboard – Facebook interest has been great.

RENTALS (Lenice)

- Photography Club - Pat will email updated Rental Agreement. It is their intention to get quote for security bars on window and advise/discuss with us
- Lisa Lorrell tenancy – Lenice requested another vacuum cleaner, debated and declined by committee. We will make our stick vacuum available and will be continually charged by using urn plug which does not turn off with power ie runs 24/7
- Because upstairs being rented out Dave to email directors to ensure tea/coffee locked up.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Heather reported all checks up to date
- Lenice requested new garden edging required for path to downstairs, Pat to advise Council it is a health & safety matter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Insect repellent will be make available to members – cost of fly screens for windows too costly at this time.
- **Renovations:** Leo in touch with contractor and just a bit of finishing off downstairs re light switch.
- 4 sinks can be sold for scrap – Leo will take taps
- Committee agreed to loan Franklin 4 boxes of boards for their upcoming Swiss Pairs tournament to be held 22 February.
- New Honours board for Nat's prizes to be installed
- Update of donation board (Pat – Leo)
- Discussion re help for Richard; the magnitude of the work Richard is responsible for is overwhelming, committee are aware he needs help and will put in place assistance for him with other members learning what he does; Dave is willing to learn, record, and assist Richard. However, we must also be mindful of the workload placed on Dave who may have to relinquish his Tournament Secretary job.

- Dave advised Richard also needs a 'minder' at tournaments so he is not interrupted.

Several items mentioned by members to committee – discussed.

- Possible Thursday night players are currently playing at Auckland because they are guaranteed a game by signing on at 6:50 for 7pm start. Our Thursday night is sign in by 7:15 and then game not guaranteed; ie not up and running yet for 2025. We need to consider this 'problem', discuss with Richard with a view to attracting our members to play at our club.
- Change of times for daytime sessions ? ie half day bridge, no lunch (no)
- Life membership -criteria ?

Meeting closed at 5:30pm

Next Meeting Sunday 9 March at the clubrooms at 3pm