

MINUTES OF HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the clubrooms on Sunday 13 February 2022 at 3pm

PRESENT: Leo Sim (Chairperson), Richard Andrew, Lenice Clarkson, Rose Isherwood, Peter Mclean, Jane Thomlinson, Pat Williams, Cheryl Winsor, Mary Wood, Joy Zeng

APOLOGIES: Wayne Oakley, Sue Osborne

MINUTES of the PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 5 December 2021 at 3pm.
Moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted. Peter/Pat

MATTERS ARISING from previous minutes:

Remove NZBridge 'slogan' from HBC website to what represents HBC as printed on our advertising. Rose gave to Cheryl.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward	NZ Bridge (distributed to committee)
Outward	nil

MEMBER WELFARE: Pat reported

Get Well cards sent to Chris Tinkler, Julia Timperley, Bill Leach
Sympathy card sent to Leggett family re Alice Leggett

MEMBERSHIP: Jane reported

2022 Membership list currently stands at 193 with 67% of subs received.

64 subs (33% = \$6631.) unpaid; phoning lists distributed to committee members to follow up and advise outcome to Jane.

Discussion held re deleting ex members from the google email list. Cheryl advised we don't delete unless asked to do so because they can unsubscribe themselves ie click at end of email.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jane reported

- Distributed Dec/Jan with monthly comparison for variation
- 2 Term deposits have matured and will be reinvested, (now looking at 1.8% interest rate)
- GST to be looked at to clear some discrepancies
- Joni Burgess was removed as third-party adviser on IRD site
- NZ Bridge levy paid for 187 members (\$5 per person per quarter)
- Cleaning costs have returned to normal
- Printing costs include Programme books
- Wages down due to holidays
- YTD net profit \$23,357.31
- Jane to advise Lenice if any rental invoices are unpaid.
- Compa\$\$ handling being streamlined, ie handed over from Richard to Jane.

Moved and seconded that the Financial Report be accepted

Mary/Leo

CLUB EVENTS/ TOURNAMENTS: Cheryl reported

Prize-Giving:

- Cheryl and Richard have checked eligibility/qualifiers of players re Ladders and Points Cups, Salver.
- 20 February event will continue as planned
- Leo to ask Peter to Direct
- Mary to organise food / Rose to organise bar.
- We will raffle donated \$100 Bucks Bistro voucher at \$5 a ticket

Club sessions:

- Some clubs are opening up for some sessions after initially closing.
- To keep club active, we need to stay open
- Monday session continues to play at club, masks encouraged
- There is no legal mandate to wear masks, we are a club, not open to general public.
- Tuesday am session suspended until further notice due to lack of players. Leo to phone Nicki.
- With case numbers rising we should encourage wearing of masks.
- Sunday night Real Bridge, casual.
- Tuesday pm director to change from Kevin to Chris, contract states "by mutual agreement", ie discussion.
- Kevin will direct Monday and Sunday
- Ladders for 2022 need to be kept updated.
- Chris, Leo and Mac went to Macleans College on Sunday to assist Lance teaching the Maclean's students and it was heartening to see 6 tables.
- We should encourage the Macleans students to join HBC, pay \$20 sub, open a Compa\$\$ account (\$2 table money for students) and actively join in Real Bridge.

Tournaments

- HBC 5A Tournament to be held 12 March will go ahead on Real Bridge.
- Payment reduced to \$25 to be paid to our tournament account (00) Ref 5A
- Tony Morcom and Richard to direct
- Sue will complete an application to NZ Bridge asking for a change to Real Bridge (Done and approved)

Interclub

- We have confirmed teams, 1 Open, 1 Intermediate, 3 Junior.

Beginner Lessons

- Cheryl and Richard's lessons commence 22 February and 24 February and will be the only beginners lessons this year.
- Consideration to be given to Mac Mackenzie's offer to teach another block of lessons.

PUBLICITY: Rose reported

- Advertising for lessons – Times, Courier, Howick and Pakuranga Libraries, Community Notice Boards x 3 (Pakuranga Highway, Stockade Hill, Flat Bush)
- Info Centre at Howick approached as well
- Waiting to hear back from Council for permission/process for HBC to have sign on roadside like that of Harlequin Theatre.
- Cheryl suggested Meadowlands, they too have community notice board

- Highland Park Library looking forward to us returning to demonstrate Bridge which we will do when mask wearing is not mandatory.
- Brochures in bundles of 50 for letterbox drop available from club for members
- Joy suggested Howick Saturday Market, banner, brochures, Joy happy to promote. We will look at this excellent idea when pandemic restrictions end.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Peter reported

- Peter and Lenice will do a 'walk around' check after meeting.
- Fire extinguishers were checked last week
- Re fire evacuation, Directors should know and confirm their role in a fire emergency. Fire exits should be pointed out at tournaments. Fire procedure is printed in Programme of Events.
- Committee confirmed to Peter that you do not need instruction on how to use Defibrillator, it talks to operator and tells user what to do. There is a list of members' names (on fridge) who know what to do.

RENTALS: Lenice reported

- One new tenant on Fridays
- Samoan church band practice downstairs on Thursday (while no Bridge on Thursday evening)
- All other tenants have returned.

TOILET RENOVATION: Mary and Lenice reported

Plans discussed, samples shown, still a work in progress

SPONSORSHIP & FUNDING: Leo reported

- Brian will share all of his information digitally.
- Carina Sim-Smith has experience fund raising with Young Mariners and would be happy to take over from Brian.

CLUB MANUAL: Cheryl has updated and passed onto Treasurer who will look at with 'fresh eyes' and tidy up with an update. Storage also will be updated.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Council worker in carpark spoke to Lenice re tree outside clubrooms and advised HBC's on-going correspondence with Council about the matter should stress the Health and Safety aspect of the issue.
- As well, matters regarding carpark lighting is the responsibility of Auckland Transport.
- Joy to advise cleaner to reduce hours due to Wednesday and Thursday evening change to Real Bridge.
- Leo spoke to Richard about playing more boards on Real Bridge, ie 10 tables – why play only 24 boards when we could play 27? Richard agreed we could play more boards.
- Treasurer advised more boards played cost more, ie Compass payments for consideration – up to 32 boards 81c per person – 33 upwards \$1.41 per person

- Real Bridge update from Richard – iPad bugs have been fixed in new update from Real Bridge commencing Wednesday 16 February.

The meeting closed at 5:45pm
Next meeting Sunday 13 March at 3pm
Venue Howick Bridge or Zoom

Leo Sim
Chairperson