

MINUTES of the Taradale Bridge Club Committee Meeting held at The Lodge 11.00 am Tuesday 13th July.

Present:

Jo Hayes, Ash Fitchett, Viv Pinkham, Margaret Williams, Sue Lambourn, Carolyn Yeomans, Margaret O'Leary, Trish Patterson, Margaret Hall

Also present:

Debra Gibson – guest to get the feel for committee life.

Alison Hucker – lessons and bridge programme updates

Mike Smith - sponsorship

Apologies: Doreen Nunn, Jan Davis, Chris Hagen

The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated Jo moved they be taken as true and correct
Seconded: Sue Lambourn

Matters Arising

Wednesday supported bridge. Alison Hucker – they are very keen to carry on at least six tables now charging \$2. Sue is happy to stay on directing. This will stay on as long as there is a demand. We have Napier players as well.

Four beginners playing on Monday night.

Viv and Chris investigating all members becoming full members following email from Hastings Bridge Club. Chris has sent an email to Mairi to see if they have had any feedback on this. Response from Mairi – not much interest from other clubs at this stage. It was decided to discuss this closer to AGM.

Building Updates

Jo Hayes, Ash Fitchett, and Kevin Holmes met with Jason Tickner and Debra Stewart of the NCC.

Key points discussed:

- Jason confirmed the positioning of the building as suggested by Mark Mole of CoreSteel. Jason to email this to Mark
- There was a general discussion about how the building will connect to the sewage/storm water/tap water systems. This decision comes down to a different section of NCC. CoreSteel plumber is to follow up on this.
- We updated NCC on our fundraising, drawing up of plans, and Resource Consent application progress.
- There was a discussion regarding the building usage by other non-bridge groups. We cannot sub-lease the building, how-ever can cover the usage as a community facility by a booking system. TBC can charge for the bookings.
- Parking - Debra agreed that we would be given a key to the barrier arm across the metalled parking area outside the Bridge building. It would be the TBC responsibility to unlock and lock the barrier arm for bridge sessions.
- Lease of the Park Land - Ash will modify the lease document that Debra had emailed earlier this year and send to Jason with the changes tracked with appropriate comments. It was agreed that the document would cover the booking system for other community groups.

In summary, the meeting was very cordial and there were no show stopping issues raised.

Meeting with Mark Mole, CoreSteel, 18 June 2021

Present: Kevin, Ash, Jo, Mark

Mark explained where the ramp into the building would go. He asked what we wanted around the rest of the building. We agreed we did not want garden. Kevin suggested limestone. We need to

check this with the NCC as we want to allow them to get as close as possible to the building to mow. The building will be 2m away from the stormwater drain that runs along the edge of the grassed car park.

We are going to have to select exterior colours soon. Will ask our members at our meeting on 27th. Mark suggested Tatania for the roof as it is a light colour that will reflect the heat. He said Ironsand or Grey Friars are popular for the walls with Sandstone Grey windows. I phoned David, the architect. He agreed with Mark, suggesting Grey Friars for the walls as it is the lighter of the two colours.

Mark asked about the type of plumbing fitting we want. He mentioned that some toilets flush better than others. We stated we wanted the good flushers.

Sewage: Mark said the most cost-effective installation option would be a macerator pump connecting to a tank that would have to be regularly emptied, possibly during a busy event. Also, this would incur ongoing costs. Kevin pointed out where the sewage line is. Mark is going to check with the plumber re us connecting to that. We could check if Central Football (which is probably the NCC) is interested in connecting via our connection as they currently use the tank system. If they want to connect this could reduce our cost.

The elevations and plan required for the Resource Consent should be ready within 2 weeks. The rest of the plans will be ready in August.

CoreSteel will be unable to start the build until after Christmas. The build time will be 4 1/2-5 months.

BUILDING UPDATE 10 JULY

The meetings with NCC and CoreSteel have been covered above.

Our members meeting was well attended and covered building update, explanation of being a registered charity, advertising and sponsorship, raising the additional \$230 000 that we need and how members can help.

The application to ECCT is almost finished and will be submitted shortly.

Ash and Mike are working on getting donations/sponsorship from corporate donors or wealthy philanthropic individuals. The donations from companies could be 'in kind' eg the plumbing fixtures or all the timber we will need.

Ash has prepared a document we can use to approach potential sponsors. This outlines the history of our club, our aims and objectives, Membership, playing arrangements, our proposed new building, the budget for this. We will consider selling naming rights to the building as a whole eg The Taradale Bridge Club, and each room and possibly each table. To buy the naming rights to the building will take a substantial donation.

At the Members meeting it was suggested that members could donate \$4500 to cover the cost of one parking place or make other donations. To date \$21 500 has been received and we are very grateful to those who have donated.

Yesterday the outline plans were received from CoreSteel. On receipt of these Ash was able to submit the Resource Consent. Bill for resource consent received \$1025.70 incl.

Charity Items

Meeting Notes, Kevin Atkinson 15 June 2021

There are two types of donors:

Corporate – can get 28% back

Personal – can get 33% back

We could look at restructuring our subs so part is sub and part donation. Members could then claim the donation part as a tax deduction (Jo says: *having thought about this since I don't think it is a good idea. Our subs are not large and the amount people would get back would be small. The effort of having to issue 200 receipts and the risk of some people choosing not to pay the donation portion is probably not worthwhile*)

Be clear about options for donating: eg a tick box for \$100, \$1000, \$2000

Be clear about what we are offering in return eg have a visual of the outside of the new building with 'Tumu Timbers Taradale Bridge Club' name displayed. Personalise the document used to make the approach.

Look at offering naming rights for the complex/a room/ a table

Set the level at which donors get recognised on a board or similar

Limit naming rights to 10 years so they can be sold again after that

Approach people face to face. e.g. Colin Crombie, David Mackersey

Can have sponsors in kind e.g. Tumu Timbers could donate the wood (John O'Sullivan)

Meet with members to explain what we are doing. Ask them to come back to us with suggestions for possible users of the new rooms and possible donors. Be very well prepared. Explain the importance of our Charity registration.

Some gaming trusts donate for capital works. Check out Southern, NZ Community, Lion, Grassroots

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Financial

Margaret Williams moved the Treasurers Report be accepted and payments of \$3519 for June be approved and the Cash Summary accepted. Seconded: Carolyn Yeomans

Financial Items for Discussion

Cash Summary – In June a grant was received from ECCT \$5,000 for operating costs.

Donation to the Stroke Foundation was given \$1,000.

Sponsorship from Ryman \$550 and Taradale Upholstery \$100 from last year have been received.

Term Deposits - Term deposit due on 27 June for \$42,000 was transferred to the savings account at the request of the Building Committee.

1% for a six-month term has been negotiated for the Term Deposit of \$290,000 due 5 July, this will give us an extra \$300 above the .08% currently being received.

Generous member donations have been received and a new term deposit of \$50,000 has been opened for six months and a rate of 1% has been negotiated for this period.

Fund raising/donations – fund raising from the sales table and the \$1 table money have raised \$5,681.60 for the year to the end of June.

Donations received from members to 12 July total \$21,500 plus \$500 for a house sale organised with Craig Smith via Ruth Spittle.

Accountant for annual accounts - Jo and Margaret have investigated several options.

It was decided to look further into using either Gary Bernstein, Oldershaw's or Angela Robinson. Margaret O'Leary and Margaret Williams to decide and the selected party will sign with Jo.

Social Almoner

Card – Colleen McGettigan – unwell

Membership

Three new Junior Associates

Ian Sainsbury

Simon Law

Geoffrey Nauer

Correspondence Inwards

Letter of thanks and receipt from the Stroke Foundation (Charity Tournament donation)

Napier Bridge Club = notification of monthly Sunday afternoon bridge

Bridge Base on-line

Doreen Nunn – Absence for up to six weeks

Ideas from 27th June meeting – Ron Humphreys, Kevin Holmes, Bev Withers

Offer from Timu Timber offering free hand sanitiser. Mike will say yes and collect same.

Correspondence Outwards

General Business

Email from Alison Hucker for discussion

A suggestion for 2022, to encourage and welcome our new players into the club playing sessions.

As many new players are retired and don't want to go out at night to play bridge (even though our Monday night Junior sessions are best suited to them) we would like you to consider the following:

Changing the format of one or both the Monday and/or Thursday morning sessions to monthly series rather than the present format to make it easier to accommodate, support and encourage our newer players. Perhaps having alternate series and individual play, month by month as is the case in Havelock North.

The advantages of doing this for our newer players would be as follows:

It would make it easier for new players to play with more experienced players. They

would get the consistency of playing with the same person for a month at a time.

They would have the opportunity of playing with different people, not just the people they have learnt bridge with. There is still the opportunity for them to play with other beginners if they wish to do so.

Their bridge would hopefully improve, as would their confidence and enjoyment.

Their results might be better. It is very disheartening to be bottom all the time.

From the Wednesday supported bridge we have learnt that the newer players enjoy playing with more experienced people and most are very accepting of the advice given. Their confidence is increasing.

Other things to consider:

New players are reluctant to ring for a partner for these sessions.

Those who always play together every week would still be able to do so if they so wished. But some of them may even welcome a change for a month.

People would not be made to play with a new player, but I know there are many who would be happy to play with a beginner for a series.

With the present organisation on Mondays and Thursdays it is very hard for new players to join in other than just playing with another beginner.

Everyone would be playing with more people (if that is their wish) and therefore mixing people up more which is good for a club.

Another point to consider:

Quite a few of our beginners are playing on Fridays in Napier. It is great to see them playing but we don't want to lose our newer players to Napier. I know of one Taradale beginner who has joined Napier but is playing Monday nights in Taradale. Three Napier beginners have joined Taradale as associate members and enjoy coming to our Wednesday sessions.

It was suggested that we survey members as to their session preferences. Carolyn will ask Graham Potter for a copy of the survey that was sent to HN members, we will adapt this to suit our club and submit to members.

Rules – according to our rules our accounts do need to be audited. We would have to have a SGM to have this removed from our rules. Our rules need reviewing, next year a group of the committee should do this. Reference to cheques needs to be removed. Suggested a SGM after Tuesday afternoon bridge 17th August 4.30pm to resolve these matters.

Smoking Policy/ventilation, run the heat pump so that fresh air is coming in. Trish will check with Ray whether the Lodge has a smoking policy. Checked and the only restriction is no smoking inside, there are no specific regulations relating to the outside of the building.

Sue Lambourn – could Viv as Club Captain stand up and say that we really need a President and Committee members.

Sue questioned how often the rooms are cleaned it was clarified once a fortnight.

Debbie thanked us for inviting her to the meeting.

Ash – initial plans have been received from CoreSteel. Plans need slight adjustments before sending out to members.

Mike Smith – approval to put a public notice in the HB Today for signage, sponsorship or naming rights. We could also get enquiries from future user groups. Also alerts people to the fact that we are a registered charity. Unanimously approved that Mike go ahead.

Sue Lambourn – vote of thanks to Mike around the work he is doing to support Sue's job as Tournament Secretary.

Flyers

Wanganui 5A Swiss Pairs Open 11th July
Napier Open Pairs 17th July
Open 5A Tournament Levin 18th July
HN Swiss Pairs Open 24th July
North Island Pairs 31 July/1st August Palmerston North
Cambridge Sixes 7th August
Fullerton Teams 10A 14 & 15 August Hastings BC
Interclub Havelock North 6th November

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm. Next meeting August 10th 2021 11am