

MINUTES of the **Franklin Bridge Club committee meeting** on **Sunday, September 15, 2024**, at the clubrooms at **4.10pm**.

Apologies: Maureen Nelson, Terry Evans Jnr, Neil Miller. Accepted. Moved by Teresa, seconded by Bev.

Present: Linda, Arie, Teresa, Bev, Jonathon and Susie. Kevin and Henriette joined the meeting at about 4.30pm when the Sunday afternoon bridge session finished. Maria Casci also joined the meeting then to discuss preparations for the upcoming FBC tournament.

Minutes from previous meeting. Passed as correct record (Bev/Teresa).

Matters Arising from the minutes.

Arie reported he had not yet found a suitable time to get all the directors together for a meeting at which amongst other business, directors would be instructed re timing for play and sessions.

Inward Correspondence of interest/needing discussion.

(a) NZ Bridge emails – Information about a reported complaint, board meeting minutes, chairman's reports, information regarding Whakatane BC parking for campervans, Lovelock Wines NZ wide pairs tournament, a marketing kit that is being made available, the upcoming AGM and the draft constitution (to be discussed in general business), suggestions for resolving issues interacting with NZB's new website, and Congress information.

(b) Carol de Luca complaint about room temperature – and Terry's response. Also, her request for fixed seating at our upcoming tournament. Request denied by meeting consensus.

(c) Dianne Conroy's objection to being photographed at our tournament. This has been replied to and acknowledged.

(d) Charities services newsletters - circulated as deemed appropriate.

(e) Emails from Terry regarding changing to the new email server. All now complete.

(f) Auckland Northland Regional emails, including its September newsletter, a bidding flowchart, info on changes needed under the new Incorporated Societies Act, NZB's strategy statement, Havelock North's six-week beginner training programme, and advice about an online training session for informal club directors planned for November 17 from 4-6pm.

(g) Request from Grant Jarvis to use Ultra Tournaments info from Table Talk in an ANRB newsletter (already granted).

(h) Email from Kevin Birch querying GST calculations made by NZB regarding its levy changes. Secretary to thank and note that levy is going up regardless.

Moved by Arie, seconded by Jonathon that inward correspondence be received and actions relating to it approved.

Outward Correspondence

(a) General emails to all members including Table Talk, info about our September Tournament, and the increase in the NZB levy and consequent increase in our membership fee for next year.

(b) Completion of survey for NZ Amateur Sports Organisation.

Moved by Jonathon, seconded by that outward correspondence be approved.

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

(a) Emails among committee members agreeing to Mary Crawford's request to hold a charity tournament next year in support of the Special Olympics.

(c) Emails among committee members ratifying Teresa's request for permission to pay heat pump payments of \$5420.80 immediately and a final payment of the remaining \$4000 on September 16 when a fixed term investment matures.

(d) Emails between committee members agreeing to appoint Grant Jarvis as our NZB AGM delegate. Already actioned.

(e) Emails among committee members regarding the next programme booklet. To be discussed in general business.

(f) Emails discussing cleaning during Neil's absence. Caroline Griffin's offer has been accepted. Secretary to email Caroline and thank her.

(g) Emails discussing a member's report he found the NZB Youth Bridge weekend a far from happy experience. Note no definite action was decided on regarding this. Decision made at meeting to write to NZ Bridge expressing our disappointment and attaching his letter and the comment that the youth involved is not a shrinking violet.

Treasurer's Report

\$4700 in bank account and \$25,000 on term deposit maturing on September 16. The meeting agreed to reinvest \$20,000 of this in a new six-month term deposit.

General Business

(a) Compuscore3.

Jonathon reported that he had downloaded the beta version of Compuscore 3 and that though the final version is now out, you don't get access to all of it until the \$76 update fee is paid. After that he plans to run versions 2 and 3 and compare them. Moved by Jonathon, seconded by Kevin that we pay the update fee. Passed.

(b) Our tournament this coming Saturday.

Organiser Maria Casci said there were 10 tables registered for the intermediate tournament and four for the open tournament at that time. The director, scorer, bridgemates, boards, standby pair, cleaning and hand-drying were all organised. She was holding off finalising the prize money until closer to the close of entries. The wine for session prizes was being sorted out. Maria left the meeting at 4.45pm after making her report.

(c) NZB draft Constitutional changes. These were noted and it was agreed that our hard copy to be given to Grant Jarvis at the tournament in the weekend because he is our delegate for the NZB AGM.

(d) Planning for revising our constitution and policy documents so they comply with the new ICS Act and Charities Act changes.

Linda, who has accepted the major responsibility for updating our constitution, said she had attended an online forum and had a template that could act as a starting point. Arie noted he has a copy of the Otago Bridge Club's revamped constitution which has been approved. Linda suggests the proposed changes to our constitution be ready to present to next year's AGM. Moved by Susie and seconded by Jonathon that Linda and Arie be given the responsibility to revise and update our constitution as the law requires and have the revised form ready to present to the 2025 AGM for approval. Passed.

(e) NZ Wide Pairs.

Jonathon undertook to contact Richard Solomon (the organiser) to confirm Franklin will be participating and will require booklets for those who indicate they are attending with the actual number to come.

(f) Programme booklet

A sub-committee has been formed to make modifications to our standard programme as considered desirable. Members include Linda, Maureen and Arie. Their role will include looking at Thursday sessions for learners and improvers.

(Note members not named at meeting – have I missed someone out or included someone who shouldn't be there?)

(h) Charity tournament planning

The Tournament secretary is to make sure preliminary planning for this event next year does not slip under the radar.

(i) Handling of committee discussions on email.

To make collation easier and to keep better record of online decisions, it was agreed that discussions relating to FBC matters be conducted via our FBC webmail and emails for the secretary be sent to the official secretary email. Messages that require prompt action by the secretary should also be copied to her private email.