



Committee Meeting held August 10th, 2023

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

Apologies were received from Judy Allison. Lee moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Nancy; Approved

Minutes of the Meeting of July 20th, 2023

Tel moved that the minutes of the last meeting held July 20th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Nancy; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Super Liquor
- Sutherland Security
- Engraving Systems (2)
- Smart Office
- Tim Boyd

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Loveblock NZ-wide Pairs
- Grant Jarvis re Novice and Junior discounts for Congress
- Secretary re Rubber Bridge
- Online tutor for Real Bridge
- Secretary re Director Assessments

Outgoing:

- Welcome letters to new players with NZB numbers
- Thank you to Yovich (from earlier)

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 \$5963.05 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$2073.76 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

There was a discussion about the council rates for this year. It appears that we have been receiving a 50% rebate for some time and the recent letter from WDC stating a 100% rebate was in error. A new letter has been received. Vanessa will need to be consulted about her understanding of the rebate we have qualified for.

General Business:

Kevin: Costs of bidding pads. Plain and branded bidding pads are the same price, except for the one-time only cost of \$40 for incorporating a logo. Bidding pads are currently \$225 per box of 100 pads. We are currently spending around \$600-700 per year on bidding pads. For that amount, we could purchase enough bidding boxes for 8-9 tables.

All beginners that have indicated a willingness to play in the club have been assigned a number and are in our database. Those that don't intend to play in the club have been added to the email list but have no numbers. I'll purge them from the email list next year.

The minutes for the AGM are ready for printing, remit and nomination sheets are up. I have the President's report but no other reports yet. How many copies are usually made? 40-50. It was noted that we will need a member for the finance committee.

Nancy: Lyn informed Nancy of the Brenda Gardner Trust as a potential source of funds. Nancy will write to Wendy Jones, a trustee, asking for \$2500 towards the cost of the vinyl flooring for the bathroom reno. Nancy is also looking at quotes for painting the exterior of the club.

Tel: The newsletter is ready for publication, following inclusion of the results of the Northland Centre Teams. Kevin will email the photos to Tel. The newsletter will contain information about the AGM and how to participate in it.

Kim: Kim started with a heart-felt thank you to the Committee and the Club for the flowers he received. He also suggested that perhaps we should review the process for team selection. Lee noted that, at the previous meeting, several alternate processes were discussed and all were found to have drawbacks. In the end, it was decided to stick with selection by the Club Captain. In the future, *pairs* should self-nominate, and the Captain put together the strongest team(s) from among the pairs under consideration.

Janice: Janice bought up an issue of egregiously wrong score being entered and how to deal with them. The specific incident cited needs to be discussed with the member in question and corrected if need be. In future, any such mistake should be investigated and corrected immediately by the director. A discussion ensued about the loss of decorum at the table which seems to be on the rise. Once again, in keeping with the NZB zero tolerance policy, such incidents should be reported to the director. A suitable penalty would be 25% of 1 board applied to the offending party.

Neil: The AGM Financial Reports are finished and duplicated.

Richard: The letter of complaint from Siaki Naylor regarding graduation certificates has been replied to and the issue seems resolved. Rather than publicize rules in the newsletter, Richard

has produced small slips detailing individual rules which will be placed on the tables for the week. Hopefully this will help inform the players of their rights and responsibilities. Recent events led to Richard drawing up a table of tasks and responsibilities needed for the running of the club. The list is extensive and ideally requires the participation of a number of non-committee members. Lee emphasized that we currently rely on a small band of volunteers and would be in trouble if, for any reason, some decided to move on.

Olive: Last Tuesday night saw 9 full tables with 14 of the players having gone through lessons over the last 2 years. The play was slow but the pace will improve with time. Anyone playing on Tuesday or Wednesday that can't handle the slow play should be encouraged to attend sessions on Monday, Thursday or Friday. Olive will arrange with NZB for the NZ-wide pairs event.

Lee called the meeting to a close at 10:55 am

The next meeting will be on September 14th, 10:00 am