

Franklin Bridge Club Minutes of Committee Meeting, held at the clubrooms on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 4pm

Present: Linda Thornton, Caroline Griffin, Arie Geursen, John Fergusson, Jonathan Taylor, Henriette Annabel, Kevin Griffin, Maureen Nelson, Susie Longdell.

Apologies: Bev Henton, Teresa Green. Moved they be accepted by Henrietta, seconded by Jonathon. Passed.

Minutes of previous meeting; Confirmed and passed (Henrietta/Kevin).

Correspondence

(a) Request by small church group to hire FBC clubrooms. After email canvassing, this was declined. Decision ratified at meeting.

(b) Invoices for NZ levy and trophy engraving passed over to next meeting when treasurer will be present.

(c) Administrators' access to NZ Bridge: Decision made to replace Chris Gylde with Kevin Griffin. Susie to notify NZ bridge.

(d) Subsidy for lesson's marketing costs – Theresa to follow up and apply.

(e) Decision regarding moving fridge ratified.

(f) Other correspondence tabled noted.

Training and Development/Lessons

John Fergusson reported that lessons response was "just amazing". Two more participants had joined and, due to previous card playing experience and catching up online, were coping well. People were so enthusiastic they were arriving early and staying late. There were one or two dropouts. Two have yet to pay. John gave early warning he would be away for the graduation.

Arie noted he would like to set up movements for when students join Wednesday nights well ahead as he is going away. Caroline said we should decide on 20 boards a session with a 10pm cut-off for the first month.

Meanwhile, Pam Livingston has declined to do a day's training for members this year. After some discussion, it was decided we would ask Richard Solomon to conduct lessons for experienced players on a Saturday in October (Arie/Susie).

Marketing Report

Caroline to ask Wendy Morris to do story on the students and include a photo in the upcoming newsletter. Kevin offered to take photo that week.

Tournament Report

Bev Henton was absent but had notified the President before the meeting that everything was under control for upcoming tournament. Other committee members reported that entries were equal to 10 and a half tables, Neil Miller was doing the boards, Jonathon the scoring and Tony Morcom was the director.

Property Manager's Report

The flood repairs have been completed apart from retightening the carpet. Total costs not yet known but at the moment all we are to pay is excess which is, Kevin thinks, \$500, plus the cost of fitting

Three upgraded lights. The flood damage was caused by a blockage building up in an area where the downpipe had been joined and blobs of solvent impeded the flow. This downpipe is to be replaced and Kevin plans to cut slots in outer edge of gutters so water can be spilled away from the building when they are full.

An unfinished area has been uncovered in the kitchen behind a former cupboard when it was removed to resite the second fridge. This still needs gib stopping and a piece of vinyl laid. Kevin will look in roof space to see whether there is some matching vinyl there.

Linda noted the issue of ceiling repairs will be pressing when changes come in force with the new Incorporated Societies Act. Meanwhile, the committee is covered for liability because they are volunteers. There was general agreement that we need to make progress on the necessary repairs. The repair cost when quotes were last obtained was \$30,000, plus the cost of upgrading to LED lights. Kevin suggested setting up a sub-committee. Linda wanted to get quotes first. Kevin agreed to get some quotes.

General Business

(a) Hire fees – Maureen and Caroline have been researching these.

(b) Tuesday Sessions – Email to be sent out promoting opening session.

(c) Troublesome Trees – After some discussion, the committee unanimously decided to have the two dying trees on the school boundary removed as advised before they cause damage to the boundary fence or school buildings (Maureen/Arie).

Following further discussion, the committee reluctantly, but again unanimously, decided we should also remove the trees nearer our building (Arie/Susie). This decision was reached for the following reasons:

- (i) Silver birch trees are short-lived in NZ and two planted at the same time are already dying.
- (ii) Their roots are breaking the driveway seal and causing a trip hazard.
- (iii) Our insurance company has previously demanded action on these ones closer to our building – as a result we had them topped but they have quickly regrown.
- (iv) Their leaves and twigs played a major role in our recent flooding.
- (v) Our insurance policy is up for review and the insurance company is not likely to continue cover unless we take action on the trees.

Note, the titoki and birch on our street boundary will remain.

We already have one quote for this work and Henrietta is to get another from a tree company that she has dealt with before.

The meeting closed at 5.35pm.