

Franklin Bridge Club Minutes of Committee Meeting, held at the clubrooms on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 4.10pm

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

Apologies: Bev Henton, Teresa Green. Jonathan Taylor, Henriette Annabel. Moved they be accepted by Linda, seconded by Maureen. Passed.

Minutes of previous meeting: Correction made changing Teresa Green from present to absent. Moved as corrected by Linda, seconded by John Fergusson. Passed.

Matters Arising from the minutes.

Outward Correspondence

- (a) General emails to all members, including August and September Table Talks, restarting Thursday night Improver Sessions, Wednesday night teams, our September tournaments, possible changing of the starting time on Mondays.
- (b) Email to Grant Jarvis accepting his offer to represent Franklin at the NZ Bridge AGM.
- (c) Emails to Terry Evans Junior regarding his offer to work on our website and the 2024 programme book and subsequent discussion surround this work.
- (d) Emails to Grant Jarvis seeking his help in getting tournament changes approved by NZ Bridge. Linda noted there was quite a lot of work involved in this.

Inward Correspondence of interest/needing discussion.

- (a) Charities Commission newsletter advising that next month the new requirement for charities to review their rules every three years starts and that new reporting standards will start in April next year.

At the meeting, Arie asked whether we needed to be a registered charity. Linda considered it might be easier to continue rather than change this. Caroline noted NZ Bridge had undertaken to look into the implications of these changes for member bridge clubs and of the implication of changes to the Incorporated Societies Act. The meeting agreed Linda should look into both sets of changes and advise the committee accordingly (Caroline/Susie).

- (b) Information from Richard Solomon regarding NZ wide Pairs and a request for clubs to let him know if they wish to participate.

Meeting decided the secretary was to email Richard that we will be participating, noting that Aries will be running the event for us.

- (c) Emails from NZ Bridge, including the latest board minutes, the minutes from June conference, information on the Bridge Teachers Conference in Christchurch in November, information on membership trends, and information on subsidies for lesson promotion.

John Fergusson highly recommended we send our new tutor to the Christchurch event. Finding

this new tutor was then discussed and it was decided that committee members should put out feelers to members they thought suitable and that a call could be made in the next newsletter for interested members to come forward.

(d) Emails with the latest Auckland Northland Regional Committee minutes and information on the Regional Hui planned for October 8.

(e) Emails from Terry Evans Junior relating to his offers to update our FBC website and to work on the 2024 programme book and subsequent discussions surrounding this work.

(f) Emails from Grant Jarvis offering to represent FBC at NZ Bridge AGM.

(g) Emails from Grant Jarvis, regarding changes to our September tournaments.

Email discussions and decisions by committee via email which the meeting ratified.

(a) Agreement to purchase two new sets of boards.

This was changed at the meeting to three sets and it was agreed Caroline should order these. (Maureen/Linda).

(b) Motion to ask Grant Jarvis to represent FBC at NZ Bridge AGM (Linda/Susie).

(c) Agreement that Terry Evans Junior get a sponsorship position on back page of the 2024 programme book in return for his work on the website and the book (Linda/Caroline).

(d) Discussion on whether to include email addresses in the 2024 Book. The meeting agreed they should be included (Susie/Linda).

(e) Agreement to continue with trying to get conference changes approved.
It was noted this had been done.

Financial Report Summary (presented by Maureen in Teresa's absence).

The club has \$6475 in its current account and a \$45,000 term deposit which matures just before the end of the financial year.

Property Manager's Report

The silver birches causing issues have been removed and the stumps ground. The floodlight out the front of our building is costing \$15 a month to run.

Quotes for ceiling asbestos removal range from \$19,500 to \$60,000. Two quotes for plaster skimming and repainting are \$15,000 and \$16,800. The quote to replace the ceiling lights with LEDs is \$39,000. The committee consensus was that the asbestos removal committee should proceed with working on the quotes.

Website Changes

It was agreed unanimously that Terry Evans Jnr should be thanked very much for his work on the website and that his offer to be the new webmaster be accepted. The committee also agreed Terry should also be listed as a sponsor on the website. It was noted that as webmaster he had the go ahead to sort out some issues with the presentation of results.

The meeting also agreed to accept the Terry's suggested refreshing of the FBC logo (Arie/Linda).

Programme Booklet

After some discussion the committee decided that the club rules would not be in the booklet but would be posted on the noticeboard and included on the website. The members' details due to be included in the booklet were to be posted on the noticeboard and members asked to confirm they were correct on this list.

Tuesday 1pm to 4pm sessions to be described as informal sessions where you do not need to have organised a partner beforehand and where everyone is welcome.

Arie noted that if next year's Monday night teams competition was going to run for four weeks, not five, the rules would need to be changed on the website. Arie was to look into this if he had time before he went away.

Upcoming Tournament

It was noted there were currently seven and a half teams registered for our open online tournament and eight for the face-to-face one. Linda was promoting both on Facebook. Entry payment was discussed and what to do about players who arrive on the day without paying beforehand.

New Director

It was noted that Chris Glyde was on the NZ Bridge director list. Linda was to contact him, confirm his status and congratulate him on passing the director's exams.

Membership Statistics

It was noted NZ Bridge levies would be charged in September and that Jonathon therefore needed to check our NZ Bridge record of paid-up members is up to date so we are not paying more than we should.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm