

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUB (INC)

Minutes of a Special Meeting held at the Club Rooms on Monday, 7th September 2020 at 17h00.

Present: Anne Blewden (President), Ailsa Henderson (Secretary), Kevin Whyte (Treasurer), Allison Vince, Kay Hanna, Michael Neels, Sue McKenzie, Helen Wallwork, Gretchen Gavey (Committee), Liz Clayton (Club Captain)

Apologies: Tony Davies, Mary Casey

The main purpose of the meeting was to make a decision re opening the Club Rooms and restarting Bridge following the Alert Level 2 closure.

- The Treasurer moved a resolution: “That the treasurer be given approval to close the SBS Bank Accounts and open a Westpac account”.
Proposed: Kevin Seconded: Allison Passed unanimously.
- Anne gave a brief background for the meeting. Hamilton Bridge Club has not yet opened, the Mount and Tauranga will open after the Government announcement on 14th September, Te Awamutu, Matamata and Te Aroha have reopened. Anne thought approximately one quarter of clubs have reopened at present.
Alan from NZ Bridge had advised that caution be taken but that Clubs make up their own minds.
Clare had met with Anne and offered the Club some playing guidelines.
A discussion then took place: that it is each person’s personal responsibility whether they play or not, that many restrictions takes the fun out of playing, that the virus is here to stay and we will have to adapt, that play remains an individual choice, that this virus is virulent and contagious, that social distancing to one metre is not possible.

The meeting decided to wait till the government announcement on 14th September .
(In favour 9, against 2)

It was then decided that if Level 2 continues, bridge, will recommence on the 21st September with certain guidelines. (In favour 5, Against 3, Abstained 1) It was thought that as Tony and Mary weren’t present for the discussion their votes wouldn’t count. As the government announcement will be effective from the Wednesday night of that week, it was decided to wait until the following week to open the club. Week of 21st September. Week 39

“Rules” to be applied: -

It is not practical to clean cards.

It is not possible for bridge players to maintain a one-meter distance from each other.

Masks would be encouraged but not mandatory.

There would be no refreshments.

The bridge tablecloths would be aired regularly.

Some tables would be packed away so that there was more space between tables.

Players should bring their own pens.

Only the player sitting South should handle the Bridgemates. East could verbally verify the result which South then enters.

Players should bring their own bottle of water.

Playing will be a “Covid 19 individual series” – with partners if possible.

Allison is to organise a couple of Covid codes for the club entrance.

Sue will email her a Paper trail for those members who do use their phones for tracing.

Michael will add individual Covid series for each series.

Lessons:

Restarting would be Kim and Vicki’s call.

She could put four tables together to allow sufficient spacing between players.

Anne thanked Clare for her input.

She also thanked Michael for his representation on the Waikato Bay of Plenty Committee. The representatives have been Jan, Anna and Michael over at least the past year.

Jan will be our representative for the ensuing year.

The meeting closed at 18h05.