

Minutes of Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2024 at 10 a.m.

Present: Michelle Larnder, Julie Sheridan, Dianne Stevens, Teri Logie, Frances Ball, Barbara Stimson

Apologies: Jane Dekker, Isobel McIntyre, Kay Burnie, Jo McLean

Minutes from the last Meeting: **Moved** Teri Logie. **Seconded** Dianne Stevens.

Matters arising:

No matters arising

Treasurer's Report:

General Business:

Monday lessons: Monday night coaching players out of lessons

The transition programme that takes place after Monday lessons has been successfully run by Judy Bartlett for a number of years. She is now retiring from that role, and we would like to thank her for all the work she has put in to making Bridge more intelligible to beginners. Annette Dand will be taking over from Judy, as well as dealing all the boards for the 2 sessions of lessons. We are very grateful for Annette agreeing to take on all this work and have every confidence in her.

Office Suite: It was unanimously agreed that we need to have Microsoft Office Suite on the club laptops. This will enable us to run PowerPoint slide shows on the big screens.

Progress on lessons admin: Michele to follow up with Isobel

Diamond Jubilee Celebration: Carol Cullen has kindly agreed to take over the organisation of this event.

Cleaning of club room: Maddy (who cleans the club rooms) has mentioned that we should have a 'Wet Floor' warning sign for her to put on the wet floors when she has mopped them. It was also discussed that it would be good if we gave Maddy a small gift at the end of the year to express our appreciation of the work she does

Stop Cards: The question has been asked whether STOP cards are actually necessary any more as many clubs are not using them. Julie has been unable to find a ruling about the subject so Teri is going to follow up with Murray Wiggins.

National Party meetings: The National Party hire our clubrooms monthly for a local meeting and the income from this is a very welcome addition to our funds. A great deal of work goes into arranging the room and catering for the guests. A special word of thanks should be given to Gilda and her team and it was suggested that not many club members are aware of this happening and it would be good to be highlighted in Spadework.

Bay Pairs: Bay Pairs is run annually by Christine Gibbons. She has apologised for the necessity of changing the date of the Mount's competition last year as it clashed with another tournament. They have offered a change of date for this year as it clashes with Spa Town but it was decided to keep the date as advertised. They have also asked for approval to raise the entry fees from \$15 to \$20. This was unanimously agreed.

Strategic Goals for 2024:

Efficient running of sessions: It is our aim to have a better flow in the more popular sessions. Having more directors and scorers would be immensely helpful in achieving this aim.

Lessons: We need to retain more people from the lessons. Michele has set up a WhatsApp group to enable them to keep in touch with each other, find partners and arrange social games. It was also suggested that there could be 2 sessions running on Monday night, one for more experienced players and one for players fresh out of the class.

Directors: We need more directors!!

Spread the Knowledge: More people should have knowledge of the running of the club to avoid being dependent on too few people.

Meeting closed at 11 am

Next meeting to be held 12th March