

**MINUTES** of the **Franklin Bridge Club committee meeting** on **Sunday, May 4, 2025**, at the clubrooms at **3pm**.

**Apologies:** Terry Evans Jnr who joined much of the meeting at 4,20pm via a zoom call.

**Minutes** from previous meeting accepted as a correct record.

**No matters arising** from the minutes apart from any listed in General Business.

**Inward Correspondence**

- (a) Email from NZ Bridge re Bridge Teachers Conference in Wellington at the Wellington Bridge Club October 18-19. Suggestion that may be some help with costs but no details.
- (b) Very last-minute email from Auckland Northland Regional Bridge concerning a teachers Zoom meeting.
- (c) Email from Caroline Griffin re Monday night playing times (see general business).
- (d) Emails from NZ Bridge about their new website 'disaster' and reverting back to old one.
- (e) ANRB email asking that we have membership details up to date and accurate by March 31.
- (f) Email from member requesting a formal response to that member's fixed seating rights request (see confidential business).
- (i) Email from NZ Bridge re Teacher Conference in Wellington on October 18-19.
- (j) Email from The Hill sales manager Elisha Maseman re sponsorship.
- (k) Usual emails from NZB noting levy amounts due – for session charges and membership.
- (l) Emails from club captain with Monday survey results and suggested design of new signage street and building signage.
- (m) Email from Maureen regarding the state of glassware in clubrooms kitchen following a report from Sue Helleur and the remedial action that was being taken in readiness for our upcoming tournament.

All received (Jonathon/Bev).

**Outward Correspondence**

- (a) Emailed letter to The Hill sales manager Elisha Maseman supplying data relevant to our seeking tournament sponsorship (following a phone call)
- (b) April issue of Table Talk to members and emails to members concerning Anzac Day starting time, scoring issues etc.
- (c) Emails and phone conversation with Pam Lee Joy of Age Concern agreeing to FBC being include in their Franklin Calander of Events and suggesting material to include.
- (d) Email response to member requesting fixed seating rights noting receipt of that member's letter.

All approved (Dennise/Henriette).

**Email notifications, discussions and, in some cases, decisions among the committee to be recorded and/or ratified as appropriate**

(a) Anzac Day session time discussion and agreement to start at 1pm.

(b) Unresolved discussion around whether footwear should be permissible in the clubrooms – see general business.

(c) Discussions and suggestions regarding to new signage proposals put forward by the Club Captain.

All agreed and ratified as appropriate (Dennise/Christine).

**Member changes**

Resignations: Teresa Green

New member application: Diana Schaefer – accepted (Susie/Linda).

Change of status: Debbie Braks

**Treasurer's Report**

The \$20,000 term deposit has matured and has been paid into the general account. We now have just under \$50,000 in that account and need to decide how much to put into another term deposit. We have about \$2000 to pay to NZ Bridge on 20 May and Maureen says the insurance bill is coming up. This is expected to be about \$6000.

Report accepted (Maureen/Henriette).

Meeting agreed that Christine would transfer \$30,000 to a 6-month term deposit at the best interest rate available (Maureen/Susie).

**Club Captain's Report**

This had previously circulated by email. See separate attachment.

**Education Officer's Report**

Maureen said lessons were up to week 8. Numbers had started at about 23; now had 17-18 regulars and six helpers. Five committee members had met with Jane Stearns at the clubrooms. She admired our website.

Linda added that the fifth Improvers lessons had been held and 25 handouts been given out every night. There was some disappointment expressed by teachers and helpers over the NZ Bridge material.

Henk noted that those attending were very happy with what they were getting from the lessons.

**Property Officer's Report**

Henk noted there was a trip hazard in the carpark/driveway and was granted permission to paint in with fluorescent paint.

He also noted some door handles need replacing and the meeting decided he should go ahead and replace these and send the account to the treasurer for settlement.

He was also given the go-ahead to get a plumber to attend to a leaky tap and the Zip water heater and would look at a tap problem reported by Terry Jnr.

He said the electrician was due the next week to look at the outside sodium light. The possible sealing of the lawn area to form an all-weather carpark was reviewed and the consensus was that it was likely to be a very expensive project for which committee members had very little appetite to take on at present.

### **Tournament Secretary's Report**

Bev reported she had received quite a few entries for our May 24 Tournament. Tony Morcom was going to direct and Tricia Balle will do the scoring as Jonathon will not be available.

Dennise noted she was available to organise the catering and will be asking members for help.

Bev says she is sorting out the prizes; Arie noted we usually have a prize for each section.

