

# Timaru Bridge Club Inc.

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**Minutes of the Club Committee meeting held in the Clubrooms 63 Wilson Street Timaru on 8 July 2021 at 5:30 pm.**

## **Present**

Tina Ivamy, Allan Luscombe, Joe Harris, Sue Milmine, Pauline Prendergast, Gavin Spence, Grant Patterson, Penny Dewar, Ashley Milliken & Anne-Marie Pavletich.

**NB** Tina had previously advised that she would be slightly late, so Gavin (Vice President) chaired the initial portion of the meeting.

**Apologies:** Mary McSherry (with Tina & Ashley for lateness)

**Motion** – “The apologies are accepted”

Seconded and carried

## **Minutes of 27/5/21**

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

Seconded and carried

## **Matters Arising**

- **Club Bylaws & Constitution**

There has been limited progress to date with updating these documents. If changes are needed, they will need to be presented to the members before the next AGM. Gavin indicated that he will review them and share his thoughts next month.

Desired updates include incorporating job descriptions in the Bylaws, removing the expensive audit requirement and changing language to allow club records to be stored electronically.

- **Tablet replacement update**

Grant has submitted a successful grant application to Pub Charities to fund the purchase of 20 new tablets. We have received the funds and the new tablets are arriving. The Committee expressed much appreciation to Grant for this effort.

The support from Pub Charities will be acknowledged at the tournament on Sunday and in the weekly notices this week.

## **Reports**

- **Treasurer**

No formal report.

The following expenses were approved: TDC bar application (\$418), Upholster 18 chairs (\$300), TDC license fee (\$161), Chair fabric (\$155), Ashburton Bridge Club entry fees (\$180), TDC rates (\$391.16), Team travel expenses (\$144)

Current bank balance \$34,700 + \$2000 in maintenance account

Table fees are nearly back to pre-covid levels, especially with additional Wednesday sessions.

Discussion regarding the cost of the “free ticket” (buy 10 & receive 11). This should

probably be reconsidered if we eventually have to increase table fees, but it sure makes it easier for the Treasurer.

Allan indicated that a Gold member has requested that a “full financial report” be presented in the minutes because “there is a rumour in the Club that we are broke”. Penny agreed that she would prepare a cash report for the subsequent Committee meetings which will be posted on our website with the minutes.

Penny indicated that there is still a 2021 subscription outstanding. Pauline will approach the member to seek resolution and establish if there is some financial difficulty.

It raised the question “Should we develop a policy for members in financial difficulty?” No resolution was reached.

- **Tournament Committee**

Pauline’s previously circulated report accepted.

Tina will announce that there is no public access to the kitchen during the tournament on Sunday. (This has been very problematic in the past)

- **Bronze Division**

Mary’s previously circulated report was accepted. She expressed appreciation to Kay & Keith for organizing the room on Wednesday evening.

- **Gold Division**

Allan’s previously circulated report was accepted.

- **Bar Committee**

Sufficient stock on hand for Sunday’s tournament

- **Personnel Report**

Pauline’s previously circulated report accepted.

There will be an additional cleaning session due to the increased activity on Wednesday.

- **Computer Report**

No report received. Generally agreed that the Committee needs to be kept informed regarding computer issues. Tina will talk with Bill to find the most effective way forward, including inviting him to be seconded to the Committee.

The most pressing issues are: 1) Diffusion of computer skills, 2) Most Improved Award, 3) X-Clubs programme update & 4) outstanding payment of license fees(?)

- **Works Committee**

Steve’s previously circulated report accepted.

## **General Business**

- **Only use “email threads/discussions” for urgent business**

Tina indicated that it would be beneficial to save extensive discussion of issues for the next Committee meeting. She feels that too much information can be lost with

extensive email threads. It was agreed that email is still useful for urgent decisions.

- **Sponsorship Committee**

This Committee is “dormant”. (No Chair and no members that we know of) We will not reactivate until necessary

- **Rubbish being put in white bins**

We will mention it in the weekly notices and post a sign on the bin indicating “BIDDING SHEETS ONLY!”

- **“Looking for Partner?” email**

Joe will try to develop a monthly or quarterly email for members looking for partners for future competitions. This IS NOT intended to replace the current last minute telephone requests.

- **2022 Programme Books**

Discussion about the possibility of not distributing hard copies of the Programme Book – only making it available online (the 2021 book is already there). This would be a significant cost savings, but also likely to upset some members. We could print a few copies for members without online access. No conclusion was reached on this issue.

- **Lesson tuition for financial members of Club**

Agreed that current financial members should NOT pay tuition for Beginner Lessons.

- **Improver Lessons**

Since Kay is now running both Wednesday afternoon and evening bridge sessions, there are no Improver Lessons on the calendar for 2021. (Although Kay may be available in 2022). Grant may be available to do some Improver’s Lessons in October, once Beginner Lessons have finished.

- **2021 AGM**

Discussion that we should move the AGM to a date that will allow presentation of an audited financial statement, especially considering the current rumours.

Next Meeting Thursday, 19 August 2021 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 6:24 pm

Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by  
Joe Harris, secretary

**Cash Summary**  
**Timaru Bridge Club**  
**For the month ended 30 June 2021**  
**Including GST**

	<b>Jun 2021</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>
Total Income	\$ 5,771.19	\$ 7,515.35	\$ 13,541.50
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,590.54	\$ 5,381.77	\$ 7,204.34
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 3,180.65	\$ 2,133.58	\$ 6,337.16
Bank account balance 30/6/2021	\$ 33,676.31		