

Minutes of Cambridge Bridge Club Committee meeting held at the Clubrooms on Thursday, 12th March 2020 at 16h45.

Present:

Anne, Allison, Tony, Kevin, Liz, Sue, Helen, Mary, Ailsa, Kay, Mike and Gretchen

Anne welcomed Gretchen onto the Committee in the place of Louise.

Apologies:

None

Minutes of the meeting held in February 2020 were approved (*Kay/Allison*)

Treasurer's report

Kevin's report was hampered by computer frustrations. MYOB is not running on account of the latest windows ante virus which does not allow MYOB to run. He expressed the thought that Xero may be a better system as it is cloud based with access anywhere. There is \$18,000 in the Current account, \$6,000 of which is in advance table money. Some sponsorship money is still outstanding but may come in around the 20th.

He clarified that HelloClub is members based, a visual tool for members and as such cannot have "unknowns". Discussion then moved to the visiting Knox couple and a decision taken for Liz to approach them; a half year subscription is payable for this year but this will change for next year when a full subscription will be required.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward:

- Auckland Bridge – 4 Day Easter Congress
- Waipa/Philip Coles – Tree stumps
- WB – IP Trial change
- NZB – Non-standard Playing Cards

Outward:

- Thank you to Sponsors – Cambridge Advanced Skincare, Cambridge Panel Works, Cambridge Office Products

Allison, as vice president asked that she too be emailed the NZ Bridge, or other relevant, incoming correspondence.

Playing Committee Report - None

General Business

1. Bridge in the Garden was very successful. 32 people attended. Though it rained Sue coped remarkably well. Di has thanked her with a voucher and card. Anne thanked Kay and Allison for their organization of the meat and food. Liz was thanked for her organization of the movements and the quizzes. It was recommended that next year a hand record and makeable contract paper be put into the cards prior to play.
2. Beginner lessons start 17th March. Anne thanked those members who played at a table at the Sunday Market. Not a lot of interest was shown during the first hour but far more so during the second hour. Recommended that in future a 10h00 to 12h00 time slot be used. Anne questioned whether the newspaper advertising, which is costly, is worthwhile into the future.

After some discussion it was recommended that towards the end of the year (October), we look at Hamilton's website/advertising idea in this regard.

3. Fairland's Trophy. Liz reported that this was in hand. Michael to direct and score.
4. Junior Tournament. Michael will endeavor to find a director and scorer. If unsuccessful, Liz will score. Entries are on-line. It was decided to try to do without the clipboard and to make all entries computer based. Anne asked for raffle items for this event.
5. Members list update. Is normally done in February. (Vicki) Currently 187 members.
6. Maintenance Report (Tony)
 - Accidental breakage of glass on cupboard during voluntary sewing day. Responsible person apologetic and will cover the cost of this repair.
 - Kitchen door has been painted.
 - Window catches. Double tab put on four windows to help with ventilation.
 - Aluminum covers on several windows completed.
 - Tony recommended rubbers on windows be replaced in time. Quote for \$561 for 20 windows. This will be done down the track.
 - Melanie's "high" table was broken. Tony replaced this with one from the club. He also checked and tightened all the bridge table legs.
 - Council has removed the tree stumps. Trees are to be planted to replace the old ones.
7. Health and Safety. After some discussion, a request that all committee members be resent the information received from NZ Bridge to peruse for further discussion at the next meeting. Mary to make enquiry on Club's behalf.
New member category. Held over.
Changing banks. Held over.
Changes to lesson charges for 2021. Held over.
8. Sixes sub-committee. Anne, Clare, Liz, Kevin, Allison. Tony to help Philip. Bill and Deb? Mary to approach sponsor – AFT. Sub-committee meeting to be held soon.

Other General business

Cleaner: Cleaner texted Helen to say she would continue to clean but that there had been a change in company she worked for.

Corona Virus: NZ Bridge has circulated some guidelines and posters. Hamilton Club have this issue on their website. Agreed that sanitizer and tissues be readily available in the club rooms and that regular notices be announced in this regard.

Judith Howard League: Eunice has this in hand. It is another division; a tournament. Anyone can play but no prizes available to players below a certain level.

Waihi Tournament: Waihi club approached Mike to borrow our bridge mates. Permission granted as Michael is the scorer.

Bob Fearn: Mike explained that Bob Fearn provided our club with Compass Scoring. He has been associated with the club for roughly 30 years and has only ever charged \$400. There has been a lack of recognition of his work and loyalty to bridge in New Zealand. It was decided that Michael promote this issue with the other clubs who have used Compass. Ailsa is to acknowledge this with a hand-written letter. Also agreed that Anne, Ailsa and Mike research and send Bob wine and possibly flowers from this club.

Club Boards: Agreed that Ailsa get the boards updated. Relevant names from Helen. Grumpy's to expedite.

Meeting closed at 18h07

Next meeting 16th April 2020.

