

**MINUTES** of the **Franklin Bridge Club committee meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024**, at the clubrooms at **4pm**.

**Apologies:** Bev Henton, Teresa Green. Accepted (moved by Neil and seconded by Linda).

**Minutes** of previous meeting accepted (Kevin/Neil).

No matters arising from the minutes apart from those to be covered in general business.

**Inward Correspondence** of interest/needling discussion.

- (a) Advice from national Tournament Coordinator Rona Driscoll (via Grant Jarvis) that registration of club tournaments must be done 12 months ahead.
- (b) Emails from Jane Stearns regarding Facebook and other media for lessons promotion.
- (c) NZ Bridge Board minutes, including the report that home club membership was down by 53 as on November 30.
- (d) Email from Grant Jarvis advising he has resigned from NZ Bridge Auckland Northland Regional Committee but is still handling tournament schedule issues and compiling the newsletter. He would welcome possible contributions for the latter.
- (e) Emails from NZ Bridge advising of board election cycle.
- (f) NZ Bridge email advising of Trevor Gray's and Darren Old's transfers to other clubs.
- (g) Email from club caption advising up website updating and bidding card cleaning.

Inward correspondence received (Henriette/Jonathon).

**Outward Correspondence**

- (a) General emails to all members - Table Talks; information relating to clubrooms ceiling renovation, including the temporary venue, etc.; information on the January 4 fun day; and information relating to Swiss Pairs tournament.
- (b) Maureen's email to Trevor Gray and on and his partner's resignation and subsequent permission to use his comments in our lessons promotional material.

Linda thanked Maureen for writing to Trevor on his resignation.

Outward correspondence approved (Neil/Henriette).

**Email discussions and decisions** by committee via email that need to be noted and/or ratified as appropriate. Note: items listed under general business are not included.

- (a) New member protocol. At the meeting, it was noted this protocol is set out in our constitution and exists as a safeguard. Once sponsored, applicants can start playing in club sessions immediately.
- (b) NZ Bridge logo versus our black and white logo. At the meeting, the committee endorsed the view that we should use our own black and red logo with regard to our own club events and communications, and only use the NZ Bridge one for activities that it leads or sponsors.
- (c) Maureen's report on average table numbers for July 1 to October 31 and her concern re Monday night's playing numbers. This item led to a general discussion on club culture with respect to Monday nights and the wider club culture. There was general acceptance we needed to encourage members to play on Mondays as appropriate and encourage social interaction in general. The committee decided a 'cuppa' and some hand analysis after Wednesday and Monday night sessions would provide more social contact and help people improve their playing. Neil volunteered to look after the 'cuppa' part. The Monday and Wednesday after-bridge sessions will start in March, the committee decided. During the discussion Henriette offered to give FBC a fridge surplus to her requirements. This was accepted with gratitude.

All email and related decisions ratified (Neil/Terry).

### **New members**

Vicki Pearson, Jan Bennett and Robin Bennett were accepted as FBC members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

(emailed prior to meeting)

#### Swiss Pairs Tournament Income

Bridge \$48 prs @ \$70	\$ 3,360.00	
Raffle Profit	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,510.00

#### Expenses

FREE Pair	\$ 70.00	
Directors Fees	\$ 150.00	
Prize Money	\$ 760.00	
Food	\$ 156.09	
Alcohol		
13 bottles of wine @ appx \$15	\$ 195.00	
14 bottles of beer @ appx \$3	\$ 42.00	
Masterpoint Estimator	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,573.09

Net Profit	\$ 1,936.91
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Club's bank balance: \$31,183.

It was noted there was still \$6000 relating to insurance for the ceiling repair work.  
The Financial Report was accepted and ratified (Henriette/Neil).

### **General Business**

#### (a) Ceiling repairs report.

Linda asked that it be noted that the committee gave Kevin a huge vote of thanks for his excellent project management from the start to the finish of the asbestos removal project.

The secretary is to write to the Franklin Hot Rod Club to thank them for making their rooms available and for their great support during our time using their rooms. A special thanks to go to their bar people who opened the bar before playing sessions just for us.

#### (b) Lessons promotion.

The form and content of the flyers were discussed. The meeting decided to accept Kevin's offer to ask his daughter, a graphic designer, for her design recommendation. Kevin and Maureen to sign off on the design and the flyers are to be printed by March 4.

#### (c) April tournament planning

Bev is understood to have April 8B tournament planning under control. It will be restricted and no two open players can play together. Table numbers to be limited to 24. Jonathon to do what is required to record details on NZ Bridge website.

#### (d) Tournament schedule

Franklin 3A Open Pairs tournament was discussed. It was noted that there was a poor response to our online 3A tournament last year - due to clashes with other online tournaments probably. This year we could have a two-sessions tournament (5A and 5B) as the minimum number of boards for a 5A tournament is now 48 (the same goes for a 3A), Arie said. We asked for a 5A last year and Grant Jarvis to be approached about this. We could then have an intermediate tournament and a senior one. There would be 26 pairs per session on a first come first served basis.

(e) Swiss Pairs round up

This tournament was judged a success on all fronts.

(f) Items coming up for replacement – bridge-mates, honours board, projector. Budget limitations? Should we work out a budget for these?

Bridgemates – Arie says we have 19 working ones which is not enough for our tournament.

There was a general agreement we should purchase more. Arie to report back after the upcoming Queensland Congress and we will discuss our options at next meeting.

The committee decided Jonathon and Neil would form a small sub-committee to look at what we need items of equipment and upgrades and what these would cost, and then to report back to the April committee meeting.

It was noted Jim would like his \$1000 donation accepted before March 31. The suggestion had previously been made that this might go to the new honours board.

Kevin noted that the sponsorship notices on the bidding boxes were getting or had got tatty.

Terry to talk to Kevin about these and take responsibility for a remedy.

(g) Enhanced security and the costs.

Kevin reported we could get four security cameras for \$2300. These could be upgraded if required (at a cost).

(h) Building signage.

Committee members favoured signage on front of building, not poles. Kevin to get costings at some stage.

(i) Which logo to use? NZ Bridge or our black and red one.

Already handled previously in the meeting.

(j) Handling gifts and donations

Donors should be thanked and given a receipt, the meeting agreed.

The Meeting went into a closed committee session at this point to discuss the remaining items on the agenda. These related to member special requests and member behaviour.

The meeting adjourned at about 7pm.