

Committee Meeting held 14th April, 2021

Present:

Lee Walters, Janice Johnson, Olive Dent, JaneStearns, Neil Ruddell, Kevin Grundy, Helen Brodie, Yvonne McKinnon, Glenys Barrow, Kim Thomas.

Apologies were received from Richard Bland. Glenys moved that the apology be accepted, seconded Lee; Approved

Minutes:

Jane moved that the minutes of the last meeting held 10th March, having been circulated be accepted as a true and correct record, seconded Olive; Approved

Correspondence:

Inward

- Northland bridge tournament dates for 2022
- From Jane re newsletters
- Letter certifying that our scoring problem is fixed
- Letter of resignation from Lynne Emery

Glenys moved that the inward correspondence be accepted, seconded Janice; Approved

Finance:

Neil moved that the accounts to pay totalling \$3128.74 be approved and the accounts that have been paid totalling \$4692.29 be confirmed, seconded Olive; Approved

Neil has moved one lot of fixed deposit into the current account to pay for repaving the parking area.

We have an update on the signing authority mandate with ANZ. They will now require any two authorized signatures to authorise/instruct account opening/closing. All signatories; Judith Byrne, Neil Ruddell, Olive Dent and Glenys Barrow will need to visit ANZ to record their signatures along with a copy of the minutes.

General Business:

There was a hiccup in scoring on Friday. Please can we have a master copy of small travel sheets to use in emergencies.

We need another Director for Wednesdays. Kevin has said he will help set up and help out if Janice has problems. This will help but we still need to get more Directors. Thanks Kevin for your offer of time.

Jane apologised to the committee for a miscommunication regarding the lessons. She then gave an update on the progress of the rejuvenation committee. The team are full tilt marketing lessons to try and bring the maximum number of students to the club:

- Call to action from our club members-via newsletter and session announcements
- 500 fliers sharing Neil Ruddell's transition from rugby legend to bridge grandmaster distributed to physiotherapy, osteopath and chiropractors waiting room tables
- Posters available for club members to put up in prominent places near where they live. (We need to find some golfers to take into golf clubs)
- 8,100 fliers being sent out in a targeted mail drop across Whangarei at areas with most 50-64 years olds residents
- 100 fliers for club members to personally give to people they think might enjoy bridge
- Adverts going to all Countdown and New World Stores
- Radio adverts running from 13 April to 3 May on Newstalk ZB
- Road sign markers being prepared for distribution on four arterial roads coming into Whangarei
- Two articles being submitted to Whangarei Leader and Northern Advocate which incorporate information on lessons into their messaging. (up to editor whether published)
- Facebook groups being used to advertise lessons
- Will be submitted to "What's On" in Whangarei Leader (but they generally take very low cost/free events only and may not publish)
- Fliers in Korean and Mandarin distributed to English Language Schools and other places appropriate
- Jane and Lyn scheduled to teach lesson 1 minibridge at English Language Partners on 5 May.

We were given a budget of \$3000 for advertising for lessons. We can also claim \$300 from Auckland Northland Regional Committee. After costs we will have a deficit of \$70.00. We will not take on the digital imprint and go with the road signs. We can hang on to digital imprint, and use at a later time.

All of these activities are in addition to and to supplement the core recruitment tool for the club of library sessions which Lyn Nelson already has underway.

Monday nights have been suspended but plan to restart after lessons. Now Tuesday evenings have more people attending.

Jane is meeting with St Johns and they need to know if we want the defibrillator. Once this is in place we are responsible for the costs of renewing batteries and any vandalism. The St Johns people will come to the club one Friday and one Monday morning to instruct people on the use

of the machine. Kevin moved that we go ahead and get the defibrillator, seconded Kim;
Approved

Pub Charity have given us an extension for starting the tar sealing of the parking area until June 30th. Work should be started by then. Photographs of the finished work to be sent to Pub Charity.

Barrells Tournament:

- Profit \$603
- Catering \$10 per head
- C Points \$5.00 each

Note from Sutherlands Security that on April 9th, the club was left unlocked and the kitchen door was also unlocked and the kitchen windows were not shut after the last tournament. Please be more vigilant.

If the Wifi fails, go to settings on the computer and reconnect from there. If that fails, use the troubleshooter function. Scorers, please start it on the right day and when finished exit completely out of the programme, including stopping Wifi on the play progress screen (the green button).

Glenys is to write to Grant Jarvis at Auckland Regional to request the \$300 towards advertising costs. He will need a copy of the money paid and the Bank Account Number

Fund Raising. The subcommittee have revised the monthly and tournament initiatives. They want people to help run raffles. At any raffle held during a tournament, the tickets must be sold at the door.

Helen is recording the Grand Slams and the 70%. She wanted to know if we should increase the limit to 75%. The consensus was to stay as we are.

Air Conditioner Chill tech says the machine is running properly but the controller is not working and that is why we cannot change the temperature. It will cost \$500 plus GST for a new controller. This machine is reputed to be one of the best and worth fixing.

Carpet cleaning has been put on hold. Carpet Court says that the stains are coming from the glue leaching through the carpet. They will sort it but need a day when there is no play as the product they use is overpoweringly strong. Lyn Nelson will organise this.

Paradise Quarries are to reseal the car park. At present, they are having difficulty getting materials needed. If we need to move the May tournament we will hire the Women's club. When the work is in progress we need to stop play at the club and are welcome to use the Whangarei men's club on Mondays and Fridays. There will be no Wednesday play during that time. The

club could be closed for up to three weeks. Lee has arranged for the use of the Whangarei Men's Club but she is not organising the bridge. If you wish to play someone has to take on the responsibility of running it i.e., dealing boards, taking cards and scorers there, finding out if we can use the scoring tablets or put out travel sheets etc.

We were hoping to spend any fundraising on a new air conditioner but that is not necessary now so we will look at applying for funds to purchase more pads and charging stations. Kevin is to investigate prices.

Meeting closed at 3.40 pm