



Committee Meeting held April 11th, 2024

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

Minutes of the Meeting of March 14th, 2024

Olive moved that the minutes of the last meeting held March 14th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Janice; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

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

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Regional Championship (IP) flyer
- NZB Newsletter
- Board Minutes
- Congress flyer
- Masterpoints interim ranks report
- Nomination notice for all regional committees

Outgoing:

- Housekeeping only

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

Olive noted that receipts for both Tait Realty and 100% Barrell's are ready and letters of thanks need to be sent.

Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$3279.41 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$7196.33 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

General Business:

Olive: The 100% Barrels Teams event received a sponsorship of \$200 and netted the club \$776. The cost of masterpoints has increased dramatically to \$8.80 per head. The Broome tournaments received sponsorship of \$450 and showed a profit of \$833. Masterpoints cost \$5.75 per head.

A total of 13 beginners have paid their entry fees and there have been 3 new members sign up recently.

Nancy: The Lottery Community proved very supportive in our struggles with funding for the toilets. Although we could return the money and try to get support through another fund, they suggested that would be very difficult given the severe reductions experienced by the agency. They said that there was no need to return the money provided it is spent on projects that represent an improvement to the club and its facilities. This leaves us with around \$14K to work with. Reporting our expenditures will be required by December 22nd. All we will need are the receipts for work done.

Kim: Kim raised the issue of the Paihia tournament being online. Lee noted that NZB has yet to decide on their level of support for the Regionals. Until it is known how much the region will need to contribute by way of support for the team, the issue is on hold.

Kevin: Kevin suggested that we either post all the documents from NZB on the website or add links to the documents. In the ensuing discussion, dissatisfaction with the NZB website was noted. Kevin will send a letter to Alister Stuck regarding the annoyance associated with having to download documents in order to read them.

Lee: Lee is in touch with three contractors regarding the facelift for the men's toilet and it appears that we might be able to get quotes for what needs to be done. She also wants to paint the interior of the bathroom and, at the same time, get the painter to touch up the exterior of the building where tar has been splashed.

A quote for \$2785.61 has been received for replacing the water heater. However, the plumber saw no good reason for replacing it.

Given that any project costing more than \$1500 requires going through the Finance Committee, our process for approving such requests adds at least another month to the process. This can be an issue when timely action is required. Lee asked the Committee if she could have permission to approach the Finance Committee immediately when required.

Moved (Olive/Richard): That Lee be authorized to approach the Finance Committee immediately for approval of expenditures above \$1500 for the men's toilet renovation. Approved.

Wally Yovich has retired and the new management seems less enthusiastic about continuing their sponsorship. Furthermore, it would appear that Barrell's is also struggling to meet the previous level of support. Consequently, our members who have an in with sponsors will need to shore up their support. Vanassa McGoldrick has agreed to sponsor our Junior/Intermediate tournament for 5 years.

Our Match Committee has to be active in the planning for the Main Centre Pairs and Teams. As the Centre representative on that committee, Jeremy Fraser-Hoskins has to be kept informed of the plans and consulted if necessary. A National Director must be present in the room during the tournament. Potential candidates include Richard, Patrick Carter and Julie Atkinson. Presumably, these three will also be drawn upon in the event of disputes.

The meeting was called to a close at 10:25 am

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 9th at 10 am.