

Minutes

of Cambridge Bridge Club Committee meeting held at the Clubrooms on Thursday, 10th February 2022 at 16h30.

Present:

Allison (Chair), Paul, Ian, Ailsa, Kevin, Sue

Apologies: Louise, Michael, Mary, Kay

1. Allison **welcomed** those present to the meeting.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 14th January 2022 (*Proposed Ian, Seconded Paul*)
3. **Matters Arising**
 - Kevin will report to the Charities commission in February/March.
 - Caroline, our Cleaner, appears to be coping well. Louise will follow up with her Contract.
 - Bridge Lessons – to go ahead as planned if Kim agrees. Sue to liaise with Kim. Brochures to be printed. A proven form of recruitment is for Club members to approach someone individually. Suggestion to leave brochures at schools, clubs, retirement villages and the Tamahere Country Club. Anna Kalma has suggested, and offered to organize and set up, some bridge boards to be left at various places in Cambridge e.g. Good Union, Prince Albert pub. This will be trialed to encourage bridge playing. Ian will liaise with Beth and Anna to get this underway.
 - RealBridge is struggling. There were only two and a half tables today. Michael has tried so hard to get it going. There was only one table for Sunday's "special".
 - Although the decision was taken to scrap hosts on a Wednesday night, this decision has been relooked at and Hosts will be reintroduced.
 - Ailsa has been in contact with Grumpy's re the leaderboards. They are underway.
 - Ian, Pam, Allison and Vicki to sort out the Taranaki Congress clash.
 - Urn has been replaced.
 - Allison and Paul have liaised re Paul's portfolio - Health and Safety officer.
 - Bridge in the Gardens is on hold for this year. A suggestion was mooted that it be held centrally on the Village Green, perhaps on a Market Day, to attract attention.
4. **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin reported that Invoices have gone out to our sponsors.
Diane McNair has resigned (moving to Auckland) and donated her remaining table money to the club.
Of the \$45 received for subs, \$23 goes to NZ Bridge.
Receipts to end of January totaled \$12,148.52 and Payments \$7,371.03, leaving a current surplus of \$4,777.49. Not much more income is expected for the year now subs have been received.
The Club has a healthy bank balance and is in a strong financial position to weather some expected uncertainty.
5. **Correspondence** Advisory 25 from NZ Bridge received today refers to the procedure clubs should follow if changing their tournaments to RealBridge – a month's notice is required.
6. **Maintenance Report** – Nothing reported

7. General Business

a) RealBridge and Club bridge

Some discussion took place regarding the poor participation in RealBridge. iPads, in particular, are problematic when playing RealBridge. Our neighboring clubs have opened and are playing face-to-face (with masks). It was decided to reopen Cambridge Club with effect from Monday, 14th February. Allison will circulate this information to members emphasizing that RealBridge will now be suspended (except for Friday nights). This will be trialed for a month and then reviewed.

There is concern that we may lose some members and may have to “push” short, sharp sessions to entice people back to the club. At supper time, two people to be in the kitchen and only one member per table to go forward to fetch the refreshments.

Ian will get a board going of participants for the Teams series starting 28th February.

Margaret Hodges has offered to card turn for Melanie three Thursdays out of four per month – a sterling effort. Pam Lemming will turn cards once a month on a Monday morning.

b) Junior Tournament - 9 April

Whether this will proceed face-to-face or on RealBridge is still to be determined depending how things develop over the next month. This will be reviewed in mid-March and a final decision taken. Pam has offered to direct this tournament.

Meeting closed at 5h30.

Next meeting: 10th March 2022