

Timaru Bridge Club Inc

Minutes of the Club Committee meeting held in the Clubrooms,
63 Wilson Street, Timaru on 30 May 2024 at 5.30pm

Welcome

Carole Brand welcomed everyone to the meeting and at the same time acknowledged and will extend congratulations to Paula Gregory who has been promoted from Silver Grand Master to Gold Grand Master.

Present:

Carole Brand, Joe Harris, Anne-Marie Pavletich, Chris Darvell, Cath Preen, Jo Tinkler, Sue Milmine, Wendy Taggart

Apologies:

Grant Patterson, Claire Neilson, Sue McConway

Apologies be accepted" Chris Darvell/Jo Tinkler - Carried

"Minutes from 21 March 2024 Meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting"

Joe Harris/Chris Darvell – Carried

Matters Arising:

Beginner lessons: Joe reported going well with 4 tables this week.

Window Joinery: Steve Geddes obtained a quote dated 28 May from Fairview Windows dated 28 May 2024 for \$20,240 excl. GST for supply and installation of the remainder of double-glazed windows and joinery. Decided to wait for Grant Patterson to return as to whether any funding can be applied for.

Promotions Committee: suggestion to look into handicapped competitions (using NZ Bridge handicaps)

Improver Lessons: The first session was thought to perhaps be too short, in spite of that it was well attended and positive points came from session. Joe to send out Power Point presentation to those that attended.

Side Tables: We definitely want to get side tables, Steve Geddes thought the Alexandra tables looked a bit complex and thus more costly. Cath Preen /Carole to get dimensions and details of

materials from Alexandra Men's Shed. Warehouse table to be checked.

"Club to get some form of side tables (20) to be decided at next meeting the style/material made of"

Cath Preen/Jo Tinkler – Carried

BNZ Authorities: Chris Darvell has finally sorted her authority but Wendy Taggart is still work in progress. Not easy process.

Amendment to By Law

Amendment of club by law no 6 (1) playing rights of members – a further final resolution is required by our constitution (no written requests requiring that the motion be put to a general meeting were received following display of the amendment on the notice board on 4 March)

"The resolution moved on 1 February to amend By Law no 6 (1) regarding playing rights of members is now confirmed. This By Law is amended to read as follows:

Any silver player may, at any time, play in the gold group, and any bronze player may play in the silver group. When playing in a higher division, players are entitled to earn any C points and are eligible for prizes."

Carole Brand/Anne-Marie Pavletich – Carried

Name Badges: Cath Preen will work on logo / design and bring back to next meeting.

Grand Slam Club: This is recognition only in the year it occurred. New List to commence each year.

Player Rights: Clarification of circumstances in which players may play in lower grades. Carole has written to the promotions committee for their view.

Ways to encourage beginners were discussed. Joe suggested that beginners could benefit from being partnered with other bronze players. Sue Milmine liked the idea of Bronze Players having a mentor.

Room Hire Sign Wording: Club Rooms for Hire
Contact Home Number (for Kay Nicholas)
Club Web Address

Correspondence:

Inwards

19 March Caren Hampton – suggestion re tidying up communications
29 April Bill Mecchia – resignation as Club Captain and committee member
29 April Temuka Bridge Club – use of facilities and assistance for 8 June Tournament
NZ Bridge – Ranking report
NZ Bridge – 2025 Congress Location
NZ Bridge – Player levy increase from \$20 to \$24 in 2025 to \$28 in 2026
NZ Bridge – Newsletter (Strategy priority is to support clubs to build engagement and participation)
Spark – Charge for email from 16 May
Tim District Council – Club Inspection Bar.
Williams Jewellery – name Badge suppliers
Tim D C – Application to Renew Liquor Licence (expires 31 July)
 Timaru Very Low Liquor Application Fee: \$418
 Timaru Very Low Liquor Annual Fee: \$161
Marie Pike – Error in Courier results
NZ Bridge - Meeting Minutes 12 March & 7 April 2024
Real Bridge Changes as at 23 May 2024
Mercury Energy – Price Decrease
NZ Bridge: Regional Committee Nomination Form
 Display on Notice Board

