

Franklin Bridge Club Minutes of Committee Meeting, held at the clubrooms on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 4pm

Present: Linda Thornton, Caroline Griffin, Arie Geursen, Jonathan Taylor (arrived at 5pm), Kevin Griffin, Maureen Nelson, Susie Longdell, Bev Henton, Teresa Green.

Apologies: John Fergusson, Henrietta Annabel. Moved they be accepted by Linda, seconded by Maureen. Passed.

Minutes of previous meeting: Confirmed and passed (Kevin/ Bev).

Matters Arising from Minutes:

(a) Starting earlier on Monday – The committee decided to ask members by email and via a form placed on tables before start of play.

Outward Correspondence

General emails to all members about:

- (a) Tuesday bridge sessions (several)
- (b) Removal of birch trees
- (c) Format for New Players Welcome night on August 2.
- (d) Thank you note and card to Nelda for \$200 donation.
- (e) Emails to our insurance company re tree removal, and renting out of clubrooms and valuation advisement.

Inward Correspondence of interest/needing discussion.

NZ Bridge apparent change of levy decision on new student members.

Email discussions and decisions by committee via email.

- (a) July tournament affairs – fees, catering, whether to buy new bridge mates, prizes, master points.
- (b) Format re August sessions to welcome graduating students.
- (c) Question about how deal with applications from new members.
- (d) Covering Henriette's absence and director- related matters in general.
- (e) Dealing machine breakdown and repair.
- (f) Dungeons and Dragons trial night.
- (g) Should we change how long the upcoming Monday teams event will run.
- (h) John and Bron Fergusson's plans for their departure.

Matters relating to correspondence:

- (a) July tournament – it was noted the feedback from this tournament has been very good.
- (c) It was noted how we deal with new members is set down in our constitution and it would require certain predetermined steps to change this. No action planned for this at present.
- (f) Maureen noted Dungeons and Dragons have decided to hire our clubrooms on a regular basis. They will pay \$180 per evening.
- (g) it was agreed to replace the planned fifth and final night of the Monday night teams event

with a “fun night” with Goulash style dealing. Members to be notified by email and all members to be encouraged to attend.

Tournament Secretary’s Report and subsequent discussion:

Bev reported paying \$30 to play in an inline Hamilton tournament recently that attracted lots of entries, including some from Australia, and she said that NZ Bridge had indicated the upcoming Franklin tournament in September could be played online. The pros and cons were discussed and the committee decided to seek NZ Bridge approval for on an online format for the open A point competition and to ask if we can change the 3A tournament to a 5A one, while continuing with a face-to-face format for this Junior-Intermediate one. The emphasis would be on making sure people enjoyed participating and lots of prizes would be offered.

Bev said Judy Collins had offered to take charge of catering for this tournament and this offer had been gladly accepted.

New Members:

Nominations were accepted for the following new members – Miriam Anderson, Marilyn Maseman, Terry Evans Jnr, Sandra Brown, Adib Essali, Heather Ballantyne, John Bouwman, Gerda Bouwman, Jan Day, Brian Day, Phil Pacey, Bill Mellow, Lance Panther, Vicky Farrell, Sue Sutton, Murray Sutton, Anthony Julian, Jeremy Thomas, Maria Thorburn, Mary Speedy, Warren Whyte, Maureen Whyte. Moved by Caroline, seconded by Maureen.

General Business

(a) Report from Asbestos Removal sub-committee – held over until next meeting because of time pressures.

(b) Next year’s programme booklet. It was agreed the important first step with the booklet was to have accurate and up-to-date member details.

The meeting closed at about 6pm.