

**Minutes for the Taradale Bridge Club Committee Meeting held at the Lodge rooms  
28 February, 2023 at 11 am**

**Present:** Debbie Gibson, Linda Smith, Jo Hayes, Meg Rodel, Clodagh Norris, Alison Hucker, Viv Pinkham, Ash Fitchett,

**Apologies:** Ruth Spittle, Robyn Andersen

**The minutes of the last meeting:** Debbie moved they be taken as true and correct  
Seconded Linda

**Building Update**

**Taradale Bridge Club Building Update from Jo**

Tuesday 7/2/23

I called in at the new rooms after bridge this afternoon. Two CoreSteel men were there, Regan and the apprentice. The apprentice was putting in the grating around the drain by the front door. Regan was starting on the ovenhood. There are still some other little finishing off jobs that need to be done. Regan said the door to the disability toilet is too small so they will have to replace that and get the new one painted. The doorway was widened to allow wheelchair access but ordering a wider door was overlooked.

Regan was happy with the outcome of the final inspection. It was a fail because of the sewage not being connected. I understood that was to be started today. Regan said it is now next Monday (!!!!) but that Richard was going to chase up the plumber and try to get it started this week.

We have to silicone around the bench tops where these abut the walls.

There was also mention of the lack of hot water