

Minutes of the meeting of the Orewa Bridge Club held on 15 July 2024

#### PRESENT

Judith Hollyer, Paul Baldwin, Sandra Cooper, Amanda Richards, Caroline Goodall, Cath Boughtwood, Cherrie England, Nicola Timms

#### APOLOGIES

Mary McQuoid, Bronwyn Walker, Bridget Gorinski

#### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted as a true and accurate record

Caroline/Judith

#### MATTER ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Mary Mennie Competition – Cath has emailed Hibiscus Coast Bridge club but no response has been received.
- Hibiscus Coast App – this has been auctioned, just waiting on Paul to add link to our website
- Defibrillator training – this has been deferred, due to lack of numbers. Waiting on Heart Saver to come back with a new date.
- Improver lessons – these will start on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. 1<sup>st</sup> lesson will be on doubles.
- Director training – an email has been sent requesting information but no response yet.
- Building WOF – Amanda to report back next month with progress report.
- TV – this has now been removed.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Cath tabled the financial report.

Moved Cath, seconded Cherrie. The financial report was accepted as read

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### INWARDS

- NZ Companies Office – Society re-registration. Discussion was held regarding re-registration was needs to be done by April 2026. There will need to be changes to the constitution and Bridget has been looking into this. It was agreed that this job needs to be shared and a sub-committee formed. Paul and Mary will join Bridget in this task. Judith mentioned a couple of changes she would like to see regarding objects and committee members. Nicola would like to see the wording to be gender inclusive.
- NZ Bridge – supporting youth players.
- NZ Bridge – looking forward, with suggestions on growing club membership
- Letter from Jenny Robinson – expressing concern that the Sunday tournaments aren't supporting junior players. Discussion held. Judith commented that she had promoted heavily the concept of seniors playing with juniors but this was met with resistance from some of the senior players. Cath suggested that the tournaments be changed to a handicap format which might encourage more senior/junior partnerships. Question was raised regarding visitors who play in our tournaments; Paul said that as long as their club belongs to X Club it should be fine. Sandra to have a look at June's tournament and see what, if any difference applying a handicap would make.
- ANRC – Hui agenda. This event is being hosted by Orewa on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Cath, Judith, Caroline and Jenny Robinson will be attending. Cath to notify Mary Chamberlain, this year's organiser.
- Alison Beer regarding fouled boards. She (and the directors) are asking the committee to reverse current policy on fouled boards. Currently fouled boards are skipped. Alison is recommending a change to assigning percentage scores instead. Discussion held. The committee voted to keep the current policy but agreed that more explanation be given about the process. It will be put in the next newsletter

## OUTWARD

- Letter to Dawn Pengelly
- Email to NZ bridge regarding director qualification for Sandy Regan

## MEMBERSHIP

Nicola advised that there had been one resignation this month.

Nicola proposed that we look at offering a reduced subscription if someone applies after 1 July.

Discussion held. It was agreed that if an application is received after 1 July then the following rates will apply. Full member \$40 and associate member \$30 – this only applies until the end of the year.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Amendment/s to constitution; this was covered under correspondence.
- Voting for start time of afternoon sessions. Per last year's AGM the new time was a trial for a year; therefore a new vote needs to take place to determine to stay with 1pm or revert back to 12.30pm. Discussion held. It was agreed that vote would take place prior to this year's AGM and that it will be electronic. It will require a response from the member with their name, badge number and a yes or no vote. The few members who do not use email will be contacted by Nicola for their vote. Voting will be open for one week. A follow up email can be sent to those who do not respond. This can be promoted by the newsletter, white board and directors leading up to the vote. Concern was raised about members who may be away overseas but the committee felt that most people had access to their emails whilst away.
- AGM – this will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September before the afternoon session. Notice to be given 2 weeks before. Any notice of motion needs to be submitted to the committee (signed by 2 members) 7 days prior to AGM. Such notices are posted on noticeboard. More discussion on this at August meeting.
- Old/rejected cards – Cath asked what happens to these as she has been approached by a member asking if these could be donated to her 500 club. It was agreed that we would donate these cards.
- 2025 programme booklet – Cath mentioned that we need to start looking at this in order for booklets to be ready by early November.
- Sponsorship packages – Mary has a new sponsor and wanted to know what the current rates are. Discussion held. It was agreed that Mary and Amanda would look at this and decide on rates moving forward. they will work with Cath to see what pages are available for advertising. They will advise the committee of their decision at the next meeting.
- Mat – Cath has been looking to add a new mat into the kitchen to make it safer. Committee agreed and Caroline is to purchase one.
- Online Inter Club – Judith suggested that this is something the committee could investigate for 2025.
- Paul advised he will be out of action for the next meeting due to surgery

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.40pm

Next meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Judith Hollyer, President