

Minutes of Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

Committee Meeting held on 10th Oct 2023 at 10 a.m.

Present: Michelle Larnder, Julie Sheridan, Kay Burnie, Diane Rodger, Isobel McIntyre, Dianne Stevens, Bruce Inglis, Teri Logie

Apologies: Frances Ball, Gilda Rowland, Jane Dekker

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

Matters arising:

Tournaments for 2024.

Committee agreed to drop the price of tournaments to \$25 except where they are A points - \$30. This is to encourage more participation. Bay Pairs is A points but fixed price, Multigrade in April is A points, all the others B points.

Tournament Secretary – no tournament secretary. Just Bridge Club contact and to become a Saturday job, as the files are on G-Drive and can be downloaded on the day of tournament, posters can be sent out etc.

Agreed tournaments need two people on the desk to receive money. Plus, if participants arrive who state they have paid online need to fill in a form with their name and bridge number.

Generally, the feedback from members is that a whole day is too long. The committee agreed to offer half day inhouse competitions on a Saturday afternoon- 30 boards, snacks and a drink afterward. Just charge table money with C points. Also involve Tauranga Bridge Club – teams etc. possibly on Sundays.

Restricted Tournament held in Oct was nine tables. **Teri** to contact NZ Bridge and ask if we can move date away from straight before Congress.

Treasurer's Report: Quarterly figures to end September attached.

General Business:

Health & Safety: Diane R suggested Covid Protocol be deleted off the website. All agreed. No other issues reported.

Technology: Bridgemates. Julie spoke to Mike Neels who showed software called Bridgepal. It can run Bridgemates and tablets at the same time, so when

we need to change over, can be done gradually. Bridgemates are fine at the moment. **Bruce** will start looking at TECT etc to see who funds electronic expenditures.

Christmas Party – Agreed to charge \$25.00. Ruth providing the music not expected to pay, also to buy her a small thank you present.

Thank you's – **Michelle** to organise thank you presents for Wed night lesson given by Rachelle. Lawnmowing – Phil West been mowing our lawns all year.

Programme Book for 2024: **Teri and Julie** working through it, changes include not clashing with Tauranga Karen Martelletti Teams in May. Also changes requested for Fridays so that some of our competitions start on the same date as Tauranga. Christmas party date for 2024: suggested Sat 30th Nov. Tauranga is 8th Dec and Te Puke 24th Nov.

Sponsors: **Teri** trying to catch up with sponsors - Mike left big shoes to fill. Sent email thank you's with club update to most. Forsyth Barr (Paul) wanted to do a presentation of 30 plus minutes before a session. After discussion better to offer him a time just before Multigrade tournament 6th April 2024.

Skills Nights. Only have 4 sessions a year (not during lessons) – June, July, Aug and September. Offer two sections each night – one for newer players and the other for more experienced players.

Debtors looking good. Gilda has been following up, resigning some who have not paid subs yet.

Building: Bruce in regular contact with Donal.

1. With regard to rusty mirror, take a photo now and keep as a record, see how it does. Warped panel, see if we can live with it – there are spare panels which we can use to replace.
2. The Trust is not going pursue the agreement of sharing the money earned from hiring the Club rooms. We in turn would need to be amenable if the Surf Club require our rooms at no charge to them.
3. **Jane** needs to speak to Ray with regard to annual costs for our budgets. (35% of overall costs)
4. Bruce been in contact re Insurance and Landlord / tenant Liability – i.e. if a fire starts in our side, are we covered for everything, and not suddenly liable for all. **Bruce** to get something in writing.

Waikato Bays Regional Committee – Club update day. 15 Oct starting 10am in Matamata. Jane and Teri to attend. On the agenda – Privacy requirement, dispute resolution, unsubscribe requirements, governance, responsibilities of committees, insurance. Also proposed changes to Interprovincial, learners' classes, online bridge experiences, changes to markets, and the new WB Directors' forum.

Changes to Incorporated Society governance requirements that come into force in the next 2 years. Bruce has a good understanding of the new Charity requirements, and says we have two years to make small changes to our club constitution.

Directors: Discussed 2024 and lack of directors.

Meeting closed at 11 am

Next meeting to be held 14th November