

Minutes of the Orewa Bridge Club meeting held on 17th of March 2025

PRESENT

Caroline Goodall, Cath Boughtwood, Paul Duffy, Nicola Timms, Amanda Richards, Judith Hollyer, Peter Furness, Mary McQuoid, Bridget Gorinski, Bronwyn Walker

APOLOGIES

Janice Gillam

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

A correction re financial statements from last month; the sponsorship fund details were not applicable to the last meeting. Bridget is to give the figures at this meeting. Other than this correction, the minutes were passed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Moved Cath, seconded Bridget. Approved.

MATTERS ARISING

A sanitary bin has been placed in the ladies' toilets.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bridget spoke to the monthly report and explained the bank transactions and the budget that she is preparing for strategic planning. She also noted that we pay \$8000-\$8500 to NZB per annum. Bridget also noted that we need to have indemnity insurance which will cost approx. \$2-4000 pa. Bridget proposed that the financial report be passed, seconded by Cath. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Has been circulated to the committee.

MEMBERSHIP

No changes during the last month

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

There have been 13 inquiries for the beginners' lessons. Rae Stamp has offered to help. 20+ people have attended the Thursday morning lessons to date.

CONSTITUTION

Draft copy to be sent to the committee members for their perusal before the next committee meeting, and discussion will be held at the meeting in April.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Building WOF - Peter has been attending to this matter. We now have a current building WOF, and the paperwork is filed in the office.

COMPASS

Cath read a report from Sandra stating the Compass is currently being re-written by Bob Fearn, the developer. He asked for volunteer clubs to test the new system, but we are unable to do this as we use BOS, which will not be available on the new system. This has forced us to re-think our tablet software. We currently use BridgeMATE. As BridgeMATE needs dedicated units and incurs a cost, Sandra has recommended we change to BridgePAL which is free. Sandra, Cath and Leslee will do some testing and report back next month.

SPONSORSHIP

The tablecloths are now on the tables in the club and look very nice. A big thank you to Mary for organizing this.

Sommerset wish to donate 100 white cups with their logo on the side. This was agreed to by the committee.

Summerset are to come back to us regarding sponsorship for Sunday Tournament sessions.

Harrison's carpets suggested running a raffle prior to the midwinter Christmas dinner with the prize to be the carpeting of a garage. This was agreed upon with the raffle tickets to be \$5 each. Any other sponsorship ideas would be gratefully received by Mary.

GENERAL BUSINESS

After discussion it was decided to form a sub-committee to form a strategic plan and policies for the club to follow. This sub-committee will comprise Janice, Paul, Amanda and Mary. They will report back on progress at the next meeting.

The date for next month's meeting is scheduled to fall on Easter Monday, 21 April. After discussion, it was agreed that this date be changed to Monday 14th April.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm

Caroline Goodall
President