

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

Present: Trish Patterson, Carolyn Yeomans, Chris Hagen, Margaret Williams,
Ash Fitchett, Jan Davis, Doreen Nunn, Ruth Spittle, Sue Lambourn, Margaret
O'Leary, Margaret Hall

Apologies: Jo Hayes

The minutes of the last meeting have been circulated. Moved: Sue Lambourn they be taken as true and correct. Seconded: Chris Hagen

Matters Arising

IMPROVER LESSONS

These were run by Lyn Bowcock in January this year and were an outstanding success. Lyn is willing to do these again. We would like to know from members what they would like included in the proposed improvers lessons. To assist with this, we will ask members to contact us by return email what they would like included – however being aware Lyn cannot cover everything. Possibilities could be

- Leads
- Discards and suit preference signals
- Common conventions: e.g. various 2 openers such as multi two diamonds and tartan twos
- Defence to 1NT
- Negative doubles
- Other control asking conventions e.g. Ace asking
- Jacoby 2NT response
- Loosing trick count
- Michaels cue bids

Building Updates

BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FOR OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING

On Friday 11 September the subcommittee met with Pirates Rugby and Sports Club to discuss the two clubs' briefs to the NCC for the Northern Hub build. At this meeting it became apparent that Pirates would not be ready to build for 2-3 years at least and that building at the Northern Hub may not be the best idea for us. After this meeting we immediately reconvened at Jan's. We discussed other possible sites and came up with Park Island by the Marist Old Boys Clubrooms, Park Island by Central Football Assn offices and adjacent to the Hockey club, and Bledisloe Park near Oamaru Bowling Club where there was previously a Scout Hall. We decided to go back to Debra at NCC to find out if any of these could be a possibility. We got an appointment with her for the Monday, explained that the Northern Hub wasn't looking promising for us and asked about the other sites. She asked us to write to her with the reasons why the Hub wasn't suitable and to include plans for the other sites. She said that all the clubs would have to build at the Hub at the same time. We feel we cannot wait a minimum of two more years to begin building. She also said any potential change of venue would have to be approved by the Councilors.

Kevin got onto the plans immediately and we sent these off to her on Friday 19th, copying in the Mayor and Taradale Ward councilors.

The next week Jo and Ash went to an informal meeting with HB Indoor Bowls as they are keen to join with us in building. Ash had informed them of our latest plan, and they are very keen on doing a joint build at Bledisloe Park. They have since written to NCC expressing interest in this. While their land and buildings are a valuable asset to sell, we are concerned that they do not have the working capital to maintain new clubrooms going forward and consider that building on our own is preferable.

On Friday 25th Ash contacted Debra to ascertain our next step. We are too late to get on the October Council agenda so hope we can get on the November one. Ash is to phone her after the school holidays to set up a meeting with her and possibly Indoor Bowls. Debra thinks that parking and the volume of cars going in and out of Lee Rd could be an issue for NCC. She thinks the Central Football Club area is our best option.

Further update from Ash

1. I sent Debra Stewart an email last week asking for an update of things in general. I received an automatic reply saying she was on leave until this Monday - 12 October. I will phone her on Monday afternoon if I have not heard from her.
2. I phoned Bruce from IB this evening. They sent a letter to Debra but have not heard from her. I said we had our committee meeting on Tuesday and would get back to him on Wednesday as they have their meeting this Thursday. I mentioned the issue about a joint build and what would happen if one of our groups closed operations. They also have had this thought. If we build together then that would need to be sorted. He said they thought we could establish a holding company to be responsible for the build and GST register it. He mentioned that this company could continue and be responsible for shared costs such as rates and power etc. All just thoughts. They are very keen to start building within 6 months. They want to meet with Debra but only with us present.
3. I phoned Graham from Pirates. They are still trying to find out who to be involved with. Squash are meeting this Monday night to discuss and who knows maybe commit. A group from Pirates met with Sports HB recently and the meeting apparently went well. They would like Sports HB to give them some funding. In their meeting with Debra, she appeared to be happy with the concepts they discussed with her, although more chats are needed regarding height restrictions for upstairs etc. I said that after our meeting with them, we have also met with Debra as we could see our two timelines do not coincide, and Debra understood that and we are now looking at the other two options from our Business Case to Council. I told him that IB are also looking at that as well. I said we have not totally dismissed the Northern Hub but the timing did not suit us and he reaffirmed that they are looking at at least 2-3 years. He mentioned that their building committee have some new members who are coming up with a host of different ideas. They are not focused on the same direction was my take and explained how they have been looking since

2011. They have not done a formal business case for Council yet. Their view re parking costs is that Council have allowed Marist and Taradale Rugby clubs to build without contributing to parking so they expect the same. HBRU have still not settled as well on this issue. We agreed to keep in touch.

