

**Franklin Bridge Club minutes of the committee meeting held at the clubrooms on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 4pm.**

**Present:** Caroline Griffin (president), John Fergusson, Maureen Nelson, Kevin Griffin, Jonathon Taylor, Bev Henton, Neil Miller, Henriette Annabel., Susie Longdell, Arie Guersen, Teresa Green.

**Apologies:** Dennise Biddick, Judy Collins.

**Minutes:** Moved they be accepted by Caroline Griffin; seconded by Maureen Nelson.

**MATTERS ARISING from Minutes**

1. Recent Tournament: Those involved reported that the recent club's members-only Individuals Tournament went well.
2. Upcoming AGM. Neil Miller has agreed to stand as president at the coming AGM; Caroline Griffin will stand down and has agreed to stand for club captain next year – a position Arie Geursen noted had been vacant for too long; trophy cleaning was progressing, everything on course for the trophy engraving and Teresa Green agreed to compile the data for 2023 bridge booklet which will be distributed at AGM.
3. Grant Jarvis email re our newsletter: Caroline Griffin noted that Wendy Morris (newsletter writer) wanted the newsletter page on the website updated; it was thought a good idea to ask Wendy to join Caroline and Jonathon Taylor on the group working on sprucing up the website.

**MATTERS RELATING to Correspondence**

1. Maureen reported we had received \$1276 payment from Auckland Council as a grant for rates relief.
2. It was noted that Lynne Geursen had sent the club a thank you card for the flowers she received on achieving gold status, and Jan Rae has sent a thank you card for the get well card and flowers she had received from the club.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Maureen Nelson reported there was \$40,189 in the club bank account. She said she was pleased the SGM on raising subscriptions went so well.

**EDUCATION REPORT**

Education Officer John Fergusson said he was delighted with the support for the improvers' sessions. He said there had been a good turnout and a good buzz. He made a special point of thanking the helpers who came along to the sessions.

John also moved that the following new members (from lessons) be accepted into the club: Graham Lutge, Denise Lutge, Paula Gilroy, Mary Crawford, Jennifer Odom and Sandy Brown. Maureen seconded all these nominations.

**PROPERTY REPORT**

Property Officer Kevin Griffin said we now had two new hand-dryers because the second one had had to be replaced. He noted the new ones used less power.

**TOURNAMENTS REPORT**

Tournament Secretary Bev Henton noted there was some concern about dealing for the upcoming Swiss Pairs tournament. Arie Geursen said multiple boards would be needed –

maybe more than what the club now had. It was decided that Arie would ask Grant Jarvis about Franklin getting some boards second-hand from the Auckland-Northland Region. Arie also noted that cards not used regularly get sticky.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Auckland/ Northland Region conference**

Caroline and John attended this conference which focussed on increasing bridge participation and club membership. Caroline noted that the regional committee was keen on pushing youth bridge and taking bridge to people who spoke Chinese as their first language. With reference to our club, she said Steph Jacob was a paid employee with website and IT skills and that she could do some things for us and that we should try to use her. Jane Stevens another presenter at the conference, focussed on growing clubs' membership and had canvassed all Auckland/Northland clubs about having beginners' lessons at the same time in 2023. These would be supported by radio advertising on the Breeze and another rural station running over two weeks. Caroline concluded that our first step in planning the lessons and membership drive should be to recruit a team to work on it and apply for the \$300 grant towards this that is available from the Auckland/Northland Region.

She also tabled a detailed Action Plan for clubs working on attracting new players and members. This was drawn up by participants at the conference.

### **2. The 2023 Programme Schedule**

It was decided that on Wednesdays from the start of the 2023 year, players would be asked to be seated at 7pm ready for play starting at 7.10pm. In August, when the new players from lessons were to join the Wednesday night sessions, the number of boards per session would be reduced, a tea break introduced and sessions would finish as close to 10pm as possible. Monday nights were to stay at the existing starting time.

### **3. Membership Data responsibilities.**

It was agreed that Jonathon, in his Computer Manager role, would be responsible for inputting (and updating) data on members and the treasurer would be responsible for inputting subscription payments records.

### **4. WhatsApp for finding partners**

Reported to be progressing well – some members have apparently already been using it.

### **5. Communications**

Messages left on club phone to be forwarded to the club secretary on the club's email account for the secretary to action accordingly.

Vodafone has reported it is changing our internet provision. Jonathon says we will be going for the cheaper of the options offered and it was agreed he would action accordingly.

Meeting closed at 6.25pm.