

Timaru Bridge Club Inc.

Minutes of the Club Committee meeting held in the Clubrooms 63 Wilson Street Timaru on 28 April 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Present

Allan Luscombe, Joe Harris, Sue Milmine, Gavin Spence, Grant Patterson, Mary McSherry, Carole Brand, Dorothy Bain, Julie Chambers & Anne-Marie Pavletich.

NB: In Tina's absence, the meeting was chaired by Gavin Spence (Vice President)

Apologies: Tina Ivamy (isolating due to close contact w covid)

Motion – "The apology is accepted"

Seconded and carried

Minutes of 24/3/22

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

Seconded and carried

Matters Arising

• **Club Subcommittee structure**

- Terms of reference – Gavin is developing a reporting format (carried forward)
- Card Convenor/Dealing – Judith Purvis was previously in this position but she has put her membership on hold. Caren Hampton & Mark Hyde are now doing most of the card dealing. They have agreed to take leadership on this issue going forward. Joe has agreed to assist and we will solicit others in the weekly notice. (NB after this meeting, Caren has spoken to Judith and she wishes to continue as Card Dealing Convenor).
Discussion re: difference between Convenor & Dealing. Apparently, the Convenor (responsible for ordering new cards?) is currently Keith Nicholas. We will try to sort this before the next meeting.
- Club Recorder – Carole has spoken to Kay Nicholas (recorder) and Kay will provide a job description for the next meeting. It is still unclear how this position is appointed and if there is a term of office. (Issues not defined in the Constitution or Bylaws)

- **Asset replacement prioritization** – Steve Geddes has agreed to join this group. The next meeting will be June 2022.

• **Promotions subcommittee proposal**

- The rationale for the proposal was presented (see attached) and the following **MOTION** made:
 1. That the (previous) Promotions Sub-committee be re-established with a view to identifying players that qualify for promotion under the criteria set down by the Promotions Sub-committee.
 2. That the identified players be formally invited by the Club Committee to move up to the next group the following calendar year.
 3. That those players that decline promotion be allowed to keep playing in their existing group but are excluded from group competitions.

The motion was seconded

- The motion was thoroughly discussed.

The motion was defeated

- A new **MOTION** was then made:
 1. *That the (previous) Promotions Sub-committee be re-established with a view to identifying players that qualify for promotion under the criteria set down by the Promotions Sub-committee.*
 2. *That the identified players be formally invited by the Club Committee to move up to the next group the following calendar year.*

The motion was seconded and carried

The composition of the Promotions Subcommittee and the criteria for an invitation have yet to be determined.

- **Improver Lessons 2022**

- We probably need to have a “Beginner” set of Improver lessons and an “Intermediate” set of lessons.
- There is going to be a separate set of lessons for the Bronze division.
- Sue will review the improver topics on the NZ Bridge website and take a straw poll on Monday night. Then Grant will consider holding Thursday evening sessions to address those topics.

- **Teams internal event 2022** – probably held late Winter or Spring. Michael will serve as Director. Mary & Carole agreed to facilitate recruiting players. Grant agreed to open & close Club rooms (Joe will assist in Grant’s absence). A definite start date still needs to be determined.

- **Kay Nicholas recognition** – Carole has spoken to Kay and she has provided impressive documentation of her various national roles in promoting Bridge in NZ. **MOTION:** We will acknowledge Kay’s national contribution to bridge with a framed photo and plaque.

Seconded and carried unanimously

- **South Canterbury Congress review**

- The Congress was moved to RealBridge (online) at the last minute but was still a big success. Final tally is still pending but should be about \$2500 profit to the Club.
- The Committee recognized the significant contributions made by Anne-Marie (tournament secretary), Bill (computer manager), Kay (tournament committee) and Julie (treasurer).
- There may be an opportunity to establish a regular Timaru RealBridge session in the future.
- Further discussions/decisions about the number of prizes and the amount of prize money will be made before each tournament.

- **Job Descriptions**

- Club Captain – still under review by Bill (carried forward)
- Building compliance office – approved
- Health & Safety overview – Sue volunteered to review the role.

- **Bronze representation on the General Committee**

- Mary noted that our current bylaws are quite prescriptive regarding the composition of the governance of each division, as well as the composition of the General Committee.
- It was also noted that at this time we have trouble finding sufficient members for the General Committee.
- It was also noted that we have not formally designated any members as “Bronze” members, they are all listed as Silver.
- Gavin & Joe will review the Bylaws (which can be amended by the General Committee without referral to the AGM) and see if this can be clarified.

- **Fundraising (closed tournament?) or Club Sponsorship** – agreed that this is carried forward until covid resolves.

Correspondence: (incoming / outgoing) – reviewed & accepted

Reports

- **Treasurer**

- MOTION: Report received and payments ratified Seconded and carried
- Discussion re: significant payments to Dowells (Office Products Depot) for standard items such as toilet paper, hand soap, cleaning products, etc. Feeling that we would be better off purchasing these items from Countdown or the Warehouse. Tina (Personnel Manager) should liaise with our Cleaners to be sure prior approval is obtained before spending significant sums.
- Carole reminded everyone that our subscriptions are down but our expenses are up (including unexpected items such as bidding pads, painting and increased insurance premiums). There will likely be a significant loss on the year.

- **Works**

- Florescent lights are no longer available. We have identified an electrician that will assist us in replacing the old fixtures with new LED fixtures. This will be done over time at a cost of about \$50 per fixture.

General Business:

- **Review of Club masking requirements under “Orange” settings**

- Summary of Member’s submitted comments and current NZ Bridge recommendations re: masking were reviewed.
- Agreed that we should continuously review this requirement, but for the time being we should continue to require wearing masks at bridge.
- **MOTION:** Masks continue to be required at the bridge table.

Seconded and carried

Next Meeting Thursday, 9 June 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm

Confirmed _____

Date _____

Submitted by
Joe Harris, Secretary