



Minutes of Meeting held 17th October 2016

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

APOLOGIES:

PREVIOUS MINUTES: of 19 September 2016 meeting as circulated

Approved as a true and accurate record – Sylvia/Jenny

MATTERS ARISING:

See To Do List appended. As some people aren't filling in the To Do list during the month leading up to the meeting it was discussed whether we should keep using it. It was agreed that we should so committee members with jobs on it are asked to update the list with the status of their job.

Name badge for Julie Haslett needed.

The kitchen cupboard leak is hopefully just some loose nuts which are now tightened. Don will monitor to see if cupboards dry out.

No action yet taken on chairs to be mended.

CORRESPONDENCE [Jane]: INWARD

OUTWARD

replies to emails re helping at Club/ reporting with Judy re Friday next year.

Richard Solomon re NZ wide pairs. Request for books made.

Sent to NZ bridge change of Hazel Julian Gould from Napier membership. Replies to offers of help to organise club./

Emailed thanks to Scott Smith & Gerry Palmer for lesson [Alison]

Inward accepted and Outward approved – Jane/Karen

FINANCE [Fred]:

Copies of the financial report circulated and Fred read the report to the Committee.

Fred currently working on end of year financial report for auditor.

PROPOSAL: "Honorariums to be paid at the same rate as last year. That is:

\$100 President; \$300 Treasurer; \$300 Secretary – this year to be divided between

Correspondence and Minutes Secretary); \$100 Tournament Secretary".

Fred/Jane Carried

Accounts adopted and approved – Fred/Alister

MEMBERSHIP [Fred/Alison]:

One Home club member has changed their membership to Associate.

Discussed the CD stats showing Napier has a larger percentage of Associate members than other clubs and whether voting rights should be altered as a result. Committee decided after discussion that the status quo should prevail.

Discussion whether Napier Home Club members should receive some recognition of their status eg. discount for lessons etc. Committee to think about this and discuss at next meeting.

FUNDRAISING: The Committee again voiced its appreciation for the work Annette does to get funding for the Club.

The Taradale Club declined our stationery funding request. As the Club needs pens the Committee agreed that Alison approach Print Solutions for the same pens we had for the Jubilee. Eastern and Central granted us \$4300 for general expenses which are NZCBA Affiliation fees, electricity, NCC ground lease and telephone. The Committee was thrilled with this.

Annette asked the following be put to the Committee.

PROPOSAL: "That the Napier Bridge Club apply to The Infinity Foundation for the amount of \$2400 for building insurance".

Alison/Jenny Carried

MAINTENANCE:

A window in the Ladies toilet was broken last week. Jane contacted Napier Glass and it will be fixed this week. Because of our excess this can't be claimed on our insurance.

TOURNAMENTS: [Sylvia]

The Lyndsay Browne Junior Pairs (15th Oct) Tournament review from Sylvia attached. Sylvia was happy with how it all went and turnout same as last year.

NZ Wide Pairs Nov 4th. Jane organising Wine & Cheese to be had before play starts. Cost \$15.

Flyers sent out to Clubs. Alister will sort out the dealing once file received from NZB.

Sylvia has printed off 2017 tournaments in Napier and some big CD ones appear to be being held at the Club. Alister is to check on this as we didn't volunteer for them.

LESSONS/BEGINNERS/RETENTION: [Karen/Alison]

Karen talked to her tabled document (attached) on lessons for next year. The Committee agreed they would like Ken to take them again if he is willing. Main changes suggested by Karen (in consultation with Ken) are: Pay up front (no refunds) and give out a folder with complete lesson set at the beginning. Saves admin time with money and copying. Start at 6.45pm and have half an hour lesson then playing hands. To be situated in alcove off main room although Committee see problem could arise with Champs being held at the same time. Karen is to look into screens that could be used between the alcove and main room.

Scott Smith lesson held on Sunday 16th. Format was Scott's suggestion – playing online bridge while he talked us through his hands. He donated his time and everyone got a lot out of it. Pizza was had at the end (\$112 with \$50 coming from door money) and the bar was open throughout and well patronised. Attended by a good range of members.

WEBSITE/SOFTWARE:

Jennie liaising with James Ward re calendar.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2017 Book – Alison has begun work on this and asked for suggestions of any changes.

Suggestion that the system card not go in the book; that Jane write to sponsors with offer of half (\$50) or full page (\$100) ads – deadline for their acceptance Nov 11th; reminder to change Champs documentation to include seeding – refer June 20th meeting minutes; putting computer instructions in.

2017 jobs – Co convenors for Monday afternoon (Henny) and Tuesday night (Barb Twyford);

Friday convenors for one month each are Anne Crowfoot; Erica Pearson; Barb Twyford (June); Jenny Peters; Sue Fenwick. Judy Macdonald is the overall Convenor.

Dealers – learning from Arthur Locke are Henny, Jane; with Karen Cowley and Sue to get in touch with Arthur to arrange a time

Tournament help – Sylvia would like to play in some Tournaments and needs someone to be able to call on to oversee the kitchen on the day. Fred said Barbara would be happy to do that.

Meeting closed at 6.43pm.

Next meeting: Monday 21st November at 5.15pm.