

CAMBRIDGE CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB (INC)

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday, 9th February 2023 at 16h25 at the Clubrooms, Fort Street, Cambridge.

Present: Paul (Chair), Allison, Bill, Ailsa, Michael, Ian, Anna, Barb, Kevin

Apologies: Mary, Bev

1. Welcome Paul welcomed those present to the meeting

2. Confirmation of Minutes – Thursday, 14th December 2022.

3. Matters Arising – Mary is to resign from the Sponsorship role at the year end. This year she will “walk beside” her replacement committee member – possibly Bev.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Our member numbers have picked up this year. We have four new sponsors. The more members who play, the more table money coming in. The sponsorship invoices went out at the end of January. Our bank position is good. As at end January, receipts totalled \$17,624.41, payments \$10,390.76 with a surplus of \$7,233.74.

5. Correspondence: Inwards

16/12 NZ Bridge On-line strategy

16/12 Newsletter No 8

16/12 Bridge Updated Directors List

17/01 All-time masterpoint earners

17/01 Invoices Issued – levies and session charges

22/01 Board Meeting Minutes

Pub charities – declined subsidy for roof (Karen)

Outwards:

6. Maintenance Report

Roofing – Pub Charities declined the subsidy application for the roof repairs.

The question was asked “What actually is the problem with the roof?”. Common to all is the lack of pitch in the roofing over the entrance area. Bill checked the bridge club rooms after our recent storm and found no water. However, the electrics are affected as water collects in the bulb cover. Paul questioned whether the spouting may be an additional problem. Some discussion took place after which it was moved that “Michael proceed with accepting the roof quote from Cambridge Roofing for \$6,263.91” (Proposed Paul, Seconded Kevin)

Bill said the **spouting** was not a concern.

Water dispenser needed a new fuse. This should be serviced annually. Bill to check and follow up on the water dispenser paper work/contract.

It was agreed that the **fire cannister and water dispenser** should be serviced annually.

The **air conditioners** have been “problematic” (too cold). Bill said this was a work in progress. He has adjusted the remotes and will monitor the situation during play.

Bridge playing tables. Some tables need repair or are very low in height. There are 7 newer tables. Some bridge tables wobble more than others. The plastic ones appear to be slightly bigger and higher. Bill will research (ask Hamilton Club) where to source them from and what their cost is and report back next meeting.

Lawn mowing Kevin will meet with the Council to discuss a solution to this issue. Lay tar seal around the building or the lawn mower person to mow both pieces of lawn – Bridge club and Council? He has not yet dismissed our current lawn mowing man. Ailsa will enquire whether Cambridge Lawn Rite may be interested in this contract.

7. General Business

The question was asked as to what the Intermediate and Open Players do when the Junior championships are on. The solution is found in that the room is divided into two sets of play – a Junior section and an “other” section.

For how long are new players allowed to use their green pens (which disallows doubling for penalties)? Clare was asked for her opinion. It was decided that there is no specific time limit on the use of green pens as new players should be encouraged to play the game of bridge. Incidences of members taking advantage of this privilege can be referred to the Club Captain.

Anna was concerned at the amount spent on biscuits for supper during bridge play sessions. Kevin reassured her that her purchases are within his budget for this item.

Ailsa enquired as to a token of appreciation to Bob Fearn. It was agreed to remit \$500 to him and Ailsa will write an email of thanks to him.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

Next meeting: 9th March 2023