

## **FRANKLIN BRIDGE CLUB**

### **MINUTES of Committee meeting held at the clubrooms on Sunday, September 11.**

**Present:** Caroline Griffin (president), Maureen Nelson (treasurer), Denise Biddick, John Fergusson, Kevin Griffin, Jonathon Taylor (left meeting early), Bev Henson, Neil Miller, Henriette Annabel, Teresa Green, Susie Longdell (secretary).

**Apologies:** Judy Collins, Arie Geursen

#### **Minutes of September 11 meeting:**

Moved they be accepted by Caroline/John.

#### **Matters relating to CORRESPONDENCE**

**Auckland Northland Regional newsletter** – It was noted the regional committee plan to have a Radio Drive encouraging people to play bridge. It would start in March, 2023. The committee considered this timing was a poor fit for the planned later timing of our 2023 beginners' lessons.

**Auckland Council letter** concerning extending transitional rates for one more year. Committee decided our treasurer should take up this offer.

Jane Winter and Glenda Alan were accepted as new members (Caroline/ Kevin).

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

See under General Business.

#### **EDUCATION REPORT**

Education Officer John Fergusson noted that there were seven participants who attended in the current set of beginners' lessons 'fairly regularly'.

*(No other officer reports presented)*

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **Upcoming Tournament**

More detailed plans were made for the September 17 tournament for which there was 'quite a few' entries and 'quite a strong field'. Jonathon would be the scorer, the director's pay would be \$200 and suggested prizes were \$60 for first, \$45 for second and \$30 for third but Bev proposed we add \$5 to each because the entry fee had been increased.

### **In-House Tournament**

The committee decided to hold a members-only Individuals Tournament on October 30, starting at 1pm with play starting at 1.30pm. The entry fee would be \$10 and everyone would be asked to bring a contribution for the potluck dinner which would follow.

### **Sunday Bridge**

The committee opted for September 25 as this year's finish date for Sunday sessions

### **2023 Regional Pairs**

It was agreed the club would formally agree to hosting the 2023 Auckland/Northland Regional Pairs/Team and that the secretary to reply accordingly to the offer. Moved by Caroline/Henriette.

### **Blue Hat/ Partnerships Secretaries/ WhatsApp**

The committee decided to try using WhatsApp as the major way for members to find partners for sessions next year, starting with holiday bridge in early 2023. This is to replace Blue Hat for 2023. As a first step members who don't have mobile phone numbers listed in the 2022 programme book would be asked to provide their mobile number to Jonathon so he can set up the service. Caroline would also talk to Darren and Neil about setting it all in place. Moved by Caroline/Denise

### **FBC special meeting on Increasing Subscriptions**

The committee opted for October 12 at 7pm – before the regular Wednesday bridge session – to hold the Special General Meeting to consider the proposal put forward by the Treasurer and recommended by the committee to increase the annual membership subscription for next year (2023) to \$100 plus the \$23 NZ Bridge levy, making a total of \$123, including GST.

### **Approval of 2023 Programme Booklet**

Denise would like a brighter colour than this year's for the cover. Wednesday programme approval deferred to consider how to best accommodate new members coming from the beginners' lessons.

### **Defibrillator training date**

Denise, who had been in contact with the woman offering lessons to FBC members, suggested Tuesday, September 20 for the free sessions for members as a date that worked for the trainer. The first session would start at 10am with one or two later sessions in the day depending on numbers wanting to participate. Denise to contact trainer to confirm. Members to be invited to make a booking if wishing to participate.

### **AGM and next year's committee**

Caroline offered to stay on as president for one more year if nobody else comes forward. Teresa Green will take over from Maureen Nelson as treasurer and Susie Longdell agreed to

continue as secretary if required. John is happy to continue with education role and Kevin as property manager. Nobody put their hand up for vice-president or club captain. Neil may continue as catering manager but was not definite about this. The role of patron next year was also discussed because Nelda was stepping down. A suitable member was agreed on and it was moved by Caroline/Denise this person be approached. Caroline considered we should also have a recorder to deal with poor behaviour so this too was discussed. The secretary to organise the nomination forms for AGM.

### **Cleaning and engraving trophies**

Maureen and Teresa to look after listing trophy winning recipients and arranging the engraving; Neil oversee the trophy cleaning with some offers of help.

### **Reviewing FBC mission statement**

It was agreed that Susie should find a copy and suggest any possible improvements. There was no urgency to this task.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm