



Committee Meeting held September 12th, 2024

Present: Lee Walters (in the Chair), Kevin Grundy, Neil Ruddell, Richard Bland, Olive Dent, Kim Thomas, Jayne Broome.

Apologies were received from Janice Johnson, Tel Hudson, Alan Pumfleet, Stanley Abrahams. Lee moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Kim; Approved

Minutes of the Meeting of August 8th, 2024

Olive moved that the minutes of the last meeting held August 8th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Richard; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Office Products (4)
- Smart Office
- Super Liquor
- Engraving Systems

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Stop Cards
- NZ Bridge Constitutional Amendment
- Board Minutes August 2024
- Schedule for director assessments
- AGM Registered Delegates
- ANRC Newsletter
- Havelock Nth teaching materials
- Informal director training, November
- Update on Northland Championship
- Invitation to NZ Wide Pairs
- Review of a recent complaint from Discipline and Disputes Committee
- Board Minutes June 2024

General:

- Oceania Medical
- St John Soc re defibrillator
- Kim re Re-registration

Outgoing:

- Housekeeping
- Notification re Lyn Dickinson

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

Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement along with an explanation of the documents for the new members of the committee. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$8809.51 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$711.88 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

General Business:

Olive: Since the last meeting we have held two tournaments: The Northland Centre Teams netted \$368 for the Centre after the deduction of our expenses. The Broome Family Tournament returned a profit of \$740, thanks to the generous sponsorship. The raffle did little more than break even.

A number of players have expressed support for the remit at the AGM regarding being able to drop a day's play for monthly competitions, rather than requiring a substitute be found. This would require that the partnership play together for the required number of days in the competition. Substitutes would, of course, be allowed but would not be counted toward the results. After a brief discussion, the following motion was put to the vote:

Moved (Olive/Richard): Starting next year, with the exception of 2 and 3 day competitions, all competitions will be decided by dropping the worst score for each pair. All qualifying scores must be with the same partner since no scores obtained with a substitute will be counted.

Approved.

Kim: Review of the club rules and constitution is under way. A review of our processes show that they are mostly okay. Kevin is to send the most recent copy of the rules to Kim for review. The plan is to divide the review into manageable chunks for discussion at our monthly meetings and communicating with the members. Some clubs have already finished this process and their results will serve as a useful template.

Some initial questions involve the officers of the club, which currently do not include the Assistant Treasurer, and the various membership categories. Kevin suggested incorporating this item as a standing order for future meetings.

Jayne: The newsletter is going well and the second series of seminars is due to conclude shortly. There was a brief discussion regarding when they should continue. Lee indicated that she will continue those for the novice and certificate of proficiency players as long as there is interest, whereas the others can pick up next year. Jayne asked for the members to be reminded of Renate's walking group.

Lee: Lee presented a new quote for painting the exterior of the building for \$11,212. The quote includes a chemical wash, hole repair and 2 coats by spray painting. Changing the colour of the building would entail extra cost. Total duration of the job would be 2 weeks and Lee has tentatively booked the painters for the first 2 weeks of december. This would entail closing the club but, if someone is prepared to organise it, the lost dates could be made up sometime after the job is complete.

Moved (Richard/Lee): that the request for funding for the exterior painting be referred to the Finance Committee for their approval.

Approved.

Neil asked about the possibility of grant(s) to help cover the cost. Some agencies have already been approached (using a different quote), but they have yet to release their decision.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that our gutters should be cleaned annually.

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

The next meeting will be on October 10th at 10 am.