

FRANKLIN BRIDGE CLUB

Draft Minutes of Committee meeting held at the clubrooms on Sunday, May 1.

Present: Caroline Griffin (president), Denise Biddick, John Fergusson, Judy Collins, Maureen Nelson, Kevin Griffin, Jonathon Taylor, Bev Henton, Neil Miller, Henriette Annabel., Susie Longdell.

Apologies: Teresa Green, Arie Geursen.

Minutes of March 6 meeting: Moved they be accepted by John Fergusson/Henriette.

MATTERS ARISING

Rates Relief: The application form has been submitted for this round of rates. The next step is to present our case regarding ongoing rates relief to Auckland Council. This is based on an agreement reached with Franklin Council before local body amalgamation. Andy Baker (Franklin Local Board) and Bill Cashmere (Auckland Council) to be CC'ed into any emails regarding this matter. Linda Thornton has prepared a submission on this issue.

Increasing Subscriptions: Maureen Nelson is to draw up a proposal to increase the annual member subscription to \$100 plus the NZ Bridge levy (currently \$23) in light of the club's significantly increasing costs and the losses due to the covid pandemic. This will need to be approved by members at a special general meeting - or perhaps the AGM.

Restricted Tournament: It was decided to cancel this tournament due to the low entries so which would not cover the costs of running the online event.

Renting out Clubrooms: The charges for this were discussed and the committee agreed on \$115 plus a \$70 cleaning fee for half a day (or four hours). It was thought a good idea to have a diagram showing our table layout to guide hirers when returning furniture so it can be restored to the original position.

Cleaning the clubrooms: Karleen Grass has resigned and Neil Miller has been cleaning the clubrooms. The committee voted to draw up an employment contract to formalise and suitably recompense Neil who it was agreed does a great job.

New Covid Grant: Maureen advised we are not eligible for this.

MATTERS RELATING to Correspondence

Tina Webb email: The secretary to write to Tina advising her of the club's commitment to following Government guidelines regarding public health matters, such as the covid pandemic, and to also continue to also be informed by NZ Bridge guidelines.

New Member: The committee approved Mereana Cullen as a new member.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Financial Situation: Maureen noted that the club was just about breaking even at the end of February - five months into the current financial year - but the income to that point included the one-off boost of annual subscriptions, masking our real financial situation. She noted the club has \$40,000 in the bank but needs to protect its reserves to cover future large building maintenance costs, etc.

New Council Valuation: Maureen advised that the new council June 2022 rating valuation for our land and buildings is \$1.4 million. The building accounts for \$430,000 of this.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Lessons, Marketing and Membership Numbers: John reported on how lessons are going. The next set start on August 18 and eight people have indicated they want to participate. John talked about the need to encourage those taking lessons to become regular club players and how to do this was discussed at length. The committee will revisit this issue and ways to increase membership at its next meeting. Meanwhile, Jonathon Taylor will discuss with John Fergusson, Caroline Griffin and Wendy Morris (who has website design experience) ways to improve our website.

Pam Livingston's Seminar, 'Hone Your Defence': John is to prepare an email to go to all members encouraging them to participate in this event at our clubrooms on Saturday June 11 at 10am. Players from other clubs are also being invited. Members can enrol by paying \$30 to the FBC account 01-0403-0040699-01, including their name and "Pam Livingston".

Ultra Restricted Tournament: Plans for this event on Sunday afternoon, May 22, were discussed. Some neighbouring clubs are being invited; table money will be \$10; there will be spot prizes; and Franklin members are being asked to bring a savoury plate. Wendy Morris is to publicise the event in the upcoming newsletter.

Suggestion re Honorary Members: The committee voted against a member's suggestion that members over 90 become honorary members, partly due to our financial situation.

Meeting closed about 6pm.