

Minutes

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

Present:

Allison (Chair), Paul, Ailsa, Kevin, Sue, Louise, Mary

Apologies: Michael, Kay, Ian, Gretchen

1. Allison **welcomed** those present to the meeting.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 10th February 2022 (*Proposed Paul, Seconded Allison*)

3. **Matters Arising**

These are reported under the items below.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

As at 28-Feb, the Club operating surplus is well down on last year (**\$4,568 v \$7,917**) with both income (\$12,158 v \$21,806) and expenditure (\$8,590 v \$ 13,889) proportionally reduced because of limited playing numbers either in person or online through RealBridge. Given the Covid situation, we are relatively holding our own but the expectation is that an overall deficit will be incurred (difficult to quantify at this stage).

\$639 owing in subs but only \$270 collectable as still 7 resignations to process.

\$540 in sponsorship still owing with full payment expected by 20-Mar.

Kevin further reported that Bob Fearn and Mike are actively promoting a new concept of CompassVirtual that collects the playing fees for any games played on-line via RealBridge. This enables players throughout NZ to participate and lodge entry fees into our Cambridge Westpac account on behalf of the host club - net proceeds less a commission are then passed back to the host club post the event. Although this system has been ticking along for our Friday night series, the first major event is the Nelson Open 5A Teams on 12-Mar. Cambridge is allowing use of its bank account while the feasibility of the trial is assessed. Bob and Mike aim to ultimately pass CompassVirtual over to NZ Bridge to administer. We collectively see the need to support any initiative to foster alternative forms of bridge to keep the game alive.

5. **Correspondence Inwards:**

9/2 NZB On-line tournaments

22/2 Online bridge lessons

25/2 Social Media Resources

Outwards: -

6. **Maintenance Report** – Gretchen had seen to the repair of Melanie's raised bridge table.

7. **General Business**

a) **Club Bridge**

Allison reported that the numbers playing face to face as opposed to playing on-line remain very similar. Neither stand out as being much more favorable than the other. Currently Monday evenings, Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoon average roughly six tables. Monday mornings have attracted very few players.

It was agreed that an email be sent out to players to support the Monday morning Play or it would have to be cancelled in the meantime.

b) Junior Tournament

The playing committee (Ian, Pam, Vicki, Allison and Sue) had met and will decide on this tournament nearer to the time. Taupo 's Intermediate tournament was on-line using Real Bridge. NZ Bridge recommends that tournaments be held on-line in the current Covid environment.

c) Bridge lessons.

Kim will review the starting date at the end of March. Anna is leaving boards ready for play at various venues – Oaks/Good Union/Joe's Garage.

d) Cleaning contract

After some discussion, it was agreed that Louise negotiate the current cleaning hours with the cleaner (Caroline) as the club rooms are not being used that much (no beverages are being served) and our income is down. However, the Committee is quite happy with her work and happy to sign a contract with her. Two hours per week during normal circumstances is very acceptable.

e) Asset Register

An asset register or some form of asset holding needs to be drawn up for the Club. Kevin is not able to attend to this at present. Allison is wanting the Club's possessions to be listed because sometimes members borrow items and currently we have no way of ensuring that these are always returned.

f) Library Stock Take

Anne is happy to do this and to register some new books into the library of books.

g) Sixes

Allison will enquire about a suitable date (Clair will be away for some of August and she "is" the Sixes). Allison will then contact Bill and Deb to get the Don Rowlands Centre booked.

8. Other

Paul queried the Junior Tournament being "cancelled" because of Covid and limited participation. Some players feel it should be played later in the year. This will be taken back to the playing committee with the possibility of hooking it into another series.

Mary received some information/posters from Triton Hearing which she will study and report back on next meeting.

Meeting closed at 5h30.

Next meeting: 14th March 2022

NB Club bookings

30th July 2022 (Saturday) - Lions - \$75 to hire the club rooms.