Outward

13 April Caren Hampton
1 May Temuka Bridge Club
Allan Luscombe regarding Friday Bridge

Temuka Tournament all under control

“Accept inwards & endorse outwards correspondence”

Jo Tinkler/Sue Milmine - Carried

Treasurer's report

The bank account balances as at 5th May were

BNZ Cheque Account	23,250.18
BNZ Tournament Account	1,322.90
BNZ Term Deposit 09	14,195.01
BNZ Term Deposit 10	<u>10,533.60</u>
	<u>49,301.69</u>

The budget to actual expenses is on track for this year.

Delete from Member List as have been contacted regarding no longer playing.

Jehan Cunningham-Beynon - John Green

Michael Ogilvie-Lee - Ted Blacknell

“Receive the Treasurer’s report & ratify March and April payments”

Cath Preen/Chris Darvell – Carried

Reports

Congress: Struggle to make reasonable profit, NZ Bridge didn't help by increasing A /B points fees charged. Last Year \$677, this Year \$1440.

AnneMarie has written to NZ Bridge regarding the doubling of fees and the difficulties of running regional tournaments.

Sponsorship letter looking for sponsors for congress prizes. We are required by NZ Bridge to pay 30% of entry fees in prizes.

Committee members to suggest possible sponsors and advise AnneMarie. Club benefits for sponsors include a sponsorship board, website and programme book recognition.

AnneMarie and her team to be congratulated on running successful tournament and her attention to detail is amazing.

Silver: Cruising along well with 11-12 Tables weekly

Gold: In contrast to silver numbers in the Gold Division are not so good. Cath finds it upsetting with some critical comments from some members.

Heating: Wi Fi control now disconnected and currently set to manual at 22.5 degrees C. Heating has to be turned on and off. There is an issue with heating including heating in toilets etc left on.

When Grant Patterson returns will get him to sort.

Room Hire: Report received from Kay Nicholas. Very few hires for this year. Charges are currently \$25 per hour and \$20 per hour for members.

Chris Darvell will contact Kay Nicholas in July about setting some charging guidelines relating to the area used and number of hours of hire as suggested by Kay.

Housekeeping: carpet to be cleaned in the warmer months.

Health and Safety: Policy to be posted on the website. Defibrillator battery to be purchased.

General Business:

Bill Mecchia Resignation: Letter to be written to Bill acknowledging his huge contribution to our Club. Club Captain, committee member, Tournament Committee, Computer Manager, Director, instrumental with Online expertise during Covid times, Represented Club at competitions and to wish him well.

Following Bill's Resignation:

Club Captain replacement – the committee reviewed the position description and Carole was given a couple of options to pursue for replacement.

Committee Member replacement –

Noted that the committee may continue to act despite any vacancy (Club constitution rule 13 f)

“Not to appoint a committee member replacement as the main committee is still sizeable with 11 members and numbers for Gold division representation exceed the requisite three”

Cath Preen/Joe Harris – Carried

Jim's Bridge Bash: Congratulations must go to Dorothy and her team on a wonderful day for Jim Burford.

Illuminate Fundraiser: Went well and to date haven't heard what money we will be receiving.

Club Fundraisers: To be held annually using some of Dorothy's ideas and Penny Dewar has offered to run another quiz.

Bar Fridge: Discovered at clean up day in rusty condition, nothing to be done at this stage with replacement.

Newsletter: Contributions to Carole

Resignations: Dennis Johnston, Sandra Prue, Melissa Still

“Above resignations to be accepted”

Anne-Marie Pavletich/Jo Tinkler – Carried

Next meeting scheduled for June 27 has been cancelled because several committee members will be absent (Sue McConway, AnneMarie, Chris, Joe, Claire, Wendy) and clash of dates with the next improvers lesson.

Meeting Closed: 7.45pm

Next Meeting to be 25 July 2024