

Timaru Bridge Club Inc

Minutes of the Club Committee meeting held in the Clubrooms,
63 Wilson Street, Timaru on 21 March 2024 at 5.30pm

Welcome

Carole Brand welcomed everyone to the meeting

Present:

Carole Brand, Grant Patterson, Joe Harris, Claire Neilson, Anne-Marie Pavletich, Chris Darvell, Cath Preen, Jo Tinkler

Apologies:

Wendy Taggart, Bill Mecchia, Sue Milmine, Sue McConway

“Apologies be accepted”

G Patterson, Cath Preen - Carried

Previous Meeting Minutes:

“Minutes from 29 February 2024 be received and approved”

J Harris, G Patterson – Carried

Matters Arising

Beginner Lessons: Grant advised 10 on the list at this stage and is aiming for 20. Suggestion for satisfaction survey after lessons. Plus another at the end of year for whole bronze session. Penny Dewar has offered to assist with this. On the first night of lessons we will have a meet & greet supper.

Pub Charity plaque: Grant to organise

Improver Lessons:

Kay has advised Carole that she is sorry she doesn't feel she is now able to help with planning and tutoring improver lessons. Need suggestions for others to help, Michael and Paula maybe worth trying. Improver lessons to be held before sessions or separate night.

Side tables: Steve is still in process of making prototype.

BNZ Account Authorisers: Chris Darvell still having difficulty with BNZ.

Amendment of Club By Law: Final resolution will be moved at April committee meeting.

Spring Cleaning is 13th April.

Name Badges: Nothing decided at this stage. Plan is to use logo as new letterhead for club.

New Player TMI Cards: Grant to get printed and laminated.

Correspondence:

Discussion regarding whether Friday afternoon should have representative on Committee. It was felt that most members playing on Friday also play on one of the other 3 evenings so they are represented there.

Send acknowledgement to Alan Luscombe regarding Friday afternoon tea.

Outstanding Subs, Division Chairs to follow up.

Inwards

Allan Luscombe – Friday afternoon tea

Allan Luscombe – Ken & him not listed on Grand Slam list

NZ Bridge newsletter (**sent 16 March**)

NZ Board Meeting minutes

Gallagher – Insurance renewed

NZ Bridge – Dates for Tournament Director

Timaru District Council – Rating Valuation

BNZ – Non- Profit Transaction Accounts

Outward

Newsletter

Thankyou letter to A Luscombe for Computer

Resignation acknowledgements to Ian Van Delft, Christine Abela, Alison Connolly

Bill Begg – Confirming Sitting rights

A Luscombe clarifying Grand Slam list

D Esler – Dates for Tournament Director assessments

“Accept inwards & endorse outwards correspondence”

J Harris, C Preen – Carried

Treasurer’s Report

The Bank account balances as at 14th March were

BNZ Cheque Account 22,914.07

BNZ Tournament Account 1,911.35

BNZ Term Deposit 09 14,195.01

BNZ Term Deposit 10 10,430.47

Total **49,450.90**

“Receive the Treasurer’s report & ratify February payments”

C Brand, G Patterson - Carried

Congress: 10 Open Teams, 6-8 Intermediate Teams. Pairs 20 Open, 20 Intermediate, 10 Junior required to make Congress viable.

Anne-Marie has sent notices to all Clubs that have been to Congress previously. Jobs allocated and Diane sorted with Directors, everything in order for Congress.

We have to encourage local members to play in Congress.

Dealing Convenor: The intention is that Pauline Prendergast is going to take over from Keith Nicholas.

Works Committee: Door latch has been replaced, heat pump has been leaking and yet to find source. Grant thinks there is a leak in the roof. To talk to contractors and get it fixed. Have discussed smoke alarms and have advised unnecessary expense.

Thank you to the works committee for the tidy up of grounds and Joe & Grant for new sign.

Room Hire: Once the lessons start we can take lessons sign down and a sign for room hire could be put up. There are signed contracts for room hire.

Health & Safety:

“To amend Club Health & Safety Policy by deleting

1: Health & Safety Officer responsibilities no. 3 relating to the code of conduct & no.4 regarding Zero tolerance of unacceptable behaviour.

2: Anti bullying & racial, sexual, verbal harassment procedures attached.

The reason being that these responsibilities and procedures have been replaced by the policy for management of unacceptable social behaviour at the bridge table which was approved at the last committee meeting.”

J Harris/C Preen - Carried

“**Illuminate Fundraiser 26 – 28 April and 3-5 May**, the Club gratefully accept Penny Dewar’s offer and encourage our members to be supportive.”

Carole, J Harris - Carried

Grand Slam Club: Suggest to Dorothy Bain about having a prize for most Grand Slams during the year.

Internet Service: Spark has just announced they will start charging for this service. Joe Harris suggests changing to gmail as this service is free. The address Timarubridgeclub@gmail.com is suggested. There is confusion as K and K Nicholas has an email timarubridge@gmail.com Spark also charges \$120 per month for landline, and the club pays 34 cents per phone call. Noted that only 1 or 2 calls a month are made.

“Switch club email account timarubridgeclub@gmail.com and discontinue landline with Spark”

J Harris/G Patterson - Carried

Player rights: It has been clarified that members may play up a grade and qualify for points. Now need to clarify the circumstances in which members may play in lower grades. It is understood that these players may not use their NZ Bridge membership numbers and therefore cannot earn C points or prizes. Circumstances are likely to include filling in, or helping members with their play. It was agreed that Carole should again ask the Promotions committee for their advice.

Recyclable Cups: \$184 for 1000 big cups \$134 for 2000 little cups. Agreed that Claire is to order 3 cartons of the big cups.

Carpet Cleaning: Carpets haven't been cleaned for about 5 years by Jae Services. Discussion regarding spot cleaning against full carpet clean using Rug Doctor. Nothing decided.

Meeting closed 7.15pm