### **General Business**

#### **Swiss pairs session review and future planning**

Nobody had heard any negative feedback and there were no apparent problems to remedy when putting one on again. It was held on a Wednesday and there were 18 tables. Need a non-playing scorer and this had been foreseen. In short, Swiss Pairs sessions take extra planning and attention to detail but are enjoyed by the participants.

#### **Review of Monday's night's Restricted Teams event**

Arie noted that three nights with nine teams didn't work well. Better to aim for an even number of tables/teams next time.

#### **Ultra Restricted Tournament update** (see Terry's report)

Terry's draft poster for this event was approved. (Susie/Linda).

#### **Arie's piece on coin tossing and random seating for Table Talk**

Arie reported that this was all but completed. He would send it to Maureen before he left for Australia in less than three days.

#### **Splitting sessions**

Arie questioned whether we should be considering splitting session now we often have 17 tables on Wednesdays. He noted this takes extra planning and decisions about who goes into which session, who chooses and so on. Should we reach 21 tables we will have no option but to split sessions, he added. Linda didn't think there was any appetite for split sessions at present. Jonathon noted at present when we only play 24 boards player pairs are not playing all other player pairs in the opposite seating direction in a session so he would see if there was a way of ensuring pairs do not miss playing at the same tables every week.

**The Hills sponsorship.** Susie explained how the timing didn't work for The Hill regarding sponsoring our May tournament but they are interested in considering our September one. She will contact them again closer to the event.

**Online entries to club events like teams.** The committee sees this as worthwhile and gave Terry the go-ahead with setting this up and informing members.

**Monday night playing time and session starting time** (refer to Terry's report). No decision made to change from status quo.

**Cross Substitutes.** In his report Terry raised the question as to whether we should accommodate these. Jonathon said Compuscore could not handle them properly and they therefore had to be manually worked out which was extra work but he did not see that as a deal breaker. The matter was left at that.

**Special Olympics tournament planning and Terry's poster.** This tournament has been set down for August 16. Mairén said the Special Olympics committee was doing the afternoon tea so all we needed to provide in terms of people was a dealer, a director and a scorer. FBC member and Special Olympics committee member Mary Crawford would decide on the entry fee and once that is sorted Terry's poster and other publicity information could be sent out. The committee approved this poster as Terry requested.

**Defibrillator training** (see Terry's report). Dennise said that the provider of our defibrillator was prepared to provide free training and could come on Friday May 30. The other option, that Terry had noted was to get a trainer from St John for \$518 (excluding GST). Dennise said we would need to be able to have the training session after 3pm to suit the provider offering training; otherwise, St John is the only option. The matter was left to Dennise to make further contact with the provider with the aim of sorting out a training session time and date.

**New Dealing Machine** (see Terry's report). The manufacturer recommends servicing the machine being considered after every 50,000 boards. Linda asked about this servicing if we purchased a machine directly from Australia. Terry's recommendation was that, despite the higher price, we source one in NZ from the NZ supplier (NZ Bridge which is owned by the Oystons) because of the cost of sending it to Australia for such servicing. The meeting agreed that Terry and Arie should buy a new machine from Oystons. Terry is to buy the old machine for \$1750. He offered to sign a contract agreeing to lend it back to the club when needed.

**Payment for new Bridgemates** (see Terry's report). The account for the Bridgemates and keypads has been paid - Bridgemates each \$290 (incl GST) and each keypad \$28 (incl GST). The committee approved this payment.

**Members standards of dress and footwear.** The committee agreed we had no need for a dress code.

**Website Management** (see Terry/s report ). Jonathon agreed to upskill on managing our website so there was a back-up to Terry.

**Building and Street front signage approval.** For the building signage, from Terry's options, the committee chose one that alternated suit colours and used an AKQJ format rather than 4 aces. Terry was to get a quote on that design and circulate it to committee members.

**Establishing guidelines and rules for fixed seating rights.** A five-member sub-committee was formed to make a recommendation on this to the next committee meeting.

**Appointment of new cheque signatory.** As a result of Teresa Green's resignation, the meeting moved that former office bearers should be removed from the list of cheque signatories and appropriate present ones added. (Susie/Christine).

**Progress on updating our Constitution.** Linda reported that work on this is well underway.

**NZ Bridges teachers conference on October 18-19 in Wellington.** Maureen said she doesn't want to go to this event. The meeting agreed that Henk should ask Christine Egelmeer if she would be interested.

## **CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

With regard to a response to a request for special privileges, after a brief discussion in committee, the committee agreed that Linda should respond in writing and refer the member to much earlier correspondence that that member had apparently overlooked or forgotten about.