

Minutes of the Taradale Bridge Club Committee Meeting held in the clubrooms at 11 am on 9 July 2024

Present: Linda Smith, Alison Hucker, Clodagh Norris, Teresa Thorn, Sally Woods, Colin Dolley, Sarah Kilmister, Viv Pinkham, Debbie Gibson, Meg Rodel, Robyn Andersen and Karen Randell.

Apologies: Ruth Spittle, Raelyn Henderson, Helen Kemp and John Sowerby.

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

Financial Report

Robyn presented her financial report. It was moved by Clodagh that payments totalling \$1365.51 be approved. Seconded by Sarah.

Balances:

Chq account: \$27,418.36

Savings: \$19,677.25

Term Investment: \$100,000.00

Future Maintenance fund: \$5,000

Robyn also presented a Cash summary for the month ended 30 June 2024. It was moved by Clodagh and seconded by Meg that it be approved.

Notes:

1. Room Hire money has reduced significantly. Debbie said the Church group had left which had an enormous effect on the room hire income as they had met once a week. Debbie had talked with the Havelock North Club who charge \$20 per hour + GST. Perhaps GST could be added to the Mah Jong group's sub. It was pointed out that the number of members in the Mah Jong group had increased and when it reached 50 members income would be \$2,5000. Teresa is to look into the numbers of members.
2. Sponsorship paid in advance was from Princess Alexandra for the year 2025 booklet.
3. Overall the cash balance has remained consistent for the three months detailed.
4. GST: this has been filed with \$594.32 to be paid on 25/7/24.

Maintenance Group:

Sunscreen installed. Lighting fixed in clubrooms. Sally checked if warranty covered invoice from Pope Electrical and found it didn't.

Membership

Louise Curd, Marcia Hengst-Anderson, Peter Roberts, Trevor James and Julie Huckson from Alison's lessons.

New Associate member Anne Stapleton.

Newsletter item - If members change address, please let Teresa know.

Social Almoner

7/6 Marie Richard's after Linstead's death.

12/6 Noel Chambers after surgery and hospital stay

13/6 Phyllida Isles. Thank you for generous cash donation to Charity baskets.
14/6 Alison Loft after surgery and hospital.
17/6 Vicki Wilson-Bramwell. Long unwellness and pneumonia.
26/6 Bill Nairn. Surgery and hospital.
26/6 Perry Lamont surgery and hospital.

Health & Safety Report:

A member phoned the Health and Safety Officer in June very concerned that she couldn't find the First Aid quickly when her friend had a small cut on her hand at a bridge session. Sarah to restock First Aid box, clearly name it and put the box on the top, left hand side of the original cubby holes. Notice of First Aid box to go in newsletter.

Inwards Correspondence

East Coast Bays Bridge Club (Inc.) online bridge flyer
Regional Committee Memberships
Email from Carol Fraser re history book
June Quarter player levies
Radio interview request, The Breeze Hawke's Bay (Taradale Bridge Club)
Supported online practice games for new players
Hastings Bridge Club newsletter
Email from Napier Bridge club re interclub
Emails from Jo and Ash re TBC records they have
Feedback from Phyllida re biscuits
Christchurch Bridge Club Flyer
Email from Kathleen and Anne Monday night convenors
Open Swiss Pairs 5A Tournament flyer
Email from Ash re Pianola
Hawera Bridge Junior/Novice tournament flyer

Outwards Correspondence

Email to CD Region re confirmation of 2025 Tournaments
Email to Trish Paterson thanking her for organising the prizes for the Charity Tournament
Email to Janice re starting time on Tuesday sessions
Email to Pope Electrical re invoice for lighting

Matters Arising

Room hire. Debbie and Colin will talk to the Country Club re costs going up and the fact that their fee will need to go up. Figures of \$20 and \$25 per hour were suggested.

Colin to ask Jo to apply for ECCT Grassroots fund for operating expenses.

History Book – Sally has photocopied and is typing up the existing booklet. Carol has approached several people to contribute to the new booklet. Ash is working with Carol.

Website:

Colin thanked committee members who had responded to his request to look at other club's websites. There was general agreement that members liked the Hastings Club's website which was developed with Pianola. Colin met with Rachel from the Hastings Club and found

that it is easy to input new information. The website is part of Pianola so no cost for the website or domain. Colin will ring Steve Baron and inform him that we are going to use Pianola. Colin suggested it would be valuable if we could involve a couple of people who are interested in maintaining the website and who would have a link to the Committee. Colin has spoken to Ash and asked him to close the old website.

Logo on club door. Debbie has had more feedback on the logo and has gone back to Wilsigns.

Urn –Teresa has emailed the convenors and ask them to put the roller down on Thursday and put it up again on Monday morning. However, this is not always happening so Teresa will send a reminder.

Sponsorship – Could committee members consider taking on this role. Linda suggested the role could be split into two. One person dealing with Tournament Sponsorship and the other with sponsors in the Membership booklet.

Cash management and banking review. Progress is being made in implementing a cashless club. Approximately half participants in the last tournament paid online and all but one person had their prize money paid into their bank account.

Mini Bridge at Taradale High School. This is going ahead. The first session is on 26 July. Meg thanked those who volunteered to help and Alison for notes for the sessions.

Tournaments - Clodagh is to organise catering for the open tournament. Meg is organising catering for Mahine Creagh tournament. Linda is to ask Ash to invite Rodney Green to Mahine Creagh tournament. If he is not able to do it, Linda will invite Rodney. Linda to send out flyer. Robyn has organised Glenda to clean after tournament.

Directors: Linda is to look into putting up a schedule of directors in the office.

General Business

Insurance – Debbie has found that because we're leasing land from the NCC our insurance could come under the NCC's insurance which would save the Club money.

Meg has recorded a Radio interview with The Breeze Hawke's Bay but does not know when it will be aired.

Interclub is not happening this year.

Teresa is to collect and organise past records of TBC. Ash and Jo have offered to meet with Teresa. Debbie is to provide Teresa with two memory sticks.

Email to go to Phyllida thanking her for her feedback re biscuits.

Email to go to Kathleen and Anne re Monday night directors. Email to Ken thanking him for his services to the club.

Improvers' lessons – Alison suggested that periodically members be sent a link to 1 or 2 lessons. This to be followed up by a session perhaps on a Saturday. Alison will put something together and send a copy to Meg to include in the newsletter.

Further Fun afternoons for junior/novices. 3rd August, and 28th September The latest group of beginners would know enough to participate.

Etiquette and Values Trophy – Meg spoke to Kate Terry at Congress about a trophy the Tauranga Club awards to members. Meg has concerns about the behaviour of some of our members towards Novice and Junior players. Meg has agreed to put forward a proposal of how this might work.

Parking for disabled. It is not legal for the club to put up signs. Members to be asked to leave 3 spaces around the Parking for Disabled signs for members with mobility issues.

The Committee approved giving Carol Fraser read-only access to the Admin area of Pianola. Colin to make the change.

Pianola – Email to Ash thanking him for reminding members of the advantages of using Pianola and how to login in.

The club has an old blue chair which we have no further use for. Would anyone like it?

Standin for bridge sessions to be at the club before sessions start.

Robyn will not continue as Treasurer next year but will continue to help the club. She will assist the new person taking on this role.

Meg is away for the next two meetings. She will be in Auckland for our first meeting but is happy to do the newsletter following the meeting. Teresa will send information for the newsletter to Meg. Teresa will create the newsletter after our second meeting as Meg will be overseas.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm

Next meeting: 13 August at 11 am.