

Minutes of Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2023 at noon

Present: Kay Burnie, Diane Rodger, Isobel McIntyre, Jane Dekker, Michelle Larnder, Julie Sheridan, Dianne Stevens, Teri Logie, Frances Ball, Gilda Rowland.

Apologies: Bruce Inglis.

Minutes from the last Meeting: Moved Frances Ball. **Seconded** Isobel McIntyre.

Matters arising: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Jane verbally reported on financial status to end November. Solvency v.g. due to high table money. Decided not to increase subs for 2024 but leave in AGM Agenda as a possibility for 2025.

2024 subs - global email in January to remind members subs are due end February. Invoice members in February.

Committee formally thanked Jane for the professional manner in which she undertakes her role as the Club Treasurer.

General Business:

Health & Safety: High westerly wind on day of meeting good example of the potential problem with front door. Handles also need tightening and we need to raise again with the Trust the possibility of a porch. (Bruce)

Inc Societies Act: Email from NZB forwarded to Bruce, together with preliminary draft of updated Constitution.

Christmas Party Feedback: Generally v.g. and a big thanks to all Committee. Decided to mix it up for 2024. Probably an 11.30 start.

Suggestion re Improver/Intermediate Lessons: Gilda suggested she coordinate these to be run on the 4th Monday of each month (commencing Feb) at 10.30 a.m. Lesson for approx. 30 min, followed by set play for an hour, stop for BYO lunch and stay for afternoon session if desired. Cost for lessons \$5 for members and

\$7 for visitors. Cash for visitors and register for members to be deducted from Compa\$\$ in due course.

Bridgemates/Technology: Further discussed incremental updates to tablets for scoring. **Bruce** to be requested to put together funding application.

AGM and Committee candidates: Looking good.

Championship Events/Directors: Agreed to attempt to get qualified Directors for these events.

Directing Workshop: **Gilda** suggested a morning (possibly 2) workshop end of January for people interested in having some exposure to directing - setting the movement, understanding the Bridgemates, simple answers to directing questions. No obligation on attendees to take it any further. Just exposure.

Venue Hire: Agreed in principle not to give hirers a swipe fob nor access to offices.

2024 Lessons: **Gilda** to organize Wednesday afternoon, together with help from Diane, Isobel, Jane, Michele.

Hopefully Graham stern will continue teaching Monday evening.

NZB will give us 40 learner's booklets (20 per session). NZB are setting up Realbridge lessons to reflect the current lesson. Students encouraged to participate.

Suggest teacher sets up WhatsApp group of students for them to easily communicate with each other. Suggest teacher sends weekly email with upcoming lesson.

Michele suggested the possibility of supervised play for novices, simultaneously with Novice/Junior play. Suggestion that Novices be given 3 Jokers to use for advice from the supervisor.

Diamond Jubilee: **Diane** Rodger agreed to head a sub-committee.

Meeting closed at 1 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 6 February at 10 a.m. (day prior to AGM)