

## **CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUB (INC)**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 5 October 2020 at 5 pm in the Club Rooms.**

**Present:** Anne Blewden (President), Kevin Whyte, Ailsa Henderson, Allison Vince, Helen Wallwork, Gretchen Gavey, Kay Hanna, Michael Neels, Tony Davies, Liz Clayton, Sue McKenzie, Mary Casey (Committee)

**Apologies:** None

**Confirmation of Minutes:** (Kevin/Helen)

Correction: Michael Neels was omitted from those Present. The Minutes were approved after correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Michael/Gretchen)

Kevin reported that the change over of accounts requires all signatories at the bank at the same time. He will organise this.

As at 5<sup>th</sup> October the only major expense still to come is depreciation of approximately \$5500.

Investment deposits are yielding very little.

The 5A tournament paid out \$900 to the director and in prizes leaving a surplus of roughly \$1,000.

The Hello Club current balance of \$5,400 has been reconciled.

Kevin will get the Club books to Malcom Hill to verify for the AGM imminently as he will soon be away for an extended period of time.

Mary can send a letter to next year's sponsors in the last week of October.

Vicki will take charge of the 2021 programme.

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:** Two bridge certificates – Sue Aitken, Douglas Wardlaw

Poem from Alan Pencavel

**Maintenance Report:**

Tony changed the smoke alarm batteries and replaced a light bulb. He will clear the gutters of leaves and attend to the sensor light on the outside of the club rooms (Fort Street side).

**Playing Committee Report:**

Meeting of Mike, Vicki, Allison, Anne and Liz was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September. The completion of this year was discussed. Only one championship, The RE Stowers Championship, could be played to its finish and was won by Ayako. The other championships, they will be finished "as is" with no result.

So little bridge was played this year that Prize Giving will be very short.

Discussion took place around the 2020 Monday night's Progressive Pairs nights. Their aim was to build up new partnerships. An alternative could be a Teams event – where each team member plays with each other over the three nights. After some discussion (Monday night numbers have fallen, Public Holiday play tends not to be supported, the Club does not offer sufficient Teams events) it was agreed that a Team Event would be substituted for the Progressive Pairs nights. If this is handicapped, it needs some criteria. Mike recommended a Multi grade event where Monday pairs ask Wednesday night pairs

to team up. This would not be a dress up event and play during the winter months appears to be more successful.

Monday morning players are reluctant to play on Monday nights.

A survey will be done next year to involve all players and to get their input.

Still to be decided for 2021:

- Whether improver lessons will be held.
- Bridge in the Gardens. Tony will approach The Oaks to determine whether it would be possible to hold this event there, and if so, when.

Kevin suggested that if new players (from lessons) wish to join the club, there be no fee for the remainder of this year.

He also suggested that it be put to the AGM that subscriptions remain unchanged for 2021.

### **Grade Changes** (Allison/Mary).

There may be new criteria for grades and NZ Bridge will let us know soon. Membership lists left as long as possible for the programme book.

### **General Business**

- 1. 5A Swiss Pairs.** The feedback was positive apart from one complaint that the room was too crowded. It was a worthwhile event. If repeated, help at lunch time would be an improvement.
- 2. Intermediate Competition – 18<sup>th</sup> October.** The committee decided to close entries at 18 tables. It is a BYO lunch event this year. There will be a raffle. Mike and Liz will sort out the Director and Scorer. Mike will see to the card dealing.
- 3. Prize Giving.** This will be a short event given how little we have been able to play at the Club this year (Covid). The format will be a little different: Bubbles/Juice on arrival with canapes. A decision was taken to only print and present certificates to the Winners. Runners up would only be acknowledged. Helen will organise the certificates for Prize Giving.
- 4. 2021 Planning.** See playing committee report above.
- 5. Babich pairs: 30<sup>th</sup> October.** (Pizza and Ice Cream) There are normally 9 to 10 tables.
- 6. Majong hiring of the Club Rooms.** Christine Mead approached the Club re hiring it for their year end function. Anne agreed, ratified by this meeting. It will be on a Friday night in December. A Donation to the Club will be received.
- 7. Christmas Series.** Vanessa is not able to organise this series this year. Anne will approach Deb and Bill who co-ordinated it before.
- 8. Big Boat Race: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.** (Tauranga and Cambridge for 3 nights) Clare will direct
- 9. General.** Mike alerted the meeting that the WB incoming committee required an election and our vote. After some discussion, candidates were agreed upon and the voting slip completed.  
**Compass Dollar, an alternative to Hello club.** Six clubs are already using Compass Dollar. Kevin is in favour of a move to Compass Dollar once he has completed some further research. It would be ideal to change over now as we change banks. The meeting agreed to leave the final decision of this to Mike and Kevin.

Meeting closed at 6.30 pm

**Next meeting at 4.45 pm on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**