

MINUTES of the **Franklin Bridge Club committee meeting** held on **Sunday, March 17, 2024**, at the clubrooms at **4pm**.

Apologies: Bev Henton, Teresa Green, Jonathon Taylor. Moved Neil and seconded by Terry they be accepted.

Minutes from previous meeting. Moved Kevin /seconded Neil. Passed

Matters Arising from the minutes. Nil.

Inward Correspondence of interest/need discussion. Received (Susie/Terry)

- (a) Email from Jonathon providing information relevant to replacing/repairing Bridgemates.
- (b) Email from Robin Baird expressing concern about a member being upset during a session.
- (c) Email from Maureen noting very low turnout for Tuesday sessions
- (d) Email from Kevin noting a member who attends regular Friday sessions is not a member.
- (e) Email containing a letter from a member wanting the decision on her seating rights revisited.
- (f) NZ Bridge emails – board minutes, board newsletter (both with references to online strategy.
- (g) NZ Post email advising of a PO box price increase from July1 to \$50.
- (h) NZ Bridge reminder to claim for \$300 grant towards lesson promotion by March 31. The meeting accepted Kevin and Maureen's offer to look into this.
- (i) Email from Grant Jarvis seeking confirmation of region's tournament booking dates, including the Feb 1 date for next year's Swiss Pairs tournament.
- (j) Email from Grant noting tournament date clash with changed Queensland Congress date.
- (k) Another Grant email about potential online and face-to-face bridge clashes and attaching the NZ Bridge Online Strategy.
- (l) Two emails, representing three members in all, regarding room temperature and humidity last Friday – see General Business.

Outward Correspondence. Approved (Neil/Terry Evans).

- (a) General emails to all members including Table Talk.
- (b) Letter to Pukekohe Hot Rod Club thanking them for making us so welcome when we hired their clubrooms temporarily.
- (c) Email to Papatoetoe Bridge Club supporting their suggestion regarding a Juniors only tournament and nominating Terry as our key contact person.
- (d) Emailed letter from the president relating to a member's repeated request for seating rights.

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. Accepted (Neil/Henriette).

(a) Planning for a new Honours Board. The option of replicating the current board or modifying the overall shape and design discussed. Kevin noted that if we choose a different location for the new board we wouldn't have to replicate the rimu which would prove much more expensive – and it could be a different shape, ie portrait instead of landscape. The meeting decided to proceed with the latter option. Kevin is to take responsibility for the sign itself and Terry the signwriting (Neil/Henriette). It was suggested club caption position holders be included.

b) Promotional material for our April tournament and discussion re the setting of entry fee - see General Business.

(c) Discussion whether we want or need to have a Health and Safety Policy - see General Business.

(d) Discussion about the best way to respond to Robin Baird's email. Terry reported to the meeting he had discussed the matter with Robin over a drink and explained the situation so the matter had been dealt with.

(e) Member's suggestion re a new projector. The meeting decided to postpone any decision on this until more pressing equipment needs had been sorted.

Financial Report

Maureen, on Teresa's behalf, reported that there was \$35,000 in the bank, all of which is in cheque accounts, awaiting equipment-buying decisions. Accepted (Kevin/Henriette).

Club Captain Report

Terry told the meeting of a meeting he had had with a member who complained that certain new members felt patronised by senior members. Maureen was given the task of writing an email for all members reminding them not to give unsolicited advice or make comments to new players. Other etiquette reminders to also be included.

Equipment Report

Arie reported that he had discussed Bridgemates with Larry Kelso while in Australia and there were problems around the upgrading our scoring software which new machines would necessitate. This would have some not insignificant drawbacks. Currently, we have 18 Bridgemates that work and four that are faulty. This is not enough for tournaments for which we need 20 plus 4 back-ups. The meeting decided that Arie should further talk to Akarana Bridge Club and offer to buy their Bridgemates for somewhere between \$75 to \$100 each, with the understanding Akarana could loan them back when needed. New ones would cost us \$250 each. Replacing keypads on our existing ones, \$550. Kevin suggested we might consider applying to charity funders to help with Bridgemate costs.

General Business

(a) April Tournament.

The meeting set the entry fee at \$40 (Neil/Susie). Terry Evans is to liaise with Maria. Neil and Arie will do the dealing, Jonathon will do the scoring, Linda the envelopes and the catering will be done the same as for the last tournament. We will need someone to run the bar but will leave that to Maria to sort that out. Arie has asked Tony to be director. Arie will be Tony's backup if Tony cannot do it.

(b) Lessons promotion update – flyers, Facebook etc

Kevin reported the flyers were at the printers and would be picked up the following day. An email was going out to all members asking them to pick some flyers up and distribute them.

(c) Tuesday afternoon sessions review.

The meeting decided to survey members about their preferences regarding Tuesday and Sunday afternoon sessions by putting a questionnaire on the tables before sessions. Terry is to organise this. Meanwhile, the meeting decided to start Sunday sessions the week after our upcoming Tournament and for the first one to be followed by a pot luck dinner. The desirability of having more such social occasions was also discussed and there was general agreement this was a good idea, as was having some cuppa and hand analysis events after sessions.

The meeting decided to meanwhile discontinue Tuesday sessions after Easter because attendance was very low

(d) Health and Safety Policies

Linda reported to the meeting (as Honorary Solicitor) that after reviewing the two relevant statutes that could require us to have such policies, she doesn't think we need one. No one had any objections to leaving things as they are ie we have no such policy.

(e) Room temperature

The meeting agreed with Terry's view that we should continue with our current policy, ie controlling the heat pumps, fans and any opening of windows to maintain the room temperature at 21 degrees with 50 per cent humidity and reasonable air movement. Maureen is to draw up an email to members that reinforces this policy and states that nobody can interfere with any of the controls unless they have authority to do so. Those unhappy with conditions during any session should approach the director but only after a hand has been played and not while the director is playing.

(e) Request to review club cleaning pay rate.

Neil was excused from the meeting when this was discussed. His request was unanimously approved (Maureen/Terry).

Meeting adjourned at 6.10pm