

Minutes of the Orewa Bridge Club committee meeting held on 16 September 2024.

PRESENT: Judith Hollyer, Caroline Goodall, Bridget Gorinski, Sandra Cooper, Nicola Timms, Mary McQuoid, Amanda Richards, Cherrie England, Bronwyn Walker

APOLOGIES: Paul Baldwin

Jenny Robinson addressed the meeting. She proposed that a survey of junior members be done asking what the club could do for them to encourage them to continue playing bridge in the club and she would be happy to do the survey. The committee is to consider this and they also thanked Jenny for the tremendous amount of work she has put into lessons and retaining beginners.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: were accepted as a true record of the meeting.  
Moved Judith, seconded Cath

MATTERS ARISING:

Sunday tournament at the end of September will be a scratch competition.

Mary Mennie Competition: 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Director Training. NZB is organising informal zoom training for "club director only" the proposed/suggested date is Sunday 17 November 4pm-6pm. Judith Hollyer, Nicola Timms, Caroline Goodall, Kalmen Datt and Richard Biggs have expressed interest.

Building WOF: Cherrie has collated all the relevant information from previous committee discussions and given it to Amanda. The new committee will discuss next month.

Building Signage: this has been completed satisfactorily and we have received the invoice.

AGM Vote: regarding starting time for bridge sessions, 212 members were emailed and the voting response was 58%. 123 votes were received in total. 90 voted for the 1pm start to remain and 33 voted to return to 12.30pm. this will be announced at the AGM

Indoor Signage: Cath will follow this up after the AGM

FINANCIAL: The Treasurer tabled the financial report.

It was moved Cath, seconded Judith that this be passed. Agreed

Room hire and charges were discussed. After discussion it was decided that 3 categories be applied. Business, Individual and Community cases. Cath is to work out a fair rate for each group and come back to committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignations. Cherrie, Sandra, Paul and Judith are resigning this year. The committee thanked them for all their hard work over the years.

NZB director assessments: notice received about upcoming pre-entry tests in order to become a fully fledged tournament Director. None of them are in the Auckland/Northland region.

NZB Stop Cards: No longer used at tournaments. It was agreed by the committee that the stop cards be taken out of the clubs bidding boxes immediately.

Shona Greer's letter re proxy votes: A letter to be sent to Shona explaining that our Constitution has no provision for proxy votes.

Letter from Janice Gillam was received with regards to doubling of novices and NZB rules regarding social play. A lively discussion was had re interpretation of NZB rules re "sessions" and "social" play.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Thursday am social play session is to stop from the end of October. It was also agreed that yellow badges should be an indication that the player is a new novice and can be worn for their 1<sup>st</sup> year only. The ban on doubling new players is to finish.

NZ Bridge annual report: They have indicated that retaining beginners is a NZ wide problem.

Judy Tremain: Judy wrote to the committee re seating for the final round of a series. An error was made in one of the recent series which the committee has acknowledged. Directors will be reminded of the correct seating for a final round and a letter will be written to Judy acknowledging the situation and the steps taken to prevent it from happening again.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Banner: cost \$560 + GST. After discussion it was suggested that permanent signage be erected. Amanda is to look into this as she is taking over the role of property and maintenance for the coming year.

Key Register: Cath is in charge of keys and the register. Eileen and Jacqui have misplaced their keys. Jacqui does not need another one as Amanda has one and can open up on Thursday evenings. Cath is to follow up with those resigning to get their keys.

Programme Booklet/Sponsorship: The draft booklet will be ready for the committee to review at October meeting. It is envisioned that the books will be ready by early/mid November.

Evelyn Page and Forsyth Barr are not renewing their sponsorship.

Premier Sponsors for 2025 - GDR Builders, Campbell Cave, Forrest Funerals, Paper Plus, Print Studio, Sommerset Retirement Villages.

Vino restaurant, Triton Hearing, Move by Design and Coffee Club will take half page ads.

Sommerset has asked that they have a magazine stand in the foyer. Discussion was held and the committee agreed that this was ok. Sommerset also suggested they would be happy to supply afternoon tea after the Sunday tournaments but this is to be confirmed.

Window cleaning: Cherrie is to get in touch with the window cleaner and hopefully they will be done this week.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.10pm

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY 21 OCTOBER

Judith Hollyer  
President