



## Committee Meeting held May 9th, 2023

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

Apologies were received from Tel Hudson and Nancy Beck. Judy moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Janice; Approved

### Minutes of the Meeting of April 13th, 2023

Richard moved that the minutes of the last meeting held April 13th, having been circulated and amended, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Judy; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Sutherland Security
- Super Liquor
- Smart Office
- NZB Levies and Masterpoints

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Notice of Tournament cost increases
- Formation of Teaching Committee
- Jane Stearns requesting feedback on the advertising program.

General:

- Marsh re Fire and Emergency Levy
- Confirmation of bidding pads order
- REceipt and letter of thanks from the Cancer Society

Outgoing:

- Housekeeping only

Kevin moved that the inward and outward 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 \$7966.64 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$2110.39 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

### General Business:

Neil: Neil noted that his attempt to buy another term deposit went nowhere for lack of a signing authority. The following motion was moved (Judy/Janice) and approved:

The Whangarei Bridge Club hereby nominates the Club Secretary, Kevin Grundy, to have signing authority for the club's accounts. Furthermore, Judith Byrne and Glenys Barrow are to be removed from the list of authorized signatories.

Janice: Anthony Liu's name ought to be on the Masters honour board.

Judy: The latest batch of name badges is on the way. The McLeod's are getting rid of a number of mystery novels and Judy suggested we sell them as a fund-raiser for the club. There was general agreement to go ahead.

Kim: The new tablets have a slightly different shut down protocol which can lead to members inadvertently leaving them on. It is suggested that, before placing them on charge, quickly press the power button to check that they are turned off properly. The problem with the minute font on the feedback page is ongoing. Richard mentioned that the problem appears to be with Bridge Tab, not with the tablets. Martin Oyston managed to fix one tablet but, so far, his fix has not been replicable.

Kevin: Laurie and Jane have contributed the first of their Peter Pan and Wendy articles for the website. They have also expressed interest in helping out with the newsletter, if needed. There was a short discussion on whether or not it was appropriate to use Tait branded bidding pads for other sponsored tournaments. There was no objection to doing so.

Olive: We have 13 tables for the upcoming Open Pairs tournament. Floats for the raffle, bar, and food sales will be in the bar. Judy will be coming in the morning to run the raffle. In light of the increased participant cost for tournaments, entry fees for A tournaments should be raised to \$40 while those for B tournaments should be \$30. Results are now appearing on the NZB website. Kevin will contact Alister to see when we can expect the rest.

Richard: Lesson 9 for the beginners is next week. The students are in favour of a graduation evening, including those who normally attend lessons during the day. The program will consist of a lesson, practice session and then the ceremony. King's Birthday weekend seems to be the best option. We will need to ask for volunteers to help boost numbers. Suggest we have pizza and social time beforehand. A total of 22 beginners have paid up, as have all the returnees. Practice sessions will continue for around 8 weeks before we move the students into the club sessions.

Lee: Lee confirmed that beginners will continue playing together for now. The original quote for the blind to be fixed is no longer valid since the outfit quoting seems to have dropped off the map. A newer quote from a second company puts the cost at over \$600. Since the original approval was for \$500, Lee suggested buying two blinds off the rack for around \$200 each, provided their size is acceptable. All proceeds from the sale of the pies and toasties on the weekend will go towards the 70th Jubilee. Still looking for venues without luck. Either they are too expensive or do not book that far in advance. The program will consist of a round of bridge followed by a party.

The meeting was called to a close at 10:42 am.

The next meeting will be at 10 am on June 8th.