



Minutes of Meeting held 21th November 2016

PRESENT: Alister Buchanan, Alison Saville, Jane O'Brien, Jenny Peters, Sylvia Brown, Sue Scott, Karen Cowley, Don Macdonald, Fred Twyford

APOLOGIES:

Alister began the meeting marking the fact it was the last of this particular committee and thanking them for their hard work and support during the year.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: of 17 October 2016 meeting as circulated

Approved as a true and accurate record – Alister/Jane

MATTERS ARISING:

See To Do List appended.

Fred's showed the committee a mock up of the bridge pad with Colonial Motor Lodge's logo on it for approval which was given by the Committee. Fred pointed out that with thicker paper we may get 200 pads of 100 leaves cf. current 100 pads of 200 leaves but price the same. Agreed to get 'one box' ie.\$190 worth. Another lot will be needed for 2017 but will leave for now as we will try and get sponsor for that too.

Karen provided comprehensive options and quotes for screening off the alcove. Karen moved:

"That we opt for funding for doors for partitioning the alcove as in the H.B. Doors quote and obtain a second quote for same". Karen/Sylvia Carried.

Once second quote obtained these to be forwarded to Annette for a funding application. The general feeling of the Committee is that these would make give the Club a lot more options with its space but the expense could only be met with funding assistance.

CORRESPONDENCE [Jane]: INWARD

emails from NZ bridge and Alan turner; Resignation from Adrian Smith.

OUTWARD

To Anne Crowfoot asking if she will be almoner for Tuesday night/Friday afternoon sessions. [Accepted]; Replies to NZ bridge; Richard Solomon replies for the NZ wide pairs.

Inward accepted and Outward approved – Jane/Sue

FINANCE [Fred]:

Copies of the financial report circulated and Fred read the report to the Committee. (attached) Finances looking healthy especially with banking of two grants in October.

Accounts adopted and approved – Fred/Jane

MEMBERSHIP [Fred/Alison]:

More new members have joined especially for Thursday night session and one Associate has resigned.

The Club has received an offer from Pianola for our Home Club members. Alison moved: "That we accept Pianola's discount offer of 60c/person/month for access to Pianola Plus for Napier Home Club members to be paid in full by the Club for those members (ie. it will be free to Napier Bridge Club Home members) to take effect in 2017.

Alison/Karen Carried

FUNDRAISING:

Annette asked the following be put to the Committee.

1. PROPOSAL: "It was agreed at the committee meeting held on 21st November 2016 of the Napier Bridge Club to apply to The Sargood Bequest for the amount of: \$1400.00 for equipment and education support for established players, and new learners of the Game of Bridge".

Alison/Jenny Carried

2. PROPOSAL: "It was agreed at the committee meeting held on 21st November 2016 of the Napier Bridge Club to apply to The Pub Charity for the amount of: \$2,250.00 GST excl. for annual insurance expenses for the Napier Bridge Club building.

Alison/Sylvia Carried

Barrie Russell is providing 8 beautiful begonias in hanging baskets for the Christmas raffle. With his permission the funds raised will be put towards a digital projector which the Club has increasing need of for lessons etc and at present has to borrow each time. To date \$200 has been raised.

MAINTENANCE:

Only the broken window was mended and not the damaged one at the front although it is still holding. Jenny to buy some more lightbulbs. They are only needed in the loos. Long life 60W equivalent.

TOURNAMENTS: [Sylvia]

NZ Wide Pairs well organised by Jane. Very successful evening – 13 tables. Review attached.

11 Feb – Napier Port Multigrade. Another meeting before then so Sylvia happy to wait till then before organising further. Francey Rolls will be directing.

LESSONS/BEGINNERS/RETENTION: [Karen/Alison]

Karen after discussions with Ken reported that Ken would like to be able to offer Refresher lessons to beginners in November. This would be in 2017 and be over 2 or 3 weeks. It gives them time to play a bit after the initial lessons and then come back to refresher lessons to clarify queries and learn a bit more. The Committee agrees with this concept in principal.

Karen also reported that Ken wishes to have minuted that he doesn't feel the \$500 payment for lessons adequately compensates the time he puts into them particularly taking into account before (admin) and after (helping them after the lessons) time. He feels in comparison with Director's payments the Club is undervaluing teaching of beginners.

Karen brought the Committee's attention to the Improver lessons on the NZB website aimed at newer Intermediates and experienced Juniors. These could be the basis of lessons provided next year over a couple of Sundays. The Committee agreed this was a good idea with details to be decided at a later date.

WEBSITE/SOFTWARE:

The website has changed to a platform on Pianola although the domain name remains with Trickstar for this coming year.

Sylvia suggested that a 'People' section be implemented with the names and contact details of people who hold various areas of responsibility in the club.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2017 Committee – There are two resignations from the current committee – Peter Hubscher and Jenny Peters. While Jenny is not remaining on the Committee she is very happy to retain her role as 'supplies manager' for the Club as well as being Sylvia's right hand woman for tournament catering/organisation. The Committee thanked her for her ongoing valuable input.

AGM - In Alister's absence our Vice President Jane O'Brien will chair the AGM next Monday. Alister is writing his report which will be circulated to members before then. The only trophies to be presented are the 3 Points trophies and the 3 Champs trophies. Sylvia offered to clean them for the event.

After the AGM the new committee will briefly gather and the Christmas party organisation will be discussed.

Meeting closed at 6.25pm.