Financial

Margaret Williams moved the Treasurers Report be accepted and payments of \$3366 for September be paid. Seconded: Doreen Nunn

Items for Discussion

Update on annual accounts

Everything has been sent to Lyndsay

20/21 Sponsorship update Neil has asked that sponsorship invoices be raised for over \$2000 of which half has already been paid

Ticket sales online not particularly popular

Banks will not be accepting cheques in the future

Social Almoner

Michael Mountcastle - who had had an accident

Therese van den Ende - wishing her All the Best (moved to Auckland)

Naomi Tong - Sympathy card after loss of her husband

Membership

Tony Gilbert	Changing to Associate, moving to Otaki next year.
Bridget Hildreth	Lessons
Sue Davey	Lessons
Marilyn Perko	Lessons
Dianne Lishman	Lessons
Kathy Willis	Deceased

Correspondence Inwards

NZ Bridge Cancellation of Congress 2020

NZ Bridge Foundation Babich NZ Wide Pairs Oct 30th 2020

NZ Bridge List of Active Directors

Sponsorship and Advertisers Schedule update 2021 (Neil McDonald)

Greenmeadows New World – sponsoring in 2021

Central Districts Nomination Papers

NZB rescheduled AGM 12 October 2020 by Zoom

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Sponsorship Requests for 2021 to

Princess Alexandra

New World Greenmeadows

Craig Smith Harcourts

Suzelle Lingerie

Beth Shan

Dent Magician

PaknSave Tamatea

Neil McDonald

Debra Stewart Napier City Council re alternative building sites

Trish Patterson moved the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted. Seconded Carolyn Yeomans

Other Business:

Esk Hills Fundraiser 21st November

What type of event to run - Teams event register as a pair or individually

Limited to 12 tables

Members only.

Organise someone to take tables, chairs, tea coffee requirements the day before – discuss at next meeting.

Put out a flyer with a map

Donation – \$100

Carolyn to organise Director

Disposal of our now defunct bridge pads – if they are sent to NZBridge they are sent to third world countries which could be an option as they are of no use to us any further.

Committee agreed this was a good suggestion.

Trophies for AGM: It was agreed due to the disruptive year we have had that the only trophies to be presented will be Monday night Jnr Champs, Wednesday night Champs and the Ngaire Bright.

Monday evening format – suggest Junior's play Thursday evening and Seniors play Monday evening. Need to ring the ex-Wednesday players to see why they are not playing. Sue to send list to the Committee.

Babich Pairs – Napier running it on 13 October

Novice tournament – Sue talking to the novices

Feedback on prize money review - Sue and Carolyn have discussed, many variables

Guidelines set up in 2016 suggest sticking to around a third of the money for prizes.

Cleaning of Lodge – invest in a stick vacuum cleaner Moved Trish Seconded Jan

AGM – Trish Notice to go in this week (done)

Director Training – Ash putting in newsletter

2021 Committee – Nomination form to go on wall. Trish

Ruth would like to have members to come along to the learner's lessons and play to get them used to how a session works.

There was discussion to approach the Lodge to investigate the possibility that they may be willing to sell their building in the next couple of years. The current valuation as per the NCC website is \$430,000

Flyers

Bonus Weekend Tournament Dunstall's 5A Swiss Pairs 3rd October

Pop Up Hastings Junior B Tournament 4th October

Ruth Duckworth 3B Junior Pairs 10th October

Hastings BC 8B Multi Grade Commencing 14th Oct for four nights

3A Restricted Open Swiss Pairs PNBC 18th October

5A Open Swiss Pairs PNBC 18th October

Zelda Morris 3A & 10A Tournament Hastings BC 31st October/01 November

Taradale BC 3B Novice Tournament 8 November

The meeting closed at 12.35pm. The next meeting is to be held 10th November at the Lodge

