

Committee Meeting held May 18th, 2022

Present: Judy Allison, Nancy Beck, Richard Bland (in the Chair), Olive Dent, Kevin Grundy, Janice Johnson, Neil Ruddell, Jane Stearns, Lee Walters

Apologies were received from Kim and Glenys. Richard moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded Nancy; Approved

Minutes of the Meeting of April 13th, 2022

Richard moved that the minutes of the last meeting held April 13th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded Nancy; Approved

Correspondence:

Inward

- An invoice from Engraving Systems
- A letter from Marsh Ltd enclosing a Fire and Emergency Levy Declaration Form to be completed and submitted.
- A forwarded email (Jane) from Fred Muller informing us of Jerry's impending knee replacement
- A letter from the Whangarei Scrabble Club requesting the use of our room for the 2023 Scrabble Masters Tournament, to be held over Easter. They wish to know if these dates are available and, if so, our rates for hiring the rooms.
- A notification from Hubands that they have scheduled our next inspection for June, 8th at 2 pm.
- A quote (courtesy of Dave Beck) from Absolute Stainless Ltd for replacement of the corroded gulley trap. After a brief discussion, there was consensus that we proceed with replacing the trap.

Kevin moved that the inward mail be received, seconded Janice; Approved

Finance:

Neil presented us with the Financial Statements. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, seconded Olive; Approved

Neil moved that the accounts that have been paid totalling \$2715.27 be confirmed and the accounts to be paid totalling \$1767.1 be approved, seconded Olive; Approved

Neil noted that paying certain tournament related expenses online can result in GST costs that could otherwise be avoided if paid from the cash proceeds.

Jane asked whether the Northland/Auckland Regional Committee still provided subsidies for lessons. In the past, up to \$300 was made available. Grant Jarvis is to be approached for help with the cost of our signs.

General Business:

Richard moved that the vaccine requirement for playing at the club be rescinded, seconded Janice; Approved

Kevin noted that it was becoming more frequent for tablets to go flat during long club sessions. After a brief discussion, it was decided to set all tablets to go to sleep after 10 seconds or so of inactivity.

Jane noted that Debbie Lomas, a new player, has a background as a sign writer. She has access to gold leaf and has expressed interest in bringing the Honours Boards up to date. It was suggested that she see what she can do with the board that has used gold paint and take it from there. Jane also mentioned that she has volunteered as a member of the Northland/Auckland Regional Committee and Tanai has volunteered as Treasurer.

Nancy showed the committee a sample of the type of name tags under consideration. Cost would be around \$15 each, coming down by a dollar or two if sufficient numbers (>50) are ordered. The format is yet to be decided but will reflect the previous design. Janice agreed to look for a copy of the previous version. A discussion around cost to members ensued and it was agreed to see if there was any organisation that might agree to sponsor the purchase of the tags.

Nancy also mentioned that Lee wants to see the renovation of the men's bathroom and construction of an accessible bathroom as fund-raising priorities. Also on the list of desirable projects were obtaining a PA system and a kitchen reno. There was some discussion regarding the advisability of replacing the steriliser with a dishwasher. Deadlines for a number of grant agencies are approaching in 2-3 months so quotes are required.

Olive reported that the Charity Tournament netted \$350. Also, the Yovich Pairs benefitted from a very generous \$1000 sponsorship. Because of that, we managed to give out \$1100 in prizes and still made \$930 in profit. Judy volunteered to help out with banking duties if needed over the next few weeks. We need more volunteers for dealing; Laurie Butland, Tel Hudson were suggested, Dave and Nancy Beck and Judy volunteered. Tuesday night is going well. John MacIntosh has delivered all 10 NZB improver lessons, which have been both well attended and well received. John is to be thanked for his contribution to the club. Olive suggested that, in order to get the learners more experience in playing with other players, a monthly series in which partners are drawn by lot might be tried. All told, 25 new members have signed up with the club.

Janice suggested that the travel subsidy for trips to the Towai and Tangiteroria Cups be increased to \$40 per car from the current \$30. There was consensus that this should be done.

Neil moved that the club sign up for the Zero Accounting package for \$18.20 + GST per month, seconded by Olive; Approved.

Richard noted that some beginners had to drop out of lessons early through no fault of their own. He suggested, and it was agreed, that they be given a chit entitling them to attend next year's lessons at no cost.

Lee asked if Jane could include a discussion of bridge etiquette in the next newsletter. In particular, remind all players that it is the responsibility of East to verify and approve the score.

Meeting closed at 3:37 pm

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