

Minutes of the Taradale Bridge Club Committee Meeting held at the clubrooms at 11 am on 19 March 2024

Present: Clodagh Norris, Alison Hucker, Robyn Andersen , Sally Woods, Linda Smith, Helen Kemp, Teresa Thorn, Karen Randell, Colin Dolley, Raelyn Henderson, Sarah Kilmister and Viv Pinkham

Apologies: Debbie Gibson, Ruth Spittle and John Sowerby

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

Financial Report

Robyn presented her financial report and moved that payments totalling \$2652.43 be approved. Seconded by Clodagh.

Balance of Accounts as at 29.02.24

Cheque: \$21,759.65

OnLine Saver: \$19,500.67

Term Deposits Total: \$100,000.00 includes \$5,000 set aside for Future maintenance funding. Robyn was advised to wait until October to add the \$5,000 to the \$15,000 deposit. Teresa suggested we look each year at the amount to be set aside for future maintenance and increase it by 8-10%. Robyn to look into this.

Note: Included in the Total \$15,000 term deposit made as per previous meeting note matures 26th August 2024.

GST: Filed 4/3/24 \$1281.79 to pay 28/3/24

Cash Summary Attached. to be approved. Moved by Teresa and seconded by Clodagh.

Attached Outgoing Payments for February \$2652.43 to be approved. Moved by Teresa and seconded by Meg.

Intermediate Tournament: 16.5 tables @ \$30 \$1980

Less Director Fee \$150

Less Prizes 1st,2nd,3rd,4th & Session x 4, Top Junior x 2 \$810

Less Food outgoing \$167.30

Balance: \$852.70 Profit

Money not included: This event sponsored by Harcourts \$250 + GST.

Discussion around the fact that the profit which was greater than we thought it might be as a result of the number of tables. It was agreed that in future the prizes go down further and perhaps existing prize money be increased.

NOW - 12mth contract renewed with NOW Starts 1/05/24 ends 30/4/25

Membership

1 resignation, Vivienne Mclachlan and 1 new member, Peter Bannister.

Social Almoner

Viv Pinkham, card for Covid

Lavinia Hart, card for covid

Chris Hagan, card after shoulder surgery.
Cec Harrow card after hip replacement.
Russell Turners family after his passing plus MYLK voucher.
Ngarie Billington after operation on her eyes.

Inwards Correspondence

Health & Safety Policy
HSM – Full alarm Service reminder 2024
Rubber Bridge competition
Wellington Congress Junior/Novice, Intermediate, Open and Restricted tournaments flyers
Hastings Bridge Club newsletter
PN Junior and Intermediate tournaments
Dannevirke Contract Bridge Club Tournament
Jenny Nash has requested sitting rights. Alison to add Jenny's name to the list of sitting and moving rights members.
Email from Pianola
Email from Margaret Vaughan
9th ABF conference
Tournament assessment dates
Online Bridge Tournaments 2024
Central Districts Junior and Intermediate championships
Secretary for Central Districts Regional Committee - Francey has stepped down as secretary and Sandra Calvert from New Plymouth will be filling in the role until July
EECD 2024 planner and AGM minutes held at Dannevirke

Outwards Correspondence

Email to Ash Fitchett to check who will be affected by changed of password
Email to Jim Brown and Anne Dempsey re use of clubrooms on 20-22 April for Tournament Director assessment
Email to Caroline Wiggins re Tournament Director assessment
Letter to My Ride, Taradale re sponsorship of bike rack
Letter to Campbell Bros, Hastings re sponsorship of bike rack
Email to Rona Driscoll, Central Districts Regional Committee confirming Intermediate pairs for 2025
Emails to groups using clubrooms re dishdrawers.
Email to Pianola from Phillippa

Matters Arising

Club email management: Sally to change password for Taradale Bridge Club email. Inform the following of the changes: Chris Hagen, Ash Fitchett, Colin Dolley, Raelyn Henderson, Phillippa Gardener and Teres Horn. Sally to talk to Ash about this.

Vision Statement – Colin would like us to look at the first point on our Vision statement at our next meeting.

Planning calendar – Helpers night added 15th October after bridge.

Add any fundraiser activities, eg oil packs in Oct/Nov -Discuss with Debbie at next meeting.

End of February 2025 renew contract for NOW added

Advertisements for lessons in Courier – Meg reported that there has been some confusion with the Courier. She will contact them again re advertising our Club.

Pianola – Colin asked if committee had any problems enrolling in Pianola and talked about Pianola’s features. Bridge results still go on NZ Bridge website. Colin will arrange for Meg to have admin rights to enable her to send out newsletters through Pianola. Colin will send a message to all members which will enable them to join Pianola.

Sally has written letters and included a photo of Bike stand with the plaque to thank MY Ride and Campbell Bros for the donation of the bike stand.

Improver lessons – Item in newsletter referring members to the valuable learning materials on the NZ Bridge site.

Development of new website. General agreement that our website needs redesign. Colin to check out prices of other web designers in HB. Meg, who has been away, is to look at Steve Baron’s website.

We have received sponsorship from one of the outstanding invoices. Mike Smith will follow up the one outstanding.

Mini Bridge - Meg and Helen to approach Taradale High and Napier Girls to suggest running mini bridge sessions during students’ lunch break mid winter.

Timer for Urn – an urn was left turned on by mistake. John Sowerby bought a timer which could be plugged into the urn but may not work as hoped. Suggestion that a sign be created and placed by the urn saying “Please switch off and unplug the urn”.

General Business

Reminder in the newsletter re etiquette at the table during bridge play.

Maintenance group – toilet roll holder in ladies’ toilet has been damaged yet again. John is going to Mitre 10 to find a stronger solution. He has cleaned the water cabinet and changed the three filters. Les Dunnett has cleaned the outside of the windows. Colin to ask John Sowerby’s maintenance group about carpet cleaning in December. Jae Cleaning recommended.

Health & Safety Update 19 March 2024

1. St John has confirmed the defibrillator needs servicing every 2 years. We are next due for a service in January 2025. They asked us to email St John (not phone) in January 2025 to request a service.
2. I have purchased a Health and Safety book for the office. Am still organising the Health and Safety 3-monthly checklist, and the Health and Safety Report Forms for members to alert issues.
3. Sarah to investigate St John defibrillator demo for 2024.

Sarah has joined the Congress organising Committee with Debbie representing the Taradale Bridge Club.

Lawson jugs tournament - flyer done. 11 tables. Struggling to get Intermediate players. Raelyn to collect money from participants. Need helpers for Saturday and donations of

baking. Cleaner has been arranged for after the tournament. Discussion re a minimum payment to our cleaner when she is only needed for 1 hour. Cleaner is very obliging.

NZ Bridge – Changes to legislation. Colin is keeping an eye on Governance and financial matters.

Newsletter template – Meg is to look at using Panola for newsletter. Word has templates which could be used if we want to change the layout of newsletter.

Cost of tournaments: There was one complaint to Alison about the price of our intermediate tournament. Alison thinks what we charge is fair and is the same as most other intermediate tournaments.

Charity Tournament recipient – Surf Life Saving

Reminder about receipt books for purchase of yellow tickets.

3+1 teams. Three junior/novices playing with a senior player. A learning opportunity for the juniors and novices. Alison has found two dates 27/4 and 25/5 both Saturdays, 1pm start. Phillippa is happy to direct. Same format as Phillippa had in Napier in January. Item for newsletter. Open to all clubs.

Prize pens: Stocks are getting low according to Trish. She suggested that Havelock's pens are quite classy looking. Colin checking with Debbie.

HSM – Full alarm Service reminder 2024. Ash not convinced we need it. Colin checked insurance and they don't require us to have a full service. Colin will check with John Sowerby that a check will be done. This needs to be noted.

It's almost a year since our club rooms opened. Alison wondered about perhaps making the Thursday morning before Easter a special anniversary morning of bridge with the committee perhaps providing morning tea. Unfortunately arrangements have been made to celebrate Joyce's 90th birthday that day. Therefore the anniversary will take place on Tuesday 26th March after bridge. Linda will provide a platter and Clodagh cheese rolls and sausage rolls. Colin will send out an invitation from Pianola.

Permanent seating on the verandah outside area – Colin to talk to John Sowerby.

Meeting finished at 12.30 pm

Next meeting: 9 April 2024 at 11 am