

Committee Meeting held 10th November, 2021

Present: Lee Walters, Olive Dent, Richard Bland, Neil Ruddell, Nancy Beck, Judy Allison, Glenys Barrow, Janice Johnson, Kevin Grundy, Kim Thomas, Jane Stearns

Lee welcomed Nancy and Judy to the committee.

Glenys moved that the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th October, having been circulated be recoded as a true and correct record, seconded Olive: Approved

Correspondence:

- Letter from the WDC reminding us that the Warrant of Fitness for the building is due next month
- A letter to Alister asking to cancel Northland Centre Pairs tournament
- Reply from Alister
- Instructions for Babich Pairs Tournament from Richard Solomon.

Glenys moved that the correspondence be accepted, seconded Jane: Approved

Finance:

Neil presented the financial report and moved that the accounts that had been paid totalling \$1603.89 be approved and the accounts to pay amounting to \$2412.77 be approved, seconded Olive: Approved

General Business:

Richard asked how much data we have available as he needs to know to install the printer. Suggested he contact Shane Goldsmith for an answer.

Tuesday nights are now finished until next year. The last two Tuesdays we had only two and a half tables.

Monday and Wednesdays boards have been left in the main room. Everyone is responsible for tidying the room after play.

IOUs: Who knows who left them and who is to collect the money. Jane has offered to do so. No IOUs for the Trading table.

Babich Pairs tournament is all set up. Please remind players play starts at 7pm

The battery packs have outlived their usefulness. Rather than use a battery, please replace the tablet with another one. Tablets last longer if they are taken off charge when full. Kevin to purchase two timer plugs and sort the tablets into two groups used alternate days.

Monday Beginners: We may lose 4 members if we move the Monday group to Tuesdays.

Next year Richard will be taking the lessons on Monday nights but not starting until the middle of March. Monday nights can continue until lessons start, then the players must move to Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings or return to lessons. There will be ten weeks of lessons and ten weeks of play to consolidate the lessons. Lyn Nelson will help on Tuesdays and Lee on Mondays.

The cost of lessons is to remain as last year at \$95.00. Jane thanked Richard for allowing her to take the Monday lessons this year. Lee has offered to give 30 minutes of coaching prior to play on Tuesday evenings. On Tuesday evenings there will be 20 to 25 boards played.

Covid: NZ Bridge are sitting on the fence over this. We need to decide if we are going to be a Vaccinated Venue. Lee has been fielding many calls from members asking the committee to make a decision. All other clubs in Northland are going to become vaccinated venues.

Richard moved that The Whangarei Bridge Club become a Vaccination Certified Venue from 1st February 2022, seconded Olive: Approved

Lee will undertake to organise this. A letter will go to members telling them this is our intention and to please bring proof of vaccination to Lee so she can coordinate it all.

Richard is concerned with the number of colour prints that are coming from the office. The club may be billed for colour cartridges.

The programme is ready for printing once the printer arrives. There is some delay with the couriers at present but it is said to be en route.

Nancy asked if we had applied for funding from Community funds. She is prepared to take on this role. Lee moved that Nancy Beck become the Grants officer for the Whangarei Bridge Club, seconded Glenys: Approved

We have two building firms to quote for installing the new toilet; Paramount Construction and Renovation Masters. Once we have received their quotes, they will go to Simon for his advice.

Parking signs are in place for Grant.

Roof: There is a problem with leaking and we need to have this sorted before we go on with the nailing. We may have to re-apply for an Oxford Trust grant as we can't get the leak fixed in the time they gave us.

Programme: The names will be with the surname first, alphabetically. There will be no Directors assigned. Olive will continue with Tuesday and Thursdays and Kevin will look after Mondays, Henry on Wednesday and Lee on Fridays unless they can get someone to help them.

Buddy partners are responsible to get their partners back to bridge.

Cups and Trophies: Tuesday night needs a cup, Thursday has too many. Restricted Pairs on a Tuesday night needs a trophy. The state of the cups is diabolical. Suggested we ask members if

anyone would like to donate a trophy.

If they donate a trophy for a new competition they can have their name on the cup, but if it is replacing a cup for a competition that is current then the name of the cup remains as it is. The Parahaki cup will move to Tuesday.

Lee asked if it was possible for us to set up our own Real Bridge Programme but it was decided it is too hard.

In six weeks time is the Christmas party. The club will provide the meat and attendees are to bring a plate; either a salad or dessert. We need a theme.

Timer needs fixing

Meeting closed at 3.53pm