

**Minutes of the Taradale Bridge Club Committee Meeting held at the clubrooms at 11 am on 13 February 2024**

**Present:** Clodagh Norris, Alison Hucker, Robyn Andersen , Sally Woods, Linda Smith, Debbie Gibson, Helen Kemp, Teresa Thorn, Karen Randell, Colin Dolley, Raelyn Henderson, Sarah Kilmister and Ruth Spittle.

**Apologies:** John Sowerby, Meg Rodel, Viv Pinkham

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and it was moved by Teresa that they be taken as true and correct. Seconded by Sarah.

**General Business**

Maintenance group – John fixed toilet roll holder in ladies’ toilet. Took 3 visits. John has advertised the cage for gas bottles on Trade me but has not sold. The person who supplied the cage for the gas bottles has offered to take it off us and, if he sells it, will give us half the money.

Shona will monitor the tablets and renew licenses before they run out.

Teresa has prepaid \$10 on club mobile and turned off mobile data. The phone can send texts but not ring out.

Health & Safety policy – Sarah thanked people for their suggestions and has updated our Health and Safety policy with one or two other suggestions made at the meeting. The Committee is appreciative of the work Sarah has put into the policy. Raelyn moved that the changes be accepted and Linda seconded the motion.

Clodagh - yellow tickets - there is now a receipt book for those who pay on line, to be filled out when they collect their yellow tickets.

Club email management: Sally to change password for Taradale Bridge Club email. Inform the following of the changes: Chris Hagen, Ash Fitchett, Colin Dolley and Raelyn Henderson.

Mylk vouchers - Colin to get back to Carol.

Dannevirke Bridge re AGM and the Maisie Finnegan Rose Bowl. Colin, Teresa, Clodagh and Jan Davis are going Sunday 10th March, 11 am start.

List of keyholders from Ash. Ash recommends cutting of additional physical keys be very restricted. If this happens, they need to contact Ash for the security code to be put into the security system. No one should share their security code with anyone else.

Tournaments in 2024/25 from Central Districts Regional Committee - confirmed Taradale Intermediate pairs on 16 Feb 2025.

Boards advertising Taradale Bridge Club have been put up and taken down by Helen and partner Lofty during last month beside the Taradale Town Hall and also at the roundabout just before you get to the Sally Army and St. John's building opposite Anderson Park. Those signs came down after two weeks. There is a community notice board at the library advertising bridge lessons for Taradale and Napier. It will be coming down on the 25th Feb.

Flyer for Lawson jugs tournament – to be done this weekend.

NZ Bridge – Colin to follow up on changes to legislation.

Duty table for Thursday session started.

Alison talked to Margaret Williams re advertising bridge lessons on Facebook and Neighbourly. Meg to arrange advertisements in Courier.

### **Financial Report**

Robyn presented her financial report and Clodagh moved that payments totalling \$2,622.00 be approved. Seconded by Teresa.

Balance of Accounts as at 31/01/24

Cheque Account: \$13,320.66

Savings Account: \$34,431.25

Term Deposit \$80,000

Future Maintenance: \$5,000

Invoices to pay/paid for January: \$2622.00

GST Filed 3/2/24 Refund \$68.18

IRD confirmed GST Returns will be filed Two monthly after February 29th

Cash Summary for month end January 31.01.24 attached

Robyn also moved that the Cash Summary be approved. Seconded by Sally.

Term Deposit: Robyn will put \$15,000 into a Term Deposit account. Moved by Robyn and seconded by Sarah.

Sally to draft a letter and include a photo of Bike stand with the plaque to thank MY Ride and Campbell Bros for the donation of the bike stand.

Karen moved that the Cash Summary be approved. Seconded by Ruth.

Clodagh authorised to buy 20 mugs.

Membership: resigned are Jaye Sloan, Simone Stranaghan, Jenny Peters, Peter Clark, Paul & Dianne Canham, Cilla Verry, Joy Wakelin and Peter Hug.

New Members are: Liz Nelson (F), Kim Potts(A) and Cheryl Jansen(A)

44 Associate members, 126 Full members paid up members.  
Pete Hug and June Lawrence to be honorary members.

### **Social Almoner**

Carolyn Yeomans for her big move and new apartment.  
Von Robertsons passing in Taupo (a tbc member from long ago), sympathy card to family.  
Michael Mountcastle a get well card after a spell in hospital.

### **Inwards Correspondence**

TBC corrected copy of 2024 Budget  
Email from Alister Stuck re annual leave  
Email from Dannevirke Bridge re AGM and the Maisie Finnegan Rose Bowl  
Minutes of NZ Bridge Board meeting  
Tournament Director Assessment weekend  
List of keyholders from Ash  
Tournaments in 2024/25 from Central Districts Regional Committee  
Teacher tips Zoom meeting on 1 February  
Email from Jo Hayes re application to EECT

### **Outwards Correspondence**

Steve Baron re website  
Ash re list of card and key holders  
Jan Davis re preserves and SPCA  
Email from Colin to Mahjong group re subs

### **Matters Arising**

Vision Statement

Pianola: Colin is in discussion with Pete Hug and will ring him to check where he's at.

Alison – I wondered about the possibility of finding some dates for some '3+1' teams events (like Napier had in January). These are very good learning opportunities for 3 juniors and novices to play with a suitable senior player. Also to hold these before Congress to try and get our juniors and novices more involved in Congress. When we played in Napier we played three 6 board matches with time for discussion. We would invite Napier players as we were included in January at Napier.

Improver lessons – Noel Woodall declined an invitation to run improver lessons.  
Consideration given to running jointly with other local clubs (in this case we need to contact clubs) or we run our own. If we run our own, do we run them in the next 3 months or start of the year. Names to consider for running lessons were Lyn Feather and Peter Ramsay.

Intermediate Tournament - Alison and Linda will talk to Shona re extra licences. Discussion on prizes and the following were agreed:

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$100 x 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$75 x 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$50 x 2, 4<sup>th</sup> prize \$30 x 2, Session prizes \$30 x 4 and Top Junior \$30 x 2.

Development of new website. General agreement that our website needs redesign. Can all Committee members have a look at the website Steve Baron has developed for the Wanganui Bridge Club. [Whanganui Bridge Club - Learn to Play Bridge at Whanganui](#) . Do we adopt Steve Baron's offer? How do we manage website? Include ideas from Mike Smith. Colin talked about pricing. Seems very reasonable.

NZ Bridge Facebook page - Linda to talk to Alister Stuck re advertising beginner lessons. If there is a fee, Linda is authorised to pay up to \$150 ex GST.

Mike Smith to follow up on two outstanding Sponsorship Invoices owing totalling \$450 + GST.

Linda to contact Murray Wiggins re membership.

Mylk vouchers - Colin to get back to Carol.

Club email management: Sally to change password for Taradale Bridge Club email. Inform the following of the changes Chris Hagen, Ash Fitchett, Colin Dolley, Teresa Thorn and Raelyn Henderson.

Tournament Director Assessment weekend 20-22 April. We're happy for our clubrooms to be used for this. Church group and convenors for Monday morning bridge have been informed. Sally has confirmed with Caroline Wiggins and said we looked forward to getting more details.

Mini Bridge - Meg and Helen to approach Taradale High and Napier Girls to suggest running mini bridge sessions during students' lunch break in March.

Planning calendar – add Helpers night not too near Christmas function. Add any fundraiser activities, eg oil packs in Oct/Nov.

Timer for Urn – an urn was left turned on by mistake. Sally to ask John Sowerby if he can buy a timer which could be plugged into the urn.

### **Urgent General Business**

Meeting finished at 12.30 pm

Next meeting: **19<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am**