

Timaru Bridge Club Inc.

Minutes of the Club Committee meeting held in the Clubrooms 63 Wilson Street Timaru on 23 September 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Present

Tina Ivamy, Allan Luscombe, Joe Harris, Sue Milmine, Pauline Prendergast, Mary McSherry, Penny Dewar & Ashley Milliken.

Apologies: Grant Patterson & Gavin Spence

Motion – “The apologies are accepted”

Seconded and carried

Minutes of 8 July & 8 September 2021

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

Seconded and carried

Matters Arising

- **Update of Divisional Competition schedules**
Gold Division update has been distributed to members.
Silver Division update will be distributed very soon.
- **Club Bylaws/Constitution**
No progress to report. Discussion re: removing the requirement for an expensive audit (as no longer required for Incorporated Societies) and changing our financial year to end 30 June (allowing reporting of reviewed financials at November AGM).
Joe agreed to draft a proposal and circulate to Committee.
- **2022 Programme Books**
 - Sue will ask Julie if she is willing to organize for this year – and if not, we will need to find someone to liaise with Julie and take over this task. Joe will send request for members to update contact details. Mary volunteered to manage update of member details in Google Sheets.
 - Discussion if Programme Book can be “online only”. Decision made that we continue with a printed hard copy, but it will also be available on the website.
 - Details of 2022 Divisional Officers will need to be finalized prior to printing. This may impact scheduling of Divisional AGMs, which are to be held prior to 31/10/21 according to the Constitution.
- **2021 or 2022 Improver Lessons**
No action taken
- **Beginner lessons 2021**
Report from Grant appreciatively received. Proposal to shout a round of drinks for new members approved (this includes any Bronze members attending that evening).
- **2021 AGM on 25 November**
Nominations open 8/10/21 and close 28/10/21
Deadline for submitting agenda items 4/11/21
Final agenda posted 11/11/21
- **Computer Manager support**
 - Tina has liaised with Bill and he is aware that he is welcome to attend any Committee meeting.
 - We need to be sure licenses for BridgeTabs are renewed in a timely fashion. Penny is communicating with the vendor to try to sort this out.

-- Bill has agreed to continue "X-Clubs" for the remainder of the year if there is adequate interest. Since there has only been one opportunity for Silver Division to access the programme (and a recent straw poll showed there were 7 out of 24 Silver players interested), a continued trial seems justified.

- **Club policy for members in financial difficulty**
Penny will include a comment on 2022 invoices indicating that a payment plan can be arranged if necessary.

Correspondence (none received)

Reports

- **Treasurer**
 - Current financial statement reviewed and approved.
 - The Church has paid off all arrears. We are currently charging them \$20/hr (in contrast to the \$25/hr we currently charged for room hire). We will continue \$20/hr for the remainder of 2021 but increase to \$25/hr beginning 1/1/22.
- **Tournament Committee**
Next tournament scheduled for 6/11/21, pending any change in Covid restrictions
- **Bronze Division**
Kay has agreed to resume Wednesday evening bridge beginning 6 October 2021
- **Wednesday afternoon bridge**
Kay has also agreed to resume Wednesday afternoon bridge on 6 October 2021. This was originally scheduled for a trial period, but the Committee heartily endorses a continuation of this popular session.
- **Silver Division**
Will continue with a few more weeks of casual bridge and conclude the year with the remainder of Matchpoint play.
- **Personnel**
There continue to be issues with communication with the Church, especially as it impacts scheduling the cleaners. Joe & Pauline will attempt to get this sorted
- **Computer**
Allan reports that we are missing table movements for 3 – 15 tables. Pauline will contact another club and see if they have an electronic version.

General Business

- **Club function under "Delta" Level 2 restrictions**
 - We are getting reasonable numbers under present restrictions.
 - In the interest of everyone's safety, mask wearing will continue to be required until we reach Level 1.
- **Club PA amplifier**
Motion: Approval for replacement at cost of \$673

Seconded & carried
- **Change in purchase of vouchers**
Penny proposed that beginning 2022, you will continue to receive 11 vouchers (1 free) when you purchase 10 – **but only if you pay thru online banking**. Any purchases made in cash will **not** receive a free voucher. Penny will prepare instructions for online payments for Club members which Joe can then send to all members.

- **Increase table fees**

-- Mary suggests considering an increase in table fees to \$5. Discussion concluded that any increase should be:

- Justified by reference to an accurate asset register – which is still a work in progress.
- Presented at the AGM for approval (not required by the Constitution, but the way it has been done traditionally).

-- We should also consider more grant applications – perhaps addressing our high energy costs with solar panels or improved insulation.

Next Meeting Thursday, 28 October 2021 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm

Confirmed _____

Date _____

Submitted by
Joe Harris, secretary