

Minutes

of Cambridge Bridge Club Committee meeting held at the Clubrooms on Thursday, 11th February 2021 at 16h30.

Present:

Anne (Chair), Kevin, Gretchen, Kay, Louise, Sue, Tony, Liz and Ailsa

Apologies:

Allison and Michael

1. Welcome

Anne welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Minutes

of the meeting held on 14th January 2021 were approved.

Kay/Sue

3. Matters arising

4. Treasurer's Report

Kevin reported that finances are tracking in a similar fashion to that of this time last year. Income in the form of subs comes in early in the year (\$7,000) but this erodes quite quickly. The end of January showed \$612 in outstanding subs.

He queried the invoice system for the cleaning of the club rooms. Louise confirmed that cleaning has occurred three times thus far this year.

Invoice received from Council for \$578 for sewerage charge.

Kevin reported on his investigation of Learner fees and costs. Waikato charges \$20 for their booklet and then proceed much as we do. Hamilton charge \$50 which includes a supper charge and a folder. He moved a "Lesson charge of \$20 for 2021 learners". (*Anne/Kay*) If learners join after lessons, they pay half the subs plus the cost of a badge - \$38.

Tony queried the invoice paid to the supplier for the service of the water cooler. Kevin reported that Mike had dealt to this with emails. Since Mike was away, this could be clarified on his return. Tony offered to do this maintenance.

Kevin/Tony

5. Correspondence (*Mary/Allison*)

Inward: Certificates from NZ Bridge

Email regarding certain playing cards that cannot be used in competitions.

Outward: Nil

6. Maintenance

Tony reported that he has repaired the hole in the bench and attended to the ramp.

The dishwasher "collapsed" whilst in use this week. Tony will look at it. It was bought from Steen and Morrow (now Beta Electrical).

Vicki had reported that the sewerage area was smelly which Liz attested to. Tony suspects a leak and will investigate the matter.

A member had asked whether the club rooms may be painted given that there is no longer the threat of having to move elsewhere. The meeting disagreed to this stating that the roof would have to be repaired before getting rid of the water marks on the ceiling.

Bridge Tables: Tony reported on his findings. He scheduled three tables, their height and size. The meeting concluded that the plastic tables are the way to go but supply is the current problem. Tony will investigate this further.

7. General Business

a) Bridge in the Gardens 28th February, 6 Armistead Lane.

Helpers: Liz, Simon, Allison and Tony to meet at Club rooms at 12 pm to shift the bridge tables.

Ailsa, Don, Gretchen, Kevin (?), Anne and David to meet at 12 pm at the venue (6 Armistead Lane) to put up the Gazebos and set up.

Kay to draw up a form for participants attending Bridge in the Garden.

There is no shade. We need four or more Gazebos: Kay, Linda and David and ??? Club members to be asked if anyone has one.

Format: Bring your own plate, knife, fork, clothes for both hot and cool weather, hat, sunscreen, **and your own chair**. Some chairs will be taken over but bringing your own chair will alleviate much of the preparatory work.

2 pm start of play.

Liz will organise the actual play; the movement, boards etc.

Simon and David will BBQ. Anne will provide BBQ tongs.

Louise will organise Beer and Wine, Steak and Sausages.

Melanie needs a card holder. The big table and three highchairs also required.

Require glasses and water. Sue Aitken will lend us her water dispenser.

b) Sixes

Irene has said that AFT would sponsor the Sixes with some provisos.

There will be a Sixes committee meeting on Thursday fortnight.

Rescind the motion to charge a \$50 entry fee. Anne moved, Kevin seconded, that the fee remains at \$40 per entry.

NZ Bridge charges a playing cost for this event.

A raffle/s brings in money for the club.

Bill Robinson has booked the Don Rowlands center for the 7th August and Murray and Carolyn Wiggins have the date penciled in their diary.

c) Improver lessons are well supported and going well.

d) Beginner lessons – 16th March

Some discussion concluded that three ads be placed in the Cambridge News.

Kim normally prepares a leaflet advertising beginner lessons.

Gretchen will enquire about the Lions circulating an advert in the Ohaupo area.

Anne will advertise on media platforms – Neighbourly and the Grapevine.

8. Other

Liz reported that a Mid-Winter Dinner on 26th June (Thursday) appeared to be the best date. This would be a social evening from 6 to 8 pm with no bridge play and replaces the Thursday lunch event.

The AGM will serve tea and coffee with Christmas cake and mince pies.

Clare asked regarding dressing up for the Teams event. For this year there will be no dressing up. However, because visitors also take part in this, it was agreed that supper be served on the last night (22nd February). Committee members were asked to provide a plate of eats that night.

The printer is playing up. After some discussion it was agreed to wait for Michael to return on 28 February as he “knows” more than others about the printer. It may be necessary, in the near future, to replace the printer.

The meeting closed at 5:51 pm.

Next meeting: 11th March at 4.30 pm

(Follow up on Health and Safety from January meeting)