

Timaru Bridge Club Inc.

Minutes of the Club Committee meeting held in the Clubrooms 63 Wilson Street Timaru on 19th November 2020 at 7:45pm (immediately after the AGM).

Present

Tina Ivamy (President), Allan Luscombe, Joe Harris (Secretary), Penny Dewar (Treasurer), Ashley Milliken, Sue Milmine, Pauline Prendergast, Mary McSherry, Anne-Marie Pavletich, Grant Patterson & Gavin Spence (Vice President).

Apologies: none

Welcome

Tina (our new President) welcomed everyone and indicated that she was eager to move the Club forward with positivity and all of us working together collaboratively.

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Motion – "That these Minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record of the Meeting."
Seconded and carried

Holiday Bridge

As in past years, Holiday Bridge (on Tuesday & Thursday evenings) is setup by the Committee members. The members setting up (and closing) the room are responsible for being sure that someone is available to setup the computer scoring on the night.

Joe will circulate the completed Holiday Bridge roster & the outline of responsibilities (and will include a list of "computer contacts" when available).

Correspondence

Resignation received from Shona Goodall

Housekeeping

The Committee approved spending for extra hours for Spring cleaning of Kitchen as well as an additional casual Cleaner. Pauline to action.

Data Management Policy

Joe had previously circulated a draft Data Management Policy suggested by NZ Bridge. This is necessary to comply with current legislation. It will be posted at the Club and available on the website.

Motion: The policy is approved.

Seconded and carried

Bridge lessons 2021

Grant Patterson has agreed to be our Tutor for Beginner Lessons 2021!

Discussion points included:

- New players could start on Wednesday night bridge (more casual, fewer boards)
- Assigning experienced (and friendly!) mentors to each student
- Arranging survey of previous students (interest in returning? What put you off bridge? etc.) NB Joe is happy to arrange email distribution & collection of the survey, but SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS TO DRAFT THE SURVEY.

We then entered something of a freeform discussion phase with several conversations going on at once. I have recorded what seemed like the pertinent points, but in the future it would be helpful (at least to your Secretary!) to have one person speaking at a time.

Discussion re: changing start time of play or reducing number of boards played in order to get home earlier. Consensus seemed to be that this was a decision to be made by the Divisions, not the General Committee.

Discussion re: establishing an Asset Register, possibly including updated valuations (esp. of our land and building). Penny & Grant to action?

Discussion re: future auditing of Club accounts. It seems doubtful that there is any legal requirement for audited accounts, however it is still specified in our Constitution:

Section 16.c “the Treasurer shall (present) an audited annual statement of accounts.... to the AGM.”

Therefore, we will need to amend our Constitution (referred to as “Rules”) as per Section 26 to make this change (you can read Sec 26 on the website under “Resources”).

Back to Normal Procedure! (thankfully)

Card Dealers

Sue noted that our Card Dealers (esp. Judith Purvis) are our Club’s “unsung heroes”. The Committee supported the idea of giving them vouchers and doing our best to get them more support. Pauline to action.

Succession Planning

Pauline noted that this issue has become readily apparent over the last year and it needs to be included as a major topic for discussion at our next meeting. It was unclear if there will be any information circulated in advance. Pauline?

2021 Booklets

They have been printed and are ready for distribution. Each Division will be responsible for distribution to their members. Joe will provide a checklist of names to each Division Chair to be sure everyone gets one (and only one!) copy.

Next Meeting Thursday, 18 February 2021 at 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Confirmed _____

Date _____

Submitted by
Joe Harris, secretary