

**MINUTES** the **Franklin Bridge Club committee meeting** on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the clubrooms at **4.40pm**.

**Apologies:** Arie Guerson, Christine Godding, Dennise Biddick. Accepted.

**Minutes** from previous meeting. Passed as correct record.

### **Inward Correspondence**

- (a) Email from Maureen reporting an enquiry from Pukeles to hire our clubrooms which she is handling.
  - (b) Email from Terry detailing the expenses he has incurred on the club's behalf for website costs, equipment such as boards and cards, etc.
  - (c) NZ Bridge email notification of May 20 AGM and one noting the disestablishment of some roles and creation of others at national level.
  - (d) Email forwarded by Maureen advising our latest insurance levy is due.
  - (e) Email from Terry confirming change of website server was completed.
  - (f) Email from Terry with details of request to have a videographer at a session to be used as part of a NZ Bridge plan to promote bridge. Subsequent emails from President and Club Captain advising the videographer was not coming due to the weather.
- All received (moved by Maureen, seconded by Linda).

### **Outward Correspondence**

- (a) Email from secretary congratulating Grant Jarvis on becoming a platinum grandmaster.
  - (b) Email to members of June issue of Table Talk to members and emails to members concerning upcoming Monday night Swiss Pairs session and the planned videographer visit during a session.
  - (c) Email from Club Captain to a member who complained about the temperature in the clubrooms during a session.
  - (d) Email to qualifying members about Ultra Restricted Tournaments in July.
- Passed (Terry/Henriette).

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

- (a) Email from Terry with invoice for general sign on street front (needs to be formally agreed).
  - (b) Discussion about the cost of hiring help with catering for May tournament (see general business).
  - (c) Discussion of payment for directors at our tournaments and who should be paid.
  - (d) Emails discussing the planned videographer's visit to a Wednesday session and how this should be handled.
  - (e) Emails re insurance on building and its various intricacies - left hanging is plans for next year and how to deal with the issues Terry's research has brought to light – see general business.
- All approved as required (Susie/Linda).

**Member changes** - nil

### **Treasurer's Report**

All memberships paid, no unexpected expenses, \$30k in term deposits, and about \$12k in the everyday account after this month's bills are paid.

In Christines' absence, Terry provided the following information: Fees from recent tournament (21 tables) raised \$3360, of which minus total expenses and \$840 prizes left a net total of \$1657.82

### **Education Report**

Maureen said there was a solid core of 15 beginners still attending lessons regularly and they had had two nights of 'just playing' sessions with some existing members acting as buddies. The final formal lesson was the coming Tuesday and then there would be some more nights of playing with the volunteer buddies. Once the formal 14-week lesson beginners lessons period was up, these new players would start paying table money.

Linda reported that she, Christine and Lynne had finished holding the Improvers training sessions. These seemed to go okay and people kept coming back so they must have found them worthwhile, she concluded. Hank said they were very well received and also bought in additional table for the club.

### **Property Report**

Henk said there were some smaller maintenance matters he was still attending to. He suggested people use the big hot water heating unit when filling teapots etc as the hot water tap was not designed to cope with large draws off at a time. Bev asked for the light at the top of the front of the building to be fixed.

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

Bev said the May Franklin tournament went well. A request to hold Special Olympics fund-raising raffles at the upcoming July Ultra-Restricted Tournament was discussed. The meeting decided against this. Maureen was to let Mary know of this decision.

### **General Business**

#### **(a) NZB numbers for new players.**

Maureen said that 14 beginners had indicated they planned to play at club sessions and thus would require an NZB number. To accommodate this, it was decided that their new member nomination forms would go up on the board as required by our rules and that Jonathon would meanwhile issue them with NZB numbers in anticipation of their nominations being approved after the usual two-week waiting period, after which they could be formally registered with NZB.

#### **(b) Badges for new members – whose job is it?**

The meeting agreed this job was one for the Club Captain as had happened in the past.

#### **(c) Sign off on new dealing machine for \$6612 plus GST needed so Terry can order it.**

This expenditure had already been agreed to but Terry wanted confirmation which the meeting provided. He said he would order the machine as soon as the Oystons returned from their holiday.

#### **(d) Replacement of old projector**

The meeting decided that Terry and Jonathon were to look at the pros and cons and comparative costs, etc, of a large-screen TV bought on special versus buying a suitable new projector and to report on their recommendation at the next committee meeting (Susie/Londa).

#### **(e) AC control – Terry wants someone else to take responsibility for this.**

Henk and Jonathon said they would learn what is required and download the required app so that, like Terry, they will be able to control the AC system using their mobile phones.

#### **(f) Handling tournament fees.**

At our recent tournament some sealed envelopes meant to contain entry fees turned out to be empty. Consequently, Terry moved that in the future for those entrants who have not pre-paid online we set up a payment desk at the entry door and not accept payments in envelopes. Seconded by Maureen. Passed.

Maureen knows one of the recent tournament players whose envelope was empty and offered to pay their fee for them.

(g) General club policy on fixed seating rights – the report from the fixed seating sub-committee formed at the previous committee meeting took the form of a general statement containing our suggested policy and an explanation for the reasons why was recommended. The meeting voted without dissension to accept this as the club's fixed seating policy and decided that Linda, as our honorary solicitor, should condense it into a format suitable for including in the club rules. This means future applicants for fixed seating rights will know what is required and it will provide a consistent guideline for the committee when considering such applications.

(h) Catering issues arising from our recent tournament.

These were discussed by email before the meeting and again at the meeting. Those present were not happy this extra expense had arisen but accepted it had occurred and given the situation at the time could not be avoided.

(i) Insuring our building.

Terry's research on this issue was considered. The meeting decided we should go ahead and pay this year's premium but get a valuation well before next year's premium. Meanwhile, Terry agreed to find out how recent a valuation of the building would need to be to be used for getting insurance quotes before next year's levy payment was due.

## **CONFIDENTIAL SECTION**

A member's complaint about three members who were ignoring the outcome of the coin toss at the start of playing sessions was discussed. Those present thought the best way to handle this was to ensure that this behaviour didn't continue. The director (or the person the director asks to supervise the coin toss) was the person in charge of the coin toss and would therefore make sure this rule was not flouted by any players in the future.

Meeting closed about 6pm

Next meeting: Sunday, July 27, at 4pm.