



## Committee Meeting held November 9th, 2023

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. Janice moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Judy; Approved

### Minutes of the Meeting of October 12th, 2023

Richard moved that the minutes of the last meeting held October 12th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Nancy; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Engraving Systems
- Super Liquor
- Smart Office

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Teaching and Learning Survey Results
- AGM 2023 Draft Minutes
- Board Minutes for September
- Northland Championship Results to date
- ANRC Notes from Conference
- Communication Policy
- ANRC Newsletter
- Mel Auld re Zoom Workshop on Social Media

General:

- James Nyssen confirming Junior/Intermediate Tournament in June 2024
- Expressions of interest in Klinger Workshop

Outgoing:

- Thank you letter to Brenda Gardner Trust

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 \$46.46 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$1147.63 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

### General Business:

Olive: There have been two tournaments this month. The Intermediate/Junior Pairs netted the club around \$1000 while the profit from Open Swiss Pairs will be around \$800.

Janice: Janice noted that the rule associated with psych bids (only 1 allowed per session) should be detailed in the new booklet.

Nancy: Tait Real Estate has indicated that they are willing to continue their sponsorship at the \$300 level. Neil is to send an invoice for \$300+gst. As last year, they will send members of their team to speak at the event.

The Jubilee Trust will be considering our request for the toilet renovation in mid-November, with a result expected in mid-December. They were impressed by the fact that we have already secured partial funding.

It was decided to not approach Council for funding for the 70th Jubilee, since the event did not match their funding criteria. We are still awaiting a quote for the exterior painting.

Kim: Kim has had a preliminary look at the registration process under the new Incorporated Societies Act. We have 2.5 years in which to re-register so there is no time pressure. The biggest task seems to be updating the constitution and rules to comply with the Act.

Judy: Judy will be sending a card to Bruce Thom now rather than waiting until he's home. She will also send a condolences card to the Dargaville club after the passing of James Nyssen.

Lee: The Chess club is renting the building for a tournament on November 25th and, on November 29th, there will be a birthday party held in the rooms. The notice for renewing the building wof has arrived and that process is underway.

With Judy leaving there is nobody to look after getting partners for Tuesday night. Olive will try to find a suitable replacement.

There are no sponsor names associated with the tournaments on the NZB website. Two more sponsors are needed. Jayne is prepared to continue sponsoring one of these two, if necessary, but we still need a sponsor for the Paihia tournament.

The Finance Committee approved requests for fixing the pothole, replacing the blinds and for replacing the last of the old lights.

Tournaments: Dargaville is changing their Open tournament in June to an Intermediate/Junior event. They simply do not have enough Open players to make it worth their while. Opportunities for Open players in Northland are decreasing so we are looking at changing one of our pairs events to an Open Restricted format where Open players must play with either a Junior or Intermediate player. This could entail changing the Whangarei Swiss Pairs to Open Restricted Pairs and changing the Paihia 5A tournament to Swiss Pairs. The October Junior/Intermediate

tournament date is allocated to Mangawhai next year so we will attempt to get an alternative date for our club.

Unless notified otherwise, there will be no Monday bridge following the 70th Jubilee. For the Christmas party, it was suggested that everyone wear a hat. Nancy wondered if the rental fees for the club could be increased to cover the costs of special cleaning after events. Holiday bridge will go again, provided appropriate personnel can be found to run it. Henri Cramer is a possibility. Dates will be Monday, January 8-22 and Friday 12, 19 and 26.

The meeting was called to a close at 10:35 am.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 14th at 10 am.