

Franklin Bridge Club Inc.

Minutes of Committee Meeting, held at the clubrooms on Sunday, 17th December 2023 at 3.30pm

Present: Linda Thornton (President), Arie Geursen, Kevin Griffin, Jonathan Taylor, Terry Evans, Bev Henton, Henriette Annabel, Neil Miller, Maureen Nelson.

Apologies: Susie Longdell, Teresa Green

Minutes of meeting 5 November 2023: Moved that they be accepted
Henriette Annabel/Bev Henton

Minutes of AGM, 3 December 2023

Draft minutes had been distributed to the committee and were reviewed.
Moved that they be accepted Arie Geursen/Neil Miller. Susie will circulate them for the 2024 AGM.

Property Manager - Removal of Asbestos from Ceiling

Kevin Griffin advised that he has scheduled this work for early January.
Alternative premises have been arranged at the Pukekohe Hot Rod Club, 33 Franklin Road. They have a kitchen and a bar area. They will charge us \$150 per visit.

Timeline:

- Saturday 6 January – electrician will pre-isolate all electrical connections
- 6th & 7th January – club members will remove all furniture, wall fittings etc. from main room. To be stored in kitchen and bathrooms. Folding card tables – we have plenty available – to be taken to the Hot Rod Club
- Monday 8 January – main contractor will swathe room in plastic and begin asbestos removal. This work is expected to take approximately 2 weeks, may, of course, take longer.
- Saturday 20 January – electrician will return to instal new LED lighting
- 20 & 21 January – estimate only – club members will restore the main room
- Best estimate of being back playing at the club is Monday 22 January
- We certainly expect to be in our own rooms for the tournament on Saturday 3 February

Playing dates at Pukekohe Hot Rod Club are likely to be (all January)

Mondays 8th, 15th and maybe 22nd

Wednesdays 10th, 17th and maybe 24th

Fridays 12th and 19th. 26th should be back in clubrooms

After discussion, it was decided that we should stick to the programme book and play the scheduled series, which members will have already booked with each other. The committee members with IT expertise all agreed that this was feasible.

Before we close the clubrooms, there will be 3 sessions of bridge:

Wednesday 3rd January – holiday bridge as per programme book

Thursday 4th January – to be publicised – starting at 10am, a happy day of daytime holiday bridge

Friday 5th January – holiday bridge as per programme book

Maureen to advise our insurance brokers that some of our equipment will be stored offsite.

Tournament Secretary

Bev Henton advised that for the Swiss Pairs on Saturday 3rd February:

- Tony Morcom will direct
- Jonathan Taylor will score
- Arie Geursen will be overseeing the day

We need to deal 5 sets of boards – Arie and Terry Evans will do this.

We agreed to buy 2 new sets of 36 boards – not to duplicate existing colours.

Bev Henton and Arie Geursen to look into upgrading our 3A Tournament on 21st September to a 5A Tournament. NZ Bridge refused our request for 2023 because they said we didn't give sufficient notice.

The water cooler is broken and has been so for many months. Terry Evans will attempt to repair it. If irreparable, we should get a new one.

Club Captain

Terry Evans handed out the dealing roster for 2024. He has arranged for 2 people to each session of dealing together for security and health reasons. (e.g. if Jim suffered a medical event and was alone, we wouldn't know). He has not included Carol De Luca, and will advise her of this and ask her to return her key to the office.

Terry had prepared an extensive rebuttal of Diane Conroy's assertion that one of the trophies had been awarded to the wrong pair. He will speak to Diane and give her his findings in writing.

When the restoration of the clubroom is complete, we will re-orient the room so that North is facing the screen, and East will be the window wall. Arie commented that he would like all 4 "directions" to be labelled, he and Terry Evans will make this happen. Directions will be moveable, so that if we need to alter them temporarily for better tournament movement, this can be done and then returned to the default described above.

Discussion re seating rights – some years ago, Arie re-wrote our seating schematics to cater for Table 1 to be the anchored table for Howell movements (it doesn't apply to Mitchell movements, as North-South is always anchored). This can create difficulties as Table 1 is not always the best arrangement in terms of ease of movement. Discussion about changing this at the same time as we re-orient the rooms, and decided that we would revert to the best arrangement for the club, not for one particular person.

Resumption of Tuesday daytime and Thursday night bridge:

Maureen Nelson offered to run the supervised play sessions on Thursday night, re-starting after Waitangi Day i.e. Thursday 15th February

Jim to be approached regarding Tuesday afternoons from Tuesday 13th February.

Vacant Committee Positions

It is vital that we appoint a **Teaching Officer** before next year's lessons. Several names were inconclusively discussed, finally Maureen Nelson said that she would take the role of for one year only. She has teaching experience from her time at Royle Epsom Bridge Club. Kevin Griffin said he would run the IT for her on lessons nights, Terry Evans will assist her with IT resources and planning.

The role of **Vice President** remains vacant. Arie Geursen advised that should it become necessary, he would step in for Linda. However, he did not wish to be perceived as the President-Elect.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm