

MINUTES of the **Franklin Bridge Club committee meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2023**, at the clubrooms at **4pm**.

Apologies: John Fergusson

Minutes of previous meeting accepted (moved by Maureen and seconded by Bev).

No matters arising from the minutes apart from those to be covered in general business.

Inward Correspondence of interest/needing discussion. Received.

(a) Emails from NZ Bridge including North Island Teams 2024 preliminary notice, latest report for members, info on BBO Women's Bridge online event.

(b) Emails from Grant Jarvis – covering report on regional hui and clubs' membership growth (or otherwise).

(c): Emails from Mel Auld about a TV One piece on bridge (sent the day it was being presented), the info she presented at the recent regional hui - on the Facebook marketing plans and Facebook photo suitability, and notice of an upcoming zoom meeting with tips for the use of Facebook.

(d) Invitation from Charities Commission to its AGM (forwarded to Linda).

Outward Correspondence. Accepted.

(a) General emails to all members - November Table Talk; Invitations to Lovelock Pairs and Melbourne Cup special session.

(b) Email to Terry Evans Jnr re Mel Auld's Facebook training zoom and his response indicating he would be happy to participate and his subsequent report to committee.

(c) Thank you note and card to Nelda, as retiring patron, (actioned by Maureen).

Email discussions and decisions by committee via email that need to be ratified as appropriate.

(a) Annual prizes for AGM. Suggestions and a possible addition – covered in general business.

Treasurer's Report

FBC has just over \$9000 in its bank account and \$45,000 on term deposit.

Club Captain's Report

Caroline provided an update work on next year's programme booklet. She also asked the committee about Monday night's programme and suggested the Danes Cup competition be reduced from five weeks to four. The meant a four-week event could be organised beforehand and called the Congress Cup. Labour Weekend Monday could then possibly be a Howes night. The committee opted for the four-week Danes Cup option and a three-week Congress competition.

Property Manager's Report

Kevin noted that Ann Anderson has indicated she is keen to do the FBC clubroom's gardening but would need someone to help with any heavy lifting. Kevin suggested we find out what Ann wants to do and then organise a working bee to support her with Ann in control. Ceiling renovation to be discussed under general business.

General Business

(a) AGM preparations

It was agreed that about 10 printed copies of the Treasurer's annual report to be on hand at the meeting for anyone who wants to study the details. It was noted the accounts would be unaudited at the time of the AGM.

(b) Annual prizes.

Prize-giving to follow the established format of previous AGMs. Caroline was organising the special committee that decided on awards such as the most promising player from last year's lessons, the most promising beginner or junior for the last three years and the most improved player overall.

(c) Officers and committee for next year.

The meeting discussed filling the positions that would be left vacant due to resignations and the previously unfilled catering position. A member was suggested for the Club Captain role and the decision was made to ask him if he would accept nomination for the role. That left the vice-president, education officer and catering positions yet to be sorted.

(d) Asbestos removal

Kevin reported that he and Aries had met with the companies with the most favourable quotes. The actual removal would take just over a week and then the restoration work would follow. Kevin suggested we hire an alternative venue for club sessions for two months, just in case there is some hold-up. He floated the idea of seeing if the work could be started in January during the school holidays, if practical. Some of the quotes had been revised a little and he provided details. The meeting decided to propose a special resolution for the AGM that (if passed) would give the committee permission to spend up to \$50,000 to have the work involved done.

(e) Facebook Campaign and Terry Evans Jnr's feedback from zoom call.

Arie said we should take advantage of Facebook marketing information being offered by NZ Bridge. The meeting agreed (Arie/Susie).

(f) A member suggestion re room set-up and player movement.

The room set-up was discussed at some length and the decision was to introduce changes the meeting decided would be an improvement when we moved back into the clubrooms after the ceiling work was completed.

(g) Directors

Arie agreed to hold director training sessions, including scoring etc, in the hope that more members would step up to training for the role and take the required NZ Bridge exam.

(h) Tournament plans for 2024.

Bev Henton, as tournament secretary, will email NZ Bridge and point out that our first tournament date will clash with an online tournament being run from Invercargill and another face-to-face tournament in Kerikeri.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm