

OREWA BRIDGE CLUB (INC)

Minutes of the Committee meeting held in the Club Rooms on 10 August 2020.

PRESENT:

Gil Jury (President), Bridget Gorinski, Sandy Regan, Judith Hollyer, Alison Beer, Eileen Sanger, Christine Boyle, Sandra & Ron Cooper, Caroline Goodall, Judy Tremain, Mike & Cherrie England.

Apologies:

None.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 13 July having been circulated, were taken as read. Moved Christine, seconded Caroline that they be approved. Carried.

Matters Arising:

1. The club will host the Mary Mennie tournament this year, to be held on 20 September.
2. The Club will enter the North Auckland Teams event to be hosted by East Coast Bays Club on 5 September. Secretary to write to ECB confirming.
3. Alison drew attention to the fact that the club no longer needs an auditor. Following her investigations together with Bridget, and subject to approval from Kevin King, it would now be legal and sufficient to provide a "validation of financial records" because of the nature of the club's activities and its relatively small level of income and expenditure.
4. The minutes referred to "other improvements and refurbishment" when they should have referred to replacement of the chairs only. Quotes are to be received as to whether it would be better to refurbish or replace the chairs. In this regard it was suggested that an approach should be made to Nick Edginton, who had experience in this field.
5. Christine reported that a six-monthly audit of health and safety measures, including the First Aid Kit had been completed. Bridget displayed the updated and comprehensive First Aid Kit. It was agreed that the director of the day would be responsible for evacuation procedures and committee members present on the day would act as Fire Wardens.

Correspondence:

Lawrence Bredenkamp re his queries and concerns.

Carol Webber tendering her resignation.

Membership:

Thanks to the number of new members who have joined following lessons, total membership now stands at 226. As noted above, Carol Webber has resigned.

Financial:

Alison presented her report, explaining the reasons for the various sums held on fixed deposit, some of which allowed for a further shut-down due to Covid 19.

Moved: (Alison seconded Bridget) that the report be received and approved. Carried.

General:

1. Caroline mentioned the disabled toilet seat needs replacing, and would investigate suitable replacements.
2. As the letter from Lawrence Bredenkamp had been tabled and discussed, it was decided to take no further action.

Following these matters, the chairman allowed a wide-ranging discussion which resulted in the following recommendations and decisions:

1. There is no need to cap the number of members on the committee.
2. The next newsletter should highlight that new members are taught "4 card Acol" as per NZ Bridge. It is not necessary for members who play a 5-card system to pass comment on this.
3. The club's web site should include the club's constitution, the minutes of the last AGM and the minutes of the most recent committee meeting.
4. The suggestion of "split sessions" was deemed impracticable for a number of reasons, but a "junior prize" would be awarded as a trial during the current series, being the Friday Champs.
5. The club should be well prepared for a possible lock-down should Covid 19 return. This might include more frequent newsletters to keep members in touch, and tutorials to help members playing on-line bridge.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 5.50 PM.

Gil Jury,
President.

