

## **Franklin Bridge Club**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting, held at the clubrooms on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Present:** Caroline Griffin (President), John Fergusson, Jonathan Taylor, Bev Henton, Henriette Annabel, Neil Miller, Judy Collins, Maureen Nelson.

**Apologies:** Susie Longdell, Kevin Griffin, Arie Geursen, Dennise Biddick.

**Minutes of meeting 12 December 2021:** Moved that they be accepted Caroline Griffin/Neil Miller

#### **Matters Arising:**

##### **1 Rates Relief**

Franklin Local Board of the Auckland City Council have not received an application for Rates Relief from us. We have until May 2022 to attend to this matter.

Historically (Arie Geursen) we should pay no rates, but these legacy arrangements are being phased out by Council. Decided that Maureen will get a copy of Linda Thornton's written case, and fill out the online form to apply.

##### **2. Increasing our annual Subscriptions**

It was pointed out that the \$47 of our annual subscription does not amount to \$1 per week for the club, and that it doesn't cover our fixed costs (insurance, rates, some power, water etc). Table money is therefore subsidising our overheads. The last increase in subscriptions was in 2015 – 7 years ago. We have had severely reduced table numbers and no tournaments, so raising our sub is now becoming essential.

It was suggested that we raise our sub to \$2 per week = \$100 p.a., plus the NZ Bridge Levy of \$23 p.a. Decided that committee members would give this some thought and the matter to be

addressed at the next committee meeting. It will have to be approved by members at either a Special General Meeting or at the AGM – query whether to combine this with the AGM.

### 3. Unvaccinated players

As soon as the Government regulations permit, we should allow unvaccinated members to play at any or all sessions.

### **Tournament – 8B Restricted on Saturday 23 April 2022:**

To be played online on Real Bridge. Discussion on finer points of organising it, Entry to be \$25, prizes to be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, top junior/junior pair, top Franklin pair. We can stay flexible on this right up to the last minute, depending on how many tables we get. We will have to get bank account numbers of winners so we can pay them their prize money. Bev advised that because it is online, we only need 7 tables to break even (prize money, director's fee).

### **Renting Out our Clubrooms:**

On a case by case basis. Increase our charges to the local market rate (currently \$115 for a half day, dependent on room being restored after rental). OK to rent to the Franklin Wine Society on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, as Sue and David Spencer do the unlocking/locking up again, and they always leave the rooms ready for Monday night's play. Maureen to look into this.

### **Cleaning our Clubrooms:**

Following the letter given to Karlene Grass on 13 February, and despite writing us a note dated 23 February, Karlene has not cleaned for 2 weeks, and has been very irregular since before Christmas – no set day.

Last week, Neil cleaned for 3 hours to bring our clubrooms up to scratch. He has also formulated a letter to be given to Karlene.

Decided that Maureen would meet with Karlene at the club, and

- Sight her vaccination pass
- Give her Neil's new document
- Assign a new burglar alarm code for her to use on the front door, so that we can track when she actually attends

She will be assigned the door code which used to be used by the yoga group.

Neil to be given 10 x table money vouchers to reimburse time spent since Christmas cleaning our premises. John/Caroline

### **New Covid Grant available:**

Maureen to apply for it

### **New club member:**

The committee approved Gina Sangster as a new club member.

John commented that our process for new members is pretty archaic and paper-based. Caroline to look into what we need to do to change the process (what does our Constitution require?)

### **Technical/computer issues:**

Jonathan is pretty pleased with how things are going since he took over from Chris Glyde at Christmas. Teams are coming up, which may be a challenge?

We should institute a more formal way of

- Advising substitute players (we have a form, long disused, we will reactivate it)
- Requesting a contract as entered in the Bridgemate be changed. We will devise a form – (at present we have scruffy bits of paper left on the computer keyboard).

**The meeting closed at 5.30pm**