

Committee Meeting held August 11th, 2022

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

Apologies were received from Richard Bland, Glenys Barrow and Kim Thomas. Judy moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Lee; Approved

Minutes of the Meeting of July 21st, 2022

Kevin moved that the minutes of the last meeting held July 21st, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Nancy; Approved

Matters Arising: Olive noted that Dealmaster Pro was no longer working properly. The club deals are supplied by X-club and BOS can be used for tournament deals. Consequently, we should uninstall Dealmaster after checking with Richard that he no longer requires it.

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Smart Office
- Engraving Systems

NZ Bridge:

- Newsletter #5
- Clarification of Restricted Entry Tournaments

General:

- Costs for sponsor labelled bidding pads
- WDC Silver Festival

Outgoing:

- To Jane Johnson declining the list of registrants for Congress.

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

Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement, the first to be prepared with the new accounting package. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that

accounts that have been paid totalling \$4098.61 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$4213.57 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

There was some discussion following the report that focused on the healthy financial condition that the club is currently in. Thanks are principally due to the excellent recruitment drives of the last 2 years (thanks to Jane and others), the successful instruction and retention of the beginners (thanks to Jane, Richard and Lyn Nelson), and the fund-raising activities of many of our members.

General Business:

Janice: Lee presented Janice with a bouquet in honour of her 80th birthday. Janice noted that some of the small tables have been damaged by mistreatment and need to be repaired. The ramp from the back door is currently very slippery and needs cleaning. Nancy offered to get the surface cleaned and Kevin will look into getting abrasive treads in place. In the meantime, we should discourage use of that door except in cases of dire emergency. Some chairs are damaged and need to be repaired.

Jane: She noted how good the Honour Board update by Debbie Lomax looked and asked for the club to acknowledge her effort, personally and in the newsletter. The cost of doing the lettering is around \$2-3 per name and we should compensate her for her materials. The next board to be tackled will be the Masters board.

Jane has booked the St John Health Shuttle for upcoming tournaments in Dargaville and Kerikeri. The shuttle can take 6 passengers and 1 wheelchair and will be driven by Jane for these events. Payment is by donation and \$10 seems appropriate. There was a brief discussion of the preparation for the charity tournament for the benefit of the St John Society.

Jane is our new rep on the Regional Committee and will be pressing for more investment in recruitment and promotion for the game. If the club has any suggestions, please pass them along. There is a conference in October at which she hopes to see plans developed for help in advertising, marketing plans, and more, including the coordination of lessons. As the rep, she is willing to drop by during future committee meetings to keep us informed

As it was her last meeting as a member of the committee, Lee presented Jane with a bouquet.

Neil: Financial Reports (required to be available 2 weeks prior) for the AGM have been duplicated and left for Members to pick up. Neil gave the meeting a heads up about impending changes to the Incorporated Societies Act. We will be required to register sometime between 2023-2026. There are several changes but few, if any, that will impact us or require a change in our procedures. We will remain a small society under

the Act, for now. Jane mentioned that Grant Jarvis will be preparing a document for all clubs to help them deal with any expected impacts.

Nancy: We currently have three grant applications under consideration; two for the accessible toilet (Lotto Community and Grass Roots) and one for name tags (Pub Charity). Nancy thanked Jane for all her work and help with the grant applications. Further possibilities for fundraising include: a portable PA sound system, a kitchen upgrade and ceiling/roof repairs.

Lee warned the meeting that the roof repair may involve a complete replacement since a source for the leak has yet to be found. She also agreed to take the lead on the toilet renovation should funding be obtained.

Nancy passed out a table describing the various levels of sponsorship that we are offering. Jane suggested naming these Bronze, Silver and Gold for promotional purposes. Since all levels require publication of the sponsor in the booklet, sponsorships will have to be settled by no later than November. We also need a board on which we can post our sponsors at the club.

Olive: For the recent graduates, we need someone to help with pairing them up with partners for Tuesday night and possibly Wednesday also. So far, only 1 graduate has appeared on Tuesday night. Janice has agreed to run Tuesday nights while Olive is off.

The recent Broome Family Tournament raised a total of \$688 for the club. Jane Broome contributed \$50 towards the raffle and \$300 towards prize money, for which we are truly grateful.

Whangarei teams won all divisions at the recent Northland Centre Teams. The event netted the club \$219. Olive thanked Janice for her tremendous effort in helping out at the tournament. Given the amount of work involved, Olive suggested that another volunteer be added to the team. In recognition of their efforts, volunteers will continue to receive \$40 in table tickets.

Lee: Lessons for the year have wrapped up. There were many disruptions to the program this year and we suffered some losses as a result. Nevertheless, we now have around 40 students keen to do the lessons next year, with hopefully more to be recruited. A move proposed by NZB to conduct lessons using the Real Bridge platform may also be worth considering for those who are too late for lessons but do not wish to wait until the next intake.

There was some discussion regarding producing a booklet for improvers along the lines of the booklet produced by Richard for the beginners. Jane mentioned that Cambridge produced a basic type of system card that could be used by less experienced players. Could a similar "Whangarei Standard System" be developed? To supplement the improver lessons given by John MacIntosh, we need a link on the website to the NZB

improver lessons material as well as draw attention through the newsletter of the same material available in our library.

Lee asked Jane whether there was any further news of another grade to be added between Intermediate and Open. Currently, restricted open events at Congress and other Open events are limited to National Masters and below. In local 8B Restricted tournaments, restricted entries must consist of 1 open player with 1 Intermediate or Junior player

The next meeting will be September 8th at 10:00 am.

Meeting ended at 11:15 am.