

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 3PM

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 27 October 2024

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Heather / Leo

MATTERS ARISING:

- Honours board will be 'fixed' in the New Year when 2024 prizewinners listed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- As distributed and noted on Agenda.
- Plus note from Bob Fearn forwarded to Richard.

MEMBER WELFARE:

- Pat will send card to (past member) Jocelyn Southon, her husband Barry passed away. Rose attended remembrance service on Saturday.

MEMBERSHIP (as emailed to committee)

- 195 members (an increase of 6)
- We may see a repeat of last year where we lost around 30 members over the membership renewal period – time will tell.
- How can we improve beginners' transition from lessons to sessions to retain their membership? Suggest canvas those players to find out how we can assist them.

FINANCIALS (as emailed to committee)

The first month in the new financial year produced the following key results:

- Income of \$7,482 (budget \$7,400)
- Expenses totalled \$9,902 higher than the \$8,175 budget mainly due to:
 - Wages (\$710 over) due to there being 5 weeks in the October pay period.
 - NZB Master Points (\$632 over) as the October invoice covered the period from July-Sept 24 which included A & B points for the tournaments run during that period.
 - Prizes & Presentations (\$374 over) for the sign writing of the honour's boards (\$350).
- Resulting in a Net Loss for the month of **\$2,365**, which should wash out over the next few months.

Moved and seconded acceptance of financial statements

Jane / Rose

- NZB have advised player levies will increase in 2025 and 2026. Discussed by committee and it was agreed that this cost be passed onto members as we are not in a position to sustain a loss.

Proposed Jane and seconded Alan that 2025 membership will be set at \$105. All agreed.

CLUB EVENTS:

- Loveblock – disappointing with only 5 tables – Richard advised can't run a phantom – Heather will do supper.
- Thursday evening 'Hybrid' play will recommence this week.
- Niccolo's offer to direct Fridays 2025 from July 25th onwards accepted.
- Dave away May 2025 and he will ask Nicki to Direct.

- Pat offered to cover for Chris who will also be away for about 3 months in 2025.

TEACHING/PUBLICITY:

- BBQ at Bunnings 1/2/25 – purchase sausages from either Hellers or Leonards – chilly-bin on site – onions – bread (no butter) – sauce – plastic gloves – need to commence cooking prior to ‘official’ start time – time still to be decided.
- Rose has email contact to request permission to display another HBC lesson sign on fence at roundabout past Howick Intermediate (heading towards Botany).
- Pat has ordered Pop-Up-Kit from Sonya Adams to be delivered to Peter’s address and as well requested a couple of ‘costumes’ to go with the kit.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

- Heather advised meeting with Fire Safety Officer for check at clubrooms on Monday.

RENTALS:

- Photography Club advised they will discuss Rental Agreement at their next committee meeting.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- Leo advised there was a ‘smell’ coming from fans – not detected.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Eighty odd forms detailing members’ correct details plus emergency numbers have been received – Jane updated details – held in folder. We will continue with follow-up.
- Committee nominations – ongoing
- Dave will check with Cheryl re prize-giving
- Dave will email members a copy of Constitution with AGM notice.
- Programme Book – Pat will remind Rose (Ryman) re advert update.
- Dave will put 2025 programme on internet for members
- 70pc Club and Slam listings – Dave will access off Compass and post online 2025
- Treasurer’s and President’s report to Pat Monday to be emailed to members.
- Pat to send Jane template of Application Form for update.

Meeting closed at 4:30pm

AGM to be held Sunday 24 November at 1pm

Next meeting Sunday 8 December at 3pm