

Minutes of the Orewa Bridge Club meeting held on 19 August 2024

PRESENT: Judith Hollyer, Cath Boughtwood, Caroline Goodall, Cherrie England, Sandra Cooper, Amanda Richards, Bridge Gorinski, Bronwyn Walker

APOLOGIES: Nicola Timms, Paul Baldwin, Mary McQuoid

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Accepted as an accurate and correct record. Moved Amanda, seconded Cath

MATTERS ARISING:

- SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS - Sandra scored the last Sunday tournament as both scratch and handicap to see if there was a major difference as people had been commenting that novices and juniors were missing out on prizes. There was not a lot of difference. It was suggested that the Sunday tournaments are alternated between scratch and handicap. Discussion was held and it was agreed to run the next tournament as a handicap event.
- MARY MENNIE COMPETITION - To be held at Hibiscus Coast Bridge Club on 13 October at 12.30pm. Alison Beer is to select 2 teams of 4 each. Pat Porter from Hibiscus Coast is to direct.
- DIRECTOR TRAINING - There is no director training for the remainder of the year. Cath to follow up in 2025
- BUILDING WOF - There was discussion as to whether this was required. Cherrie said that it was investigated sometime ago and the club was told they do not need a WOF. She said she would check back through paperwork and hopefully find the necessary documents. If they cannot be located we will have to proceed with the process of obtaining a WOF. Compliance Consultants were reasonably priced and they lodge the paperwork with the council.
- INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT - will be looked at after the AGM

FINANCIAL

From 1 August income and expenses will be recorded ex GST. Annual accounts are still to be finalised. Bridget moved, Cath seconded that the financial report be accepted.

Discussion was held re increasing expenses of the club.

Paul received a quote for signage on building. Airborne Signs quote is for \$1035.88.

Cath proposed that we accept the quote and go ahead. All agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter from Charlotte Jones re behaviour at the tables. Judith has spoken to Charlotte and assured her that the members have been reminded of the etiquette as per NZ Bridge rules.
- A letter from Dawn Pengelly in response to Judith's letter.
- Electricity meter upgrade - is to be upgraded within the next 6 weeks.
- NZ Bridge has an event marketing kit which is available for our use if we wish to use it.
- NZ Bridge sent a letter advising of constitutional changes
- A request from Kirstie Baker-Slater asking for her name to be removed from the mailing list and requesting a refund of her lessons costs. Discussion held. It was agreed that there is to be no refund. Cath to draft a letter advising her of this.
- NZ Bridge - learner survey results. Also a reminder to all about 'rules of conduct' at the bridge table.
- Body Corp Administration has requested to hire the club rooms for 1 hour, 10 people. it was agreed to charge them \$100

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- AGM - on line voting is to be carried out first week in September. Mary suggested we use Survey Monkey for our on-line voting which the committee was happy with. The motion is to read 'For 2025 to retain the afternoon session starting time at 1pm (seated by 12.45) as run in 2024'. If people have a problem with the link they are to contact Cath.

SPONSORSHIP:

- Mary, Amanda & Cath have looked at our sponsorship charges and have recommended the following for 2025
 - \$950 Naming of series, link on website and full page ad in 2025 Programme booklet
 - \$850 Link on website and full page ad.
 - \$250 Naming of series and website link or trophy
 - \$100 Naming of a series (max 2 series)
 - \$40 In the form of vouchers to be handed out at Sunday tournaments (9 in total)
- Mary is to contact current and potential sponsors and advise them of these charges. After review, there are several series which could potentially be re-named.

2025 PROGRAMME HANDBOOK:

The 2025 handbook will be increased to 36pp (4 extra pages) in order to accommodate sponsorship. Print Studio has quoted \$1275 to print. The committee accepted the quote.

TROPHIES:

- Discussion was held about the number of trophies held by the club and how some of them are no longer used. The cost of the engraving was mentioned. Cath/Amanda to investigate current costs.
- Rather than handing out all the trophies at the end of year dinner it was suggested that at the second to last session of the weekly sessions (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) there would be a prize giving to present the trophies.
- At the end of year dinner the following trophies would still be presented. Best C point earner, Best junior C point earner, Best intermediate C point earner. Plus the awards for the most grand slams and highest percentage score. Cath also proposed that we have a new trophy to be presented to the Best Novice C point earner. This was agreed.

THURSDAY NIGHTS:

- Amanda reported that through a lot of promotion the table numbers have increased to an average of 8.
- At the beginning of a new series everyone brings a plate of food for supper and wine is shared. Amanda asked, on behalf of the Thursday night players, if the club could supply wine to go with the food. This was agreed to by the committee.

CHARITY TOURNAMENT:

A couple of members have approached the committee about hosting a charity tournament. Discussion held - it was decided to make the October Sunday tournament a 'charity' tournament, charging \$15 (instead of \$10). Proceeds will go to St John's, Silverdale. A koha bucket will be in the club rooms for the week prior to the tournament.

TOILET SIGNAGE:

New signage for the toilet is to be put on the wall over the door, as the existing signage is over the door that is always open and so can't be seen from the main room. An 'exit' sign is to be put on the wall over the kitchen door that comes into the main room. Cath is to organise.

HUI:

ANRC hui was held at Orewa club rooms on Sunday 11th August. The main points are - Social media is playing an increasing role in attracting new players; the club can access this marketing strategy through NZ Bridge at a cost of \$300-\$500. It was decided to investigate further with a view to doing this for next year's lessons.

Incorporated Societies Act 2022; all clubs must re-register under the new Act by 2026.

Meeting closed 6.25pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday 16th September

Judith Hollyer, President