

Minutes of the Orewa Bridge Club meeting held on 11 March 2024

Present: Judith Hollyer, Cath Boughtwood, Paul Baldwin, Sandra Cooper, Caroline Goodall, Mary McQuoid, Bridget Gorinski, Nicola Timms

Apologies: Bronwyn Walker, Amanda Richards, Cherrie England

Judith advised the committee that Cherrie has resigned as secretary due to ongoing health problems but will still remain on the committee. The committee acknowledged the great work done by Cherrie and accepted the resignation. Cath has been asked to carry on in the role of secretary until the next AGM in September. Caroline to organise gift for Cherrie.

MINUTES LAST MEETING:

Minutes from the last committee meeting were read. There is a correction to be made.

1. Jenny's report should state that there is one beginner who cannot afford to pay \$100 in one amount and that she will pay \$10 per week instead. This was agreed to by the committee.

It was moved by Caroline and seconded by Judith that the minutes be accepted as an accurate and true record with the correction as listed above.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Sign Talk have completed the lettering for the Honour Boards
2. February tournament went well, there were 20 tables in total. Despite numerous hiccups beforehand the day went very smoothly. There will probably be a slight profit for the club. Judith thanked Caroline for the great food provided, Sandra and Cath for scoring and Daphne for dealing all the boards required. The Evelyn Page banner has been damaged, Mary is to reach out to them to let them know.
3. Regional Hui – after discussion with Cherrie, it was realised that we do not charge for the use of our rooms for the Hui. A koha is made by the regional committee. Last year it was \$250.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bridget presented the financial report.

1. Expenditure for catering has increased but to an increase in purchasing costs.
2. Request for a no:2 account be opened to deal with left over money from resignations. This was agreed.
3. Employment contract for Joanne has been completed and will be ready for signing this week.

It was moved by Bridget seconded Cath that the report be accepted

MEMBERSHIP:

Nicola reported that there had been 3 resignations.

Cath asked Nicola if matter of \$4 owed by Vernon Duncum had been resolved.

Nicola assured that this has already been sorted and Vernon and Barbara have been informed at the time. Nicola will contact Vernon again.

CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS

1. A newsletter from the ARNC

2. Nicola Timms – with concerns from the previous meeting's minutes. This has been looked at under matters arising.
3. Ann Rolinson – Oceanside room hire query for Saturday 11 May. She talked to Cherrie who confirmed the booking and advised Ann that the cost would be \$100 for the 2-3 hours required.
4. Quote from Richard Biggs to repair the paved path at the rear of the building and to replace the 3 gable ends on the roof. If we would like to have a new sign erected, he is happy to put up. Its agreed that a new sign would be good – Paul to look into it.
It was moved by Bridget and seconded by Judith that the quote be accepted.
Paul to advise Richard to proceed.
5. NZ Bridge – information regarding online bridge weekends for 2024.
6. Spark – advising changes to email account. There will now be a charge of \$5.17 plus GST per month.
7. Jane Stearns – reminder about subsidy claim due by end March

OUTWARDS

Crest Clean Service Agreement

Ann Rolinson confirming room hire on 11 May

Jane Stearns confirming Hui on 11 August

Carla Burnett acknowledging receipt of petition

Follow up with NZ Bridge regarding director qualification for Sandy

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Quote from Richard Biggs – dealt with under correspondence
2. Sunday Tournament – dealt with under matters arising.
3. Facebook – there has been a flyer put up promoting social bridge by one of our members. The committee felt this was inappropriate and that the Facebook page should only be used for club business. Cath to talk to Amanda about this.
4. A proposal has been received from Richard Biggs suggesting that visiting players play for free for the month of April. This is in order to promote Thursday nights. After a brief discussion this proposal was rejected.
5. Sunday tournament is 31st March, which happens to be Easter Sunday. After some discussion it was decided to hold the March Tournament on Sunday 24th March instead. Cath to create a flyer for noticeboard advising of this change. Caroline advised that the Coffee Club is no longer providing vouchers but asked instead that people identify themselves in order to received the free breakfast. Cath to create a voucher for this purpose.
6. Petition and letter from Carla Burnett. This has been received by the committee asking for discussion of the new starting time as some people are unhappy about it. Discussion was held. The committee felt that the voting/procedure was carried out correctly. Also noted was the fact that this was on a trial basis until this year's AGM. It was suggested that this year the vote is to be electronic and to be held before the AGM in order for the result to be presented at the AGM. Judith is to reply to Carla.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

Judith Hollyer
President