

Timaru Bridge Club Inc.

Minutes of the Club Committee meeting held in the Clubrooms 63 Wilson Street Timaru on 25 March 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Present

Tina Ivamy, Allan Luscombe, Joe Harris, Sue Milmine, Pauline Prendergast, Gavin Spence, Grant Patterson, Mary McSherry & Anne-Marie Pavletich.

Guest: Steve Geddes (Works Committee)

Apologies: Penny Dewar, Ashley Milliken

Motion – “The apologies are accepted”

Seconded and carried

Minutes of 18/2/21

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

Seconded and carried

Matters Arising

- **Asset register & valuations**

Still a work in progress. Grant & Penny will report later.

(NB. Since the meeting Grant has located the previous asset register)

- **Succession planning**

- Pauline indicated that it is important to have an “understudy” for all uniquely important roles in the Club, especially for the positions of Computer Manager and Tournament Secretary.
- The person currently in the position should shoulder tap someone to assume this role.
- In addition, we need a written job description outlining all necessary responsibilities.

- **Amend Constitution**

Still a work in progress (Gavin & Penny)

- **Beginner lessons 2021**

- Grant indicated that the lessons will begin 16/6/21 and run weekly for 10 – 12 weeks.
- Joe will provide Grant a list of previous students who never joined the Club.
- Grant will need a list of helpers (at least 3 for each lesson night)
- Grant will investigate the purchase of a large screen TV (also useful for room hires)
- Grant will contact Giles Hancock (Canterbury Regional Bridge Secretary) regarding possible financial resources for Bridge Lessons.

- **Diffusion of computer skills & Most Improved award**

Discussion deferred until Bill (Computer Manager) can attend

- **Works Committee** (Steve Geddes)
 - Roof recoating completed with 12 year warranty
 - Exterior trim painting discussed. 3 quotes have been received. **Motion** to accept the quote from Jeff Allan Painting (\$5000). Seconded & carried.
 - **Motion** to purchase one elevated toilet seat. Seconded and carried
 - Discussion of need to purchase second seat (1 for each toilet). We will consider purchase of 2nd unit if the need arises.
 - Exterior driveway drain blockage will be investigated.
 - Further chair recovering being pursued by Ashley
 - Gavin expressed the Committee's appreciation for Steve's excellent work in getting the roof recoated.

- **Trial of Mixed Teams event**

Joe will continue to liaise with Michael and Paula to progress the event to be held over 4 consecutive Thursday nights beginning 22 April, 2021.

Reports

- **Treasurer**

Penny was an apology but had submitted payments for approval in advance

 - Insurance \$4183.02, Secretarial expense \$55.19, NZ Post Box \$220, Honours Board update \$87.80, Roof payment (from insurance settlement) \$17194.80
 - **Motion** to approve payments, Seconded and carried

- **Tournament Committee**
 - The General Committee needs to appoint a Catering Manager for any future events as this needs to be separate from the role of Tournament Secretary. *This will be carried forward to a future meeting.*

- **Personnel**
 - The Cleaners' wages increase to \$21.60/hr next month. **Motion:** The room hire rate will be increased to \$25/hr for all future hires. Seconded and carried.
 - We need to discuss being more sensible about how often the Club is cleaned. *This will be carried forward to a future meeting.*

- **Silver Group**
 - Averaging 14 tables per playing night
 - One new member this year & one returning member
 - One complaint received re: stained coffee cups

- **Outside room hires**

One hire in February and one in March. One pending for 28/4/21 (so no Wednesday afternoon bridge that day) and one for 1/5/21.

- **Election of new Board members of NZ Bridge**

Slate of Nominees were reviewed by experienced Club members. **Motion:** The Timaru Bridge Club cast our votes for John Skipper & Sam Coutts. Seconded and carried.

- **Revisit discussion re: mandating Silver to Gold progression**

We had a lengthy discussion (actually 25 minutes total!) reviewing the numerous pros and cons of mandating progression from Silver to Gold Division. Topics discussed included:

- A previous member survey indicating support for mandatory progression.
- Significant concerns than mandating movement (or not doing so) would alienate members.
- Suggestions that all Bridge nights be open play, but with handicap ratings.
- Suggest that we maintain the status quo since some felt there is not a significant problem.

Ultimately, we decided that we could not make a decision this evening. Mary will consult with Canterbury Regional Bridge and NZ Bridge to review how this issue is handled elsewhere. She will prepare a written proposal for circulation and further discussion among the Committee and general membership. We will then have a special meeting of the General Committee on 29 April, 2021 FOCUSED SOLELY ON THIS ISSUE.

- **Club's heating/cooling requirements**

We reviewed a previous report that Grant circulated. We agreed that no urgent decision is required but we can refer to this information when the need arises.

- **Wednesday night bridge**

- Tina is helping Allan to run the room and will do so if Allan is not available.
- Agreement that C points should not be awarded when so few tables are playing. Allan will liaise with Bill to see how C points can be removed.

Next regular Meeting Thursday, 20 May 2021 5:30 pm

(And don't forget the special "single issue" meeting 29 April!)

Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm

Confirmed _____

Date _____

Submitted by
Joe Harris, secretary