



## **Committee Meeting held April 13th, 2023**

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

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

### Minutes of the Meeting of March 9th, 2023

Tel moved that the minutes of the last meeting held March 9th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Janice; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Sutherland Security
- Tim Boyd (3)
- Smart Office
- Hubands

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Masterpoint Report
- Congress Poster
- Upcoming Invoices
- IP trials and ANRC minutes
- ANRC Newsletter
- NZB Board Minutes

General:

- Emily Meyer re LCQ training course
- NZASP re Wifi access
- Update on Law changes for Incorporated Societies

Outgoing:

- Invoice to NZASP re room rental
- NZASP re Wifi access
- Thank you letter to 100% Barrel's
- Thank you letter to Tait's
- Thank you letter to Shirley Branfield

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

#### Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. He noted that the current statement does not reflect the \$3000 recently paid back to Oxford Trust. Our receipts from pre-paid table money continue to be better than last year, reflecting the increase in active players, mainly due to the great turnout on Wednesdays. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$2663.49 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$4288.39 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

#### General Business:

Kevin: Enough response from intermediate players allowed for an Intermediate team in the Auckland/Northland Interclub competition. The team consists of Kim and Kevin, AlanPumfleet and Juliet Golightly, Jayne and Laurie. After the first round the team sits at 1-1.

Jayne and Laurie have volunteered to contribute a regular column on the lighter side for the website and Newsletter, writing under the pseudonyms of Peter Pan and Wendy. An example of their column can be seen on the website.

Margaret asked about the email distribution of the Committee's minutes. It has not been done for several years and the current practice of posting them in the club and on the website is considered sufficient.

Tel: The next Newsletter is due out this weekend. Tel asked if the font size used in the last edition was sufficiently readable and was assured that it was.

Judy: Lois and Warwick have both been sent cards. Neil McLeod reported burning his hand in hot water in the men's washroom. He asked if the temperature could be lowered. Rick and Heather Matthews are still looking after Heather's sister and will return to bridge when feasible. Lois has responded to a query about her health.

At lessons on Monday, there were 11 students and 8 returnees. On Tuesday we had another 11 with 2 new late entrants and 5 returnees. Richard noted that this week's students were not necessarily the same as previous weeks. The level of help for the lessons is acceptable.

Neil: Given the healthy state of the bank balance, Neil wondered if we should put another \$10,000 in a term deposit. The only argument against doing so would be any large expenditures occurring before the next term deposit matures in August. Lee suggested that the only foreseeable expenditures are the lighting and ceiling repairs that will occur during the water damage repairs. Since this is not about to occur any time soon it was agreed to purchase the term deposit.

Nancy: Nancy noted that it took approximately 2 months to return the \$3,000 grant to Oxford Trust. It required filing an accountability report, which was quite time consuming. Only then was an account number supplied for the return of the funds.

We still have credit for 82 name badges and another 10 members need to be identified before the next batch is ordered. New players will need a computer number and begin playing in the club before qualifying for a badge. Nancy asked what to do with the paperwork generated by her applications. Any that involve finances are to go to Olive, the rest can be filed appropriately.

Janice: The middle tap in the women's washroom has been found running and some members seem to have an issue with turning it off. There is a new tap of similar style purchased as a replacement but a plumber will be needed.

Last Wednesday started with a table consisting entirely of new players, unfamiliar with scoring, leading to a slow first round and session. Directors should try and avoid this issue and ensure, as much as is possible, that experienced players sit South.

Richard: Lessons are going along nicely, although attendance is somewhat fluid. Some of the new players have great potential, others, not so much. Nevertheless, all seem to be committed to the game.

Given that he received no calls from the Scrabble people over the Easter weekend, we can only assume that the event went off without a hitch from the Wifi.

Olive: There have been 2 tournaments since the last meeting: The 100% Barrel's Teams event netted us \$970, which includes \$270 from the raffle. The Broome Family Tournament netted \$1170 including \$350 from the raffle.

Subs are almost all sorted now. This will allow us to generate an up-to-date list of members.

Lee: The 9 new tablets that have the issue with font size on the feedback screen are still not working properly. Adjusting the tablet settings does no good. Perhaps a factory reset and reinstallation of Bridge Tab might work. Richard suggested Martin Oyston might be able to find the problem.

Lee suggested we encourage members to try out for the IP team. Trials are set for May 6th and 7th online. Kevin will place the poster prominently.

Mercury recently increased pricing for the club and we are trying to find a cheaper provider. So far, no major utility companies have shown interest in taking us on. There is a possibility that Grey Power Electricity may take us on given that we are largely a senior organization.

The Northland Centre held the latest meeting on March 31st. Our disappointment in the low numbers of pairs from other clubs participating in our tournaments was raised. Apologies were received from the other clubs but they claimed that all those who are willing to travel are doing so. Consequently, we cannot anticipate that numbers from the other clubs will improve. The only solution is to get the other clubs to encourage their younger intermediate and junior players to attend our tournaments.

Meeting closed at 10:40

The next meeting is at 10 am, May 11th.