

Franklin Bridge Club Minutes of Committee Meeting, held at the clubrooms on Sunday, April 2 2023, at 4pm

Present: Linda Thornton, Caroline Griffin, Arie Geursen, John Fergusson, Jonathan Taylor, Henriette Annabel, Kevin Griffin, Maureen Nelson, Teresa Green, Bev Henton, Susie Longdell. Linda chaired because Neil Miller resigned the day before.

Minutes of previous meeting; Confirmed and passed.

Matters Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence

(a) NZ Bridge Info on coming changes to incorporated societies law. Linda, wearing her legal hat, explained the implications of the changes would be minor for FBC.

(b) Email from the local RSA inquiring about using our rooms while their building was being upgraded and strengthened. It was agreed that we could possibly provide a venue for some of their regular activities, but not for their Friday night social gathering which included food and alcohol. The meeting decided Maureen would reply to the inquiry quickly, saying we were considering some of their request and that we would be in touch to discuss it further.

Meanwhile, Caroline said St John was looking for a venue for its training sessions while their building was being constructed and that our set-up could suit them.

Maureen said our current hire rates are \$100 (plus \$15) for half a day and \$200 for a full day. The meeting believed we should find out what other venues charge and update ours as needed. Kevin said we also needed to check insurance implications if we are letting the clubrooms on a more regular basis. There was also general discussion on how we could control access to the building by different groups using alarm key codes, swipe cards or entry locks with different code numbers. In conclusion it was agreed Maureen would put together an initial proposal and refine it with Caroline's help before putting a proposal re letting the building to the committee for approval. Caroline was also to find out more about St John's situation.

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Green reported that 98 people had so far paid their sub, leaving about 4 still outstanding. The bank cheque account stands at \$21,389 and there is \$35,000 is on short-term deposit.

Training and Development/Lessons

Training Officer John Fergusson said he was pleased with how some members were supporting the learning to play bridge sessions and pleased with the whole atmosphere during lessons. There were 10 tables for the second session with an existing member sitting at each one. One student had dropped out because of a clash with a son's football activities.

Marketing Report

Caroline says she is surveying the response to our marketing campaign designed to publicise this year's lessons and will report on it to the committee and to NZ Bridge when the survey is complete. Meanwhile, only two of the new students reported hearing the bridge radio advt. Susie said one of the people who contacted her said he was ringing after seeing the banner outside the clubrooms.

Club Captain's Report

Caroline reported that there are not enough people on the ground for running bridge sessions. We

need more people to step up as directors, dealers and scorers. Kevin noted that director training is now online and on demand with subsequent exams held at schooled times.

Tournament Report

Bev Henton spoke of plans in place for our next tournament which is on April 22. Entry fee will be \$35. First prize will be \$65, second \$50 and third \$35. There will be four session prizes of a bottle of wine for each player, making eight bottles in all. Catering was discussed with general agreement to keep things simple overall. Bev Henton would call for members to volunteer some time or baking.

Property Manager Report

Kevin Griffin reported on progress on flood repairs and steps being to help avoid a repeat flooding problem. He would like to upgrade night lighting outside the building and put in an all-night LED footlight to deter vandals etc. outside the back door. He also has access to deterrent cameras which he would like to have installed. Nobody objected to these plans.

Kevin said replacing the old hand dryers had left some gib stopping and painting work to do. The quote for this was \$1500 and it was decided he would bring the receipt for this work to committee to approve payment. Kevin noted that the cost of running the new hand-dryers was very much cheaper than providing paper towels

General Business

(a) **Neil Miller's resignation** received the day before was accepted with regret. Linda had consulted our constitution which stated that the vice-president automatically becomes the new president if the president resigns. This leaves us without a catering manager (already a vacant position) and vice-president. It was agreed that Susie would send out a message advising members of Neil's resignation which the committee accepted with regret, and Linda's new role - and also asking people to step forward to fill these empty roles.

(b) **Tuesday Bridge.** Committee members were keen to get this underway and decided to start a trial on May 2 which would run until the end of the year. As Jim Buckland had already indicated willingness, it was proposed he be asked to deal, score and direct the sessions and also function as "Blue Hat" and be paid the same rate as for last winter's Sunday afternoon sessions for performing all these roles (moved by Bev, seconded by Susie, passed.) The sessions will run from 12.45pm to 4pm. There will be a break in the middle for wine and nibbles on the first day.

(c) **Website addition.** Linda noted when reviewing the constitution after Neil's resignation, that it states that the constitution is to be displayed on our website. The meeting decided that Jonathon would be asked to do this.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.

Jonathon left earlier at about 5.50pm due to another commitment.

