



Committee Meeting held November 10th, 2022

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

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

Minutes of the Meeting of October 13th, 2022

Kevin moved that the minutes of the last meeting held October 13th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Kim; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Smart Office
- BridgeNZ (Pads)
- NZ Bridge
- Receipt for BridgeTab Licenses

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Chair Newsletter No 7
- Report on Regional Conference
- Information on Club and Tournament Directors training and assessment.
- Regional Newsletter
- ANRC Draft Plan
- Note regarding the regional support person

General:

- Resignation from Lenna McCahon
- Letter from Ngaire Stephens
- Juliet Golightly with MWIS logo
- Jane Stearns re Charity Christmas Tournament

Outgoing: None

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

Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. The overall financial position of the club relative to last year has improved by ca. \$11K, mainly due to the \$9200 grant from the Lottery Fund. More active players have also contributed to an increase in table money. Nancy will need to send an invoice to Tait Realty for their donation. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$4196.72 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$2930.95 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved.

General Business:

Olive: The Swiss Pairs tournament netted the club \$366. Receipts were down since there was no sponsor and no raffle proceeds. The bill has been paid for the building certificate and the actual certificate is still to come. We expect 6-.5-7 tables for the Loveblock NZ-wide pairs.

Kevin: RSN Roofing has quoted \$851 for repair of the flashings that are probably responsible for the leak. Lee noted that the inspection indicated that the roof is generally in good shape and we should repair the flashing first and see if that resolves the problem. Richard moved that we proceed with the repair. Seconded Nancy; Approved.

Judy: There were 8 players from the club that traveled to Kerikeri for the junior tournament. There were a total of 10 tables.

Nancy: The logo from Tait's has been received and will go in the booklet, as well as on the website. In her discussions with the staff at Tait's, it was apparent that offering free lessons to staff seems to be a popular inducement.

Northland Interiors deals with sound insulation in large indoor spaces such as the clubrooms. Given our circumstances, they will supply a long-term quote for sound deadening, consisting of wall and ceiling panels. Ballpark estimates are \$5000 for wall panels up to the level of the windows and \$5200 for ceiling panels, GST not included. For application purposes we will need a second quote. Judy moved that we seek quote(s) for sound insulation. Seconded Richard; Approved.

We have an order in for 65-70 badges for around \$2100. The rest can be ordered as needed in batches of 20 or more. Delivery time is 1-2 weeks. The gully trap has not been invoiced and letters of thanks are needed for the sponsors. We need to check whether or not a thankyou was sent to Kia.

Neil: We won the Wylie Salver in the final against Kerikeri.

Richard: Lessons next year will start March 13th and 14th. The 10 lessons will run across both Easter and school holidays and finish in the middle of term. This allows for uninterrupted

practice evenings during the remainder of the term, followed by an early introduction to club play. The cost will be \$95, including a 1 year subscription. We have a list of around 40 interested beginners already. Recruitment activities will consist of the library again, for 1 week only, and road signs. We may also benefit from the ANRC advertising effort. Our most productive source for new students are our members, especially those who are recent converts to the game. Accordingly, all members will be emailed prior to lessons starting.

Lyn is stepping back from her role as administrator for lessons, so we need more helpers. Brian Atkins and Raewyn Keane have been mentioned in this regard. The whole enterprise is communication intensive as we need to be in constant touch with our students.

Richard expressed the opinion that our monetary prizes in the last tournament were on the mean side. Typically, we should be allocating $\frac{1}{3}$ of entry money to prizes and offering prizes to $\frac{1}{7}$ of those pairs entered.

There is a need for informing our members about tablet etiquette, especially when south is dummy. Dummy should be spread before entering the contract on the tablet. It was suggested that this might be a suitable topic for the newsletter and the website. Also, the recent Congress and absence of directors left Janice with sole responsibility for directing. If we are to ensure that the club keeps operating, we need more directors.

Lee: Now that we have the Tait's logo, we can go ahead and order a box of customized bidding pads. The charity tournament for St John Society is set and a trading table is in place as well as a raffle. Lee expressed a wish that we have a party at the prize-giving rather than just play bridge. The Tangiteroria Cup, rescheduled for Nov 19th and 20th, has been canceled by mutual agreement.

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 am, December 8th
The Meeting closed at 11:14 am.