

**MINUTES for the Taradale Bridge Club Committee Meeting held at The Lodge 11.00am
Tuesday 14th September**

Present:

Jo Hayes, Ash Fitchett, Viv Pinkham, Margaret Williams, Carolyn Yeomans, Margaret O'Leary, Trish Patterson, Margaret Hall, Jan Davis, Chris Hagen, Doreen Nunn

Apologies: Sue Lambourn, Debra Gibson

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

Matters Arising

Ngaire Bright Memorial – to be discussed at the October meeting

Helpers Lunch – keep on matters arising

Indemnity Insurance – Jo has sent an email to Roger Philip but has not heard back from him yet.

Christmas Lunch – Shona is happy to organise this with assistance from Debra Gibson
Mike Smith has discussed with Jan and wants all the sponsors to be invited and have a special table, this was discussed but there probably would not be enough room at this event. It may be more applicable to invite them to the helper's lunch or we have a sponsors wine and cheese. Jan to liaise with Mike

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

Building update 11 September 2021

Resource Consent was received on 26 August, allowing us to submit our application to the Lottery Community Facilities Fund. An expression of interest was sent to the Lindsay Foundation. This was declined as our application did not meet their criteria.

We expect to hear about the success of our ECCT application in early October and the Lottery one in early December. We should receive the detailed plans from CoreSteel this month.

Ash has organised a meeting with CoreSteel this Friday, Mark from CoreSteel is leaving, meeting his replacement.

Ash has been in touch with the Council re the lease agreement – this will take place when lockdown finishes.

Charity Items/Sponsorship for discussion

No items for discussion

Financial

Margaret Williams moved the Treasurers Report be accepted and payments of \$4,770 for August be approved and the Cash Summary accepted. Seconded: Doreen Nunn

Financial Items for Discussion

Margaret has prepared end of year financials as far as she can and should be able to give all necessary details of accruals, grants etc to Gary Bernsten by end of first week in October.

Two term deposits due for renewal, we will wait until after the meeting with CoreSteel for further instruction. \$64,000 due 27 September and \$75,000 due 6th October
Donations to end of August total \$32,872 and fund raising from table money and sales table \$6.643
Financial impact of lockdown, we have a loss of income between \$2000 - \$3000, unavoidable.
Winners to receive a ticket that says free ticket to save a hassle with the usual \$5 tickets.

Social Almoner

Jean Donnelly – card after shoulder operation
Shirley Patterson – 90th Birthday Card
Sue Lambourn – card after surgery

Membership

Linda Kirby resigning from the end of the year.

Correspondence Inwards

Resignation as Treasurer Margaret Williams
Nomination for Ngaire Bright Award from Catherine Barker and Helen Grant
NZ Companies Office reviewed and registered alterations to constitution accepted
Napier City Council – Resource Consent approved
Lotteries Commission – acknowledgement of application
Response from Lindsay Foundation – our application falls outside of their criteria
Response from HN – thank you for our donation
NZ Wide Pairs to be run by Hastings BC on 12th November
NZ Bridge Covid 19 Advisory No 16

Correspondence Outwards

Thank you to Phil Freeman, Freeman Hi-Tech Spray Painting Ltd for product donation
Thank you to Richard Chandler, Resene Paints for product donation
Email to Roger Philip re need for Indemnity Insurance (Jo)
Response to Clodagh Norris re noise levels
NZ Companies Office alterations to constitution sent for review and acceptance
Room Mate Cabins – Paul – thank you for sponsorship of our Open Tournament (Ash)
ECCT – Rose Grant Deliverables, Calendar of Potential Use & Resolution to apply for funds (Jo)
Lotteries Commission – application for funds
Thank you letter to HN Bridge Club
Lindsay Foundation – expression of interest

General Business

Arthur Willoughby Tournament – Graham Potter feels we can't play this until Level 1. There will be pop up tournaments which will affect dates. Hopefully we can find a date that will suit.

Membership types, Ron has begun to review our Rules and we need to discuss our membership types.

Ron's document was discussed

There are currently six membership types, Ordinary, Absentee, Honorary, Associate, Foundation and Life

It was decided to dispense with Absentee, Honorary and Foundation and retain Ordinary, Associate, Life and add Student as we do have a member who falls into this category.

There was discussion as to whether we wanted to make the change to allow our associate members to vote (There is nothing in our rules that prevents them from speaking). If so then we need to put a motion to the AGM to this effect, or we can leave this until our Rules revision is complete. To be discussed further.

What do we do about our need for a President and a Treasurer?

This has been put in the newsletter, but we have not had any takers. Committee members to come up with names and contact same. Approach convenors to see if they are going to carry on in 2022.

Members survey result

Alison Hucker's survey summary

There were 89 responses. 80 online and 9 paper copies.

Every daytime session had the greatest number of responses saying they are happy with any. The next highest result for every day session is for alternate months. So, I thought to keep most people happy, having alternate months for every daytime session might be the answer, e.g., all of the January daytime sessions played as individuals, then all of the February daytime sessions played as series etc. The only people who would be upset about this would be the ones who wanted all series play. This way they would get half their wish. The ones who wanted to have only individual play can still do so if they want to. Remembering most are happy with any.

There were quite a few comments saying they would like to see senior/junior random draws during the day as we sometimes have on Monday nights. I thought this might be a good idea for January (Monday and Thursday) to get our new ones involved straight away so that they don't have to come with a partner. I think it's the idea of coming without a partner that is appealing for those that mentioned it. Some would probably be totally against this idea, especially those who only ever play with one person. They could be exempt, but a little incentive (for the best senior and the best junior across the month) could be offered to those who have entered the random draw and do well. Perhaps along the lines of our summer individual that we have at night. Just a thought to try and get our beginners involved.

In suggesting alternate months for all daytime play, I would suggest having January as individuals for the three daytime sessions. And then March, May, July, September and November as the individual play months.

The other months would be run as series.

The handicap question resulted in 58-24 in favour of yes. So perhaps one handicap series at some time during the year might be a good idea for each daytime session.

During the individual months when there is a fifth week of play, that fifth Monday or Thursday could perhaps be a random draw or senior/junior drawn session. March and September have 5 Thursday's. January and May have 5 Monday's. I remember hearing someone say earlier this year that they didn't have a partner for the fifth Thursday as there were usually only four Thursdays in a month.

Other suggestions mentioned in the comments can be addressed at a later date.

Another thought. Each series could have a winner with the stipulation that you can't win more than one series with the same partner. Prizes could be pens as we have for night-time winners, or a pink ticket or a \$1 or \$2 scratchie or a little certificate valid for one free session, or a PaknSave voucher if it is a PaknSave sponsored session.

Another thought to encourage seniors to play with juniors is perhaps to have a little prize at the end of the year for the highest single score achieved by a senior/ junior partnership across all sessions for the year. A running total could be kept all year with the highest score being the one to beat at any one time. Highest score at the end of the year is the winner.

Additional thoughts from Viv and Chris

Chris: All sounds very good to me. There wouldn't be any problem with the booklet.

The months with 5 sessions change according to the year - I think that a random draw is a great idea for those sessions.

I agree that a pair can only win 1 series.

Senior/Junior running winner sounds good - perhaps the current winning partnership could go in the monthly newsletter, plus monthly series/individual winners - that would be a real advantage of monthly events in that you get overall winners each month in the daytime sessions, rather than just weekly winners.

Another thought I had - one of the barriers is not being able to turn up without a partner. It would be great to be able to advertise turn up to any session and there will always be a partner available. So perhaps we could have volunteers rostered to turn up without a partner and be prepared to go home if they weren't needed. I know I wouldn't mind doing that once a month say, to a session I wouldn't normally go to

Viv: Having this across all daytime sessions will add some continuity. Also, to have individual and junior/senior sessions in January would help bring people back together and start the year off when it is quite quiet anyway. Keeping track of the scores and prizes would be good but hope not too time consuming for someone.

Chris and Alison to do a draft for a proposed bridge program for 2022 for the next meeting.

Chris H – could we have one person volunteer to come and be available to play if someone arrives without a partner.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm