

Minutes of the Orewa Bridge Club meeting held on Monday, 19 May 2025

Present. Caroline Goodall, Cath Boughtwood, Janice Gillam, Amanda Richards, Judith Hollyer, Peter Furness, Paul Duffy, Bronwyn Walker

Apologies. None

Minutes of last meeting: These minutes are still to be completed

Financial:

No financial statement was presented. A Depreciation Schedule was received.

The Treasurer, Bridget Gorinski, has not complied with requests re financial requirements and is refusing to respond to messages.

Paul Duffy proposed a vote of no confidence in the treasurer due to non-compliance with committee decisions.

"I move a vote of no confidence in the treasurer, due to their non-compliance with committee decisions and their withholding of committee's access to the club finances, and their immediate removal from that position. Bronwyn seconded the proposal and it was passed by the committee unanimously.

Paul to draft a letter to Bridget.

Correspondence:

- Nicola Timms resignation was accepted by the committee and she was advised of this. The secretary wrote to her asking for the return of the laptop and keys to the clubhouse. The laptop has been received but the keys have not. Cath to ask Nicola for the keys.
- Auckland Council lease agreement. There is a hard copy of the lease agreement in the filing cabinet plus a digital one on the secretary's laptop.
- Lynda Murdoch sponsorship letter. The committee have agreed that this go ahead
- North Waikato region, advising of a directors and scorers course they are to run. The notice is to be put on the noticeboard.
- BRIDGE NZ, advising of the temporary closure until June.
- Swipe Clean Services - asked if they could give a quote to clean the club rooms. It was agreed they do so. Cath to action.
- Heart saver - The defibrillator is due for its annual service. This will be completed sometime in July.
- Pat Chessum - requested to hire the club rooms on 19 July from noon until 6 pm for his 80th birthday. The committee approved at a rate of \$40 per hour plus GST
- Letter from Ron Cooper – this needs to be replied to; Cath and Judith to compose a reply and then email to committee for approval before sending.
- Email from Bob Fearn - secretary is to acknowledge receipt of his email.

Membership:

No report or update as at present there is no membership secretary. A new one needs to be appointed asap. Table money is in total disarray. Members are asking what is happening to their compass money. Statements have been sent to some members and not others. Amanda and Cath to work together to register new members. Membership forms need to be changed. Do existing members need to sign consent forms. This to be looked at closer to AGM

Strategic Planning:

NZ Bridge sent out their plan 2 years ago. Paul Baldwin put together a draft plan for our club. The sub-committee have done further work on this including a SWAT analysis and draft objectives. This will give us a plan to work to for the next 3-5 years. Given the amount of work we are all involved in, this will be shared once the financial, membership, and constitution issues have been resolved.

Learning and Development:

Jenny Robinson to commence 'learning and development' lessons Thursday 22 May. Jenny proposed that it will take the form of pre-dealt hands with travellers so the players learn about scoring. There is to be no

formal scoring initially. It was proposed by Janice that Jenny to help on the learning and development sub-committee. seconded Amanda, passed unanimously.

Constitution:

A copy of the draft constitution was circulated to all committee members. Discussion was held and there was one alteration proposed by Paul that 'Winding up of the Club' changed to a 2/3rd majority'. This was approved by the committee. It was agreed that all members receive a copy of the draft and given an opportunity to make submissions. Cath to action

Following this, the document needs to be sent to a constitutional lawyer for legal oversight. Janice to action. Finally, when all this is done a special general meeting needs to be held to vote on the new proposed constitution.

Janice wished to acknowledge Mary's hard work with the constitution. She is to buy flowers for her. Committee approved

Building and grounds maintenance:

Kath Clark tidied the garden and is happy to maintain it if the bromeliads are removed and something less prickly planted. Gardenias? The committee agreed to this and Caroline to work out payment to Kath. Janice has thanked Kath for her hard work.

Compass:

- Sandra has requested the purchase of a new tablet. After discussion, it was agreed that this purchase be held in abeyance. Cath to reply to Sandra.
- Amanda to ask for Sandra's co-operation regarding log in access to compass wallet

Sponsorship:

Cath to contact Somerset re supplying afternoon tea after our monthly Sunday tournament.

Cath to contact Harrison's re garage carpet raffle for mid-winter dinner.

General Business:

- Mid-Winter Dinner - Sunday 15 June, \$20 per person. Judith to set up room with Dawns help. Caroline organising food.
- Audit of club equipment - All laptops should be recorded on the asset register and their numbers should be recorded. Cath to action
- Liquor licence - On the 'to do' list and has not been forgotten. Paul and Cath to follow up

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40pm

Caroline Goodall, President