

# Minutes

of Cambridge Bridge Club Committee meeting held at the Clubrooms on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 16h30.

## Present:

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

**Apologies:** Louis, Mary, Kay

1. Allison **welcomed** those present to the meeting
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (*Proposed Paul, Seconded Kevin*)
3. **Matters Arising** – see below
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Kevin reported receipts of \$35,996.14 thus far this year, Payments of \$33,392.78 and a current surplus of \$2,603.36. Expenses still to come are NZ Masterpoints of roughly \$900 and possibly an expense from Mary for the dinner. The year end financials include depreciation, and when this has been accounted for, the Club looks to have run at a loss of about \$3700 this year. The Club finances remain solid however with Cash on hand of \$50,000 which includes \$5,200 table money in advance. Some discussion around finances took place. \$23 of the \$45 Subs money received goes to NZ Bridge leaving \$22 for the club. There are certain fixed costs, Rental, Lawns, Cleaning etc. Michael voiced the option that instead of increasing table money, that prize money be reassessed. A decision was taken that when play includes less than 5 tables, no prizes (table money refunded) be given. Kevin agreed to research a prize policy for the club. (*Proposed Kevin, Seconded Ian*)

## 5. Correspondence

### Inwards:

23/09 NZ Bridge – reminder of quarterly invoicing

19/09 on line lessons

23/09 NZB annual report and board meeting minutes posted to clubs

No further correspondence from Ella has been received.

### Outwards: -

## 6. Maintenance Report

Ailsa had enquired from "Roofing Renovations" what their take was on the Bridge Club roof. Karl, the owner, reported the entrance area roof needed replacing. A repair of the entrance leak he thought would be about \$700. He thought the whole roof needs replacing at a thumb suck estimate of \$20,000.

On Bill Robinson's suggestion, Cambridge Roofing did an inspection and fixed the entrance light area at a charge of just over \$200. He felt the gable roof itself did not need replacing as yet, but that the roof over the entrance and toilets did. Their quote is \$6,263.91. Michael had been in touch with the owner, Clay, to clarify certain aspects of the quote and he will liaise with Cambridge Roofing to ensure the flashing is also repaired.

Kevin will contact Karen for a grant to cover/help cover this expense. Two further quotes are required for this which Michael will see to.

## 7. General Business

### a) September Spring Dinner – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Went extremely well with lots of compliments. Ailsa will send thank you cards to Mary, Kay and Gretchen.

### b) Cambridge Intermediate Pairs – Sunday, 16 October

There are several entries for this many of whom are from Cambridge. A “Best Junior Pair” at this tournament will be added to the prizes. Ian will be at the Club all day and will see to entrance fees, the kitchen and the wine sales. (\$5/glass of wine/beer)

c) **Vaccine passes** Anne had been in contact with Allison regarding the status of vaccine passes. The reason for this was a Days for Girls member who wanted to return to sew for this cause. After some discussion it was agreed that people need to take their own responsibility around Covid. The government has now removed the traffic light system so personal responsibility is key. Allison will reply to Anne.

d) **Friday Practice sessions** Allison had received a letter from Ayako indicating her non availability for Fridays next year. Discussion took place around the original reason for this “session” - Margaret Mackay teaching and supporting new players. It has become a more social event in recent times. The committee agreed that Fridays continue with Melanie T assisting and Janet B taking responsibility of opening and closing the rooms and seeing to the kitchen. Volunteers on a roster basis was suggested with the hope that some more structured teaching be kept up. Next year a roster will be drawn up with Allison and Ian coordinating this. Kevin to attend with Ayako to assess for next year.

e) **2023 Programme Book** Playing committee has this in hand – Vikki in charge

f) **AGM** – Since there is ice cream left from the September dinner, it was suggested that we serve berries and Ice cream on the night. Ailsa has emailed last year’s winners to return their trophies.

g) **Accounts** Kevin is currently finalizing the Club accounts

## 8. Other

Michael raised the issue of the reduced number of tables at play and the skewed effect this has on the results including the 70% group. It was decided that a minimum of 5 full tables justifies prizes. However, this will not exclude players, even with less than five tables, from the Best Scores and Grand Slam groups.

Meeting closed at 5h45.

Next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## NB Club bookings

Mah Jong Club – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December