



## Committee Meeting held September 8th, 2022

Present: Lee Walters (in the Chair), Nancy Beck, Kevin Grundy, Janice Johnson, Judy Allison, Neil Ruddell, Tel Hudson, Kim Thomas and Richard Bland

Apologies were received from Olive Dent. Lee moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Kevin; Approved

### Minutes of the Meeting of August 11th, 2022

Judy moved that the minutes of the last meeting held August 11th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Nancy; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- BridgeNZ (2)
- Smart Office

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Newsletter #6
- Minutes of NZB Board Meeting
- ANRC Newsletter
- Notice of Oct 16th Conference
- Updated Northland Bridge Championships

General:

- Survey request

Outgoing: None

There followed some discussion of the conference on October 16th. On balance, it was agreed that we could benefit from attending. Kim expressed interest, perhaps accompanied by someone from the Bream Bay area such as Elizabeth McCabe.

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

### Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$5741.39 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$0.00 be approved. Seconded by Lee; Approved

### General Business:

Olive: Lee presented for Olive who reported that the Broome family Tournament netted \$886.50 for the club. Kevin is to write to Jayne thanking her for her support. A donation of \$1000 has been received from Anne Rosandich towards the purchase of new tablets. Kevin is to write to Anne thanking her for her support. The donation from Pub Charity towards the cost of name tags has also been received.

Judy: Judy has identified 32 junior members who are interested in participating in a practice tournament on October 15th. Lee will consult with Anne regarding plans for the day. The tournament will consist of 2 sessions of 20 boards each, directed by Lee. Tel noted that fear is a barrier for newer players to participate in tournaments. Janice wondered if this event might also be of interest to players in surrounding non-affiliated clubs.

Nancy: We are still waiting on Tait's for their logo and their directions as to how they wish us to publicize their support. Kevin noted that there is a special section of the website dedicated to sponsors that has yet to be developed.

Our application to Grass Roots for funding for the accessible toilet was rejected for lack of funds. The application, however, was considered a worthy one and we should persist. We are still waiting to hear from the Lottery Community. The donation from Pub Charity is in and will need us to fund a \$1490 shortfall if we are to make a tag for all 180 players. This cost could be covered by the club or by charging \$8 per tag. The money must be committed by November 31st. We need to develop a list of those that will use the tags by canvassing members. The tags do not have to be all ordered at the same time but can be done so in batches. The Pub Charity logo needs to be on display on the website, newsletter and in the club. The tags could be stored on a magnetic board in the club.

Nancy identified replacing the remaining fluorescent fixtures as a suitable target for fund-raising. Rough ballpark - \$3000, but we would need quotes. Both Grass Roots and Pub Charity have monthly competitions and would be suitable targets. Because of the \$1500 limit for Committee authorized expenditures, Nancy has been loath to exceed this amount as the club's contribution towards costs. Neil suggested that if going higher than the limit is necessary to ensure a competitive application, then it should not be a barrier, even though approval must be sought from the Finance Committee.

Richard: Tablets are currently available for \$147 each, allowing 6 to be purchased with Anne's donation. After some discussion, it was decided to purchase them in the New Year. It should be noted that the smaller tablets are getting progressively scarcer. There was discussion about tablet care and usage and it was decided that a section in the newsletter or on the website would be useful.

Tel: Tel noted that the plumbers Johnson and Richards use a waterproof paint product to seal small, identifiable roof leaks. If our leak is treatable in this manner it would be worth considering as the price is quite reasonable. There was a discussion of the issue in which the difficulty of getting roofers out to inspect the problem was noted. The September newsletter will be published shortly. Tel has created a new email address specifically for the newsletter and has forwarded the password to the Secretary for safekeeping.

Kevin: Kevin asked the meeting if there were any objections to installing software allowing remote control of the office computer from his home computer. This would allow all administrative functions to be dealt with without a trip to the clubrooms. Such software is already on the computer and is used by Martin Oyston for technical support. If, however, the ID and password cannot be found, a different package would be needed. No objections were voiced.

There is a trophy called the Falloon Cup in the cabinet. It used to be awarded to the top Junior in the club as determined by C-points. Kevin suggested that we reinstitute awarding this cup and consider doing the same for Intermediates.

Lee: Lee asked Kevin if it is possible to edit entries and conditions of tournaments after entries have closed. There does not appear to be any barrier to doing so but we are awaiting a response from the NZB Secretary to confirm.

The next meeting will be at 10:00 am on October 13th.

Meeting closed at 10:55 am