



Committee Meeting held August 8th, 2024

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 Olive; Approved

Minutes of the Meeting of July 18th, 2024

Tel moved that the minutes of the last meeting held July 18th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Richard; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Calders Design and Print
- Smart Office
- Engraving Systems
- Office Products
- Super Liquor
- BridgeNZ

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- AGM Notice and delegate authorization
- Event Marketing Kit
- Notice re website glitches
- Notice of online improver lessons
- Draft constitution
- Zoom call re constitutional changes
- Website changes
- NZB Newsletter

General:

- Barbara Callan

Outgoing:

- Welcome letters to new players

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

Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$10640.49 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$6251.76 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

General Business:

Richard: Richard moved that the minutes of the special committee meeting held in the month of July be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Nancy; Approved. These minutes are attached.

Richard brought up the issue of archiving the many pictures that were taken for the 70th birthday celebrations. Various methods were discussed, including storage on memory sticks, hard drives, cloud storage or some combination of these. Nancy suggested that the photos be annotated with subjects' names for the benefit of future users. This was met with general approval. It was decided to send the issue back to the organizing committee for action.

Kim: The upcoming changes required by the new Incorporated Societies Act will be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the ANRC club delegates. There is now a draft constitution to work with. It seems obvious that we will re-register under the new act which will require updating our constitution by the deadline of April 2026. One step that is recommended is to get members on board with re-registering and the question arose as to whether to discuss the issue at the upcoming AGM. A decision on this will be made after the ANRC conference.

Neil: The draft financial statements have now been audited and finalized. Copies are available for members to read before the AGM

Nancy: The Lottery Commission has been approached for assistance towards painting of the exterior. She is currently closing the bathroom renovation grants.

The current list of badge requests is ready for submission and will all but exhaust our supply of free badges. Nancy will be away for the AGM and agreed to continue her relationship with Tait Realty as a sponsor. She suggested Isabel Thom continue with Kia Motors.

Olive: Olive reminded the meeting that she needs the new player forms submitted to her so that she can set up an account for them. After that, they need to be filed appropriately.

She also noted that all members should be polite to our presenters who are giving generously of their time in an effort to improve play for our junior members.

The Northland Centre Pairs netted the club \$1444 in profit at a per head cost of \$32.65. The teams event netted \$2050 at a cost of \$37 per player.

Lee: Metrics from the recent Facebook campaign have been received and show the following:

- The campaign reached around 20,000 people
- 841 people viewed our website. Cost per click of 59 cents
- Demographics: Males >35 yrs old (60%), Females over 45 (20%) and Females over 55 (10%)

Despite the reach of the campaign, it did not result in a single new member. Kim noted that it is often necessary for prospective recruits to require several contacts before showing up. In that sense, we have a good number of first contacts. Some discussion ensued on whether or not to repeat the exercise without a decision being made.

Lee has generated the latest membership list which shows that we have 170 members. Once subs have been received, there are 3 other members that can be added.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 10:50 am.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 12th at 10 am