



Committee Meeting held October 13th, 2022

Present: Lee Walters (in the Chair), Nancy Beck, Kevin Grundy, Janice Johnson, Judy Allison, Neil Ruddell, Tel Hudson, Richard Bland and a warm welcome back to Olive Dent.

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

Minutes of the Meeting of September 8th, 2022

Kevin moved that the minutes of the last meeting held September 8th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Janice; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Hubands
- Smart Office
- Sutherland Security

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- NZB Secretary re Invoice cycle
- Online lessons and supporting document
- Approved Minutes of NZB AGM, 2021
- Updated Northland Bridge Championships
- Membership data for the Region
- Request for attendees at Regional Conference

General:

- BridgeNZ re temporary closure
- Notice for Loveblock NZ-wide Pairs
- Notice for Kerikeri Junior Pairs
- Notice for NI Pairs
- 1st Domains price increases

Outgoing:

- Thank You Letter to Jayne Broome
- Thank You Letter to Anne Rosandich

- Notice to Juniors about the mock tournament
- Well-wishes for Congress participants

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

Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. He noted that the \$9200 grant from the Lottery fund has been received and will appear in next month's statement. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$1695.63 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$860.89 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

General Business:

Judy: There are 15 or so pairs signed up for the mock tournament this weekend. Judy saw Tony Simmonds recently and reported that he is recovering well and hopes to be back at the club on Monday. Rick Matthews is currently in Auckland for a knee replacement.

Janice: Janice asked about A5 paper for printing score sheets. There is a template for printing 3 sheets on A4 sheets, which can then be cut to size.

Neil: ANZ has changed our account with them to Business premium. There will be no change in costs.

Kevin: A giant aloe bordering the car park is tipping over and about to remove a big chunk of the garden. The membership list needs to be updated by mid-November along with a telephone list.

Nancy: Tait's will supply a logo by month's end for Kevin to add to the website. Lee mentioned that Helen will be taking responsibility for the sponsorship board at the far end of the clubrooms. Kia has only supplied a business card from which we will need to extract a logo.

All of our tournaments are now tagged with specific sponsors (except for the Paihia 5A tournament) and we need suggestions as to what else we can offer other sponsors.

The Pub Charity grant for name tags needs to be committed by around 6 weeks time leaving us with about a month to get the tags printed, since the production time is around 2 weeks. We need 100 tags to fulfill our obligation. There was some discussion about options for cost sharing. It was decided to allow members to sign up for a name tag and all costs over the amount obtained by pub charity will be borne by the club. The design chosen was the simpler version (containing suit symbols) incorporating the member's computer number.

The Community Lottery donation of \$9200 towards the accessible bathroom has been paid. In the meantime, the dramatic rise in material costs has increased the cost of the project from \$8-11K to more like \$15-20K. Nancy will see whether or not the sponsor can help cover the extra costs. We can anticipate a 1 year completion target.

Nancy outlined some other projects for funding. Lee will ask the electrician last used for our lighting replacement about the costs of replacing all of the remaining fluorescent fixtures. Nancy will also look into the costs of a portable PA system with wireless capability.

Richard: Richard started with a congratulations for our members who did well at Congress. He has had a look at the system used by Bernard and Wayne and concluded that it is best classified as a Red system. Thursday night players should be able to deal with it provided it is properly alerted. He further suggested that only Green and Blue systems be allowed on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings.

The noise level at the club yesterday, even with only 7.5 tables, was very loud with significant echo. There was some discussion as to amelioration methods, such as baffles, acoustic tiles, etc. Nancy offered to see if there is any chance for sponsors to cover some of the costs.

Tel: The latest Newsletter is imminent. He asked that if anyone has any items or news for inclusion to please pass them along, ideally by the 7th of the month. Publication is expected on the 14th of each month. He would also like to see opinion pieces, of 100 words or so, written by the more prominent members of the club.

According to Health and Safety Regs, it seems alright for workers with standard protection gear to work on the flat, low part of the roof. Anything involving the peak of the roof would have to be handled by professionals. Lee expressed the opinion that any work done on the roof should be done by suitably qualified individuals, thereby avoiding any possible liability issues. Tel will pass on contact information for suitable contractors to Lee. Given that the cost of comprehensive repairs would be very high, Nancy noted that most funding groups would require the club to contribute at least 1/3 of the cost.

Olive: Olive began by thanking Judy for her help with the banking while she was recovering. She also thanked the club for the flowers she received. She noted that we need a third person with signing authority, in addition to her and Neil. Kevin agreed to act in that capacity.

The following motion, proposed by Richard, seconded by Tel was approved:

That Kevin Grundy, Club Secretary, be given signing authority on the ANZ account of the Whangarei Contract Bridge Club Inc., in addition to those currently with signing authority: Neil Ruddell, Treasurer, and Olive Dent, Assistant Treasurer. The signing authority for Glenys Barrow and Judith Byrne is to be revoked.

Lee: The St John charity tournament will be held on November 26th. Entry fee will be \$30 pp and all proceeds, less expenses, will go to St John Society. There will be a trading table set up for the week before and proceeds will also go to St Johns.

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 am on November 10th.
The meeting closed at 10:58 am.