

Minutes of Franklin Bridge Club committee meeting on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the clubrooms at 4pm.

Present: Linda Thornton, Maureen Nelson, Jonathon Taylor, Arie Geursen, Henriette Annabelle, Bev Henton, Kevin Griffin, Terry Evans, Neil Miller, Susie Longdell.

Apology: Teresa Green. Neil moved this be accepted; seconder Henrietta. Passed

Minutes from previous meeting accepted (mover Linda; seconder Neil).

Matters Arising from the minutes.

Those present agreed that the Akarana Bridgemates on loan to us should be returned. Terry to drop these off as soon as convenient.

Inward Correspondence of interest/need discussion. All accepted

(a) Email from Terry with membership survey results.

(b) Email from Mark Buckley (Papatoetoe) re ultra-restricted tournament, wants feedback on \$5-10 entry fee and dates clubs want – free are July 7,14,28 and August 28. Listed in General Business.

(c) NZ Bridge emails – about future promotional plans, levy increase for next year and next year's NZ Bridge Congress new Palmerston North venue and date - November 8-15. The meeting agreed that we should give members advance notice of the levy increase and corresponding membership fee increase, perhaps in Table Talk.

(d) Email from Gisborne Bridge Club re Jean Bennett's life membership there. This has been sorted.

Outward Correspondence. Accepted

(a) General emails to all members including Table Talk, and info about our April Tournament, membership survey, Sunday potluck, and upcoming Papakura Charity Tournament.

Email discussions and decisions by committee via email that need to be noted and/or ratified as appropriate.

(a) Emails among committee members agreeing on May 24 as the date to be requested for next years Restricted Tournament. Ratified.

(c) Emails among committee members regarding how often Sunday bridge sessions and how often Sunday potlucks will be. Listed in General Business.

(d) Emails between committee members re Monday night after-play socialising and hand analysis. Listed in General Business.

(e) Emails among committee members regarding format for Fergussons farewell. Listed in General Business.

General Business

(a) **Ultra Restricted Tournament dates, fee etc.** The meeting agreed on July 14 as the date for our ultra-restricted event. The committee also agreed the entry fee for these tournaments should be \$10. Terry to liaise further with Mark on the ultra-restricted events (Susie/Maureen).

(b) **Survey Results** – all present verified they had seen these.

(c) **Sunday and Tuesday bridge** – Tuesday bridge to cease. Sunday bridge to be held weekly, starting on June 11, with players to be seated by 1.15pm and play to start at 1.30pm. A pot luck dinner afterwards to be held on the first Sunday in the month.

(d) Monday night after-play format. The plan is to use a different “expert” each time to discuss a “difficult”/unusual hand(s). Wine will be available and imbibers to make an appropriate donation via an honesty box. Neil is happy to provide sausage rolls.

(e) Honours’ Board listings – Everything is now ready to complete final part of this project, Kevin and Terry reported.

(f) Substitution rules – Arie’s suggestion already circulated was accepted and agreed to by the meeting. Thus, the Club Captain has the authority to allow one substitution to protect the viability of a competition, and that an open player can substitute for a junior or novice (ie anyone can substitute for anyone). This is to be the rule from here on but not for teams. In teams’ events, the Club Captain can agree to a further substitution if a team member has flu or some other valid reason for not playing. Moved by Arie, seconder Kevin.

(g) Fergussons’s farewell – this will be held on Friday June 14 after bridge. Neil will organise an afternoon tea with a high tea theme. Dirk Mooy to be asked to lead the signing. Maureen to do a special invite for members and it to be an RSVP event that is open to all members whether or not they play on the day.

(h) Review of April tournament – held over to next meeting due to time constraints. Meanwhile, thank you letters to be sent to Aria and Marie.

(i) Dealing – Terry, as club caption, said he didn’t want people in the dealing room dealing by themselves as this meant a greater risk of errors. He suggested we do not deal for more than a week at a time but do but have an emergency set of dealt boards on hand for emergencies. This set would need to be put aside where it cannot get mixed up with other dealt boards.

(j) Constitutional issue - It was noted than under our current constitution, our property would have to be offered first to the council if the club folded. This apparently was a condition of a sizable Lottery Board Grant back in the days of the now defunct Franklin Council. Now Auckland Council are charging us rates with no relief. Kevin wondered whether our assets might have to go to NZ Bridge. Aries also pointed out we have an access easement on our title we might further complicate matters. The committee agreed all this needed to be considered in the review of our constitution that government legislation requires us to do in the next year or two.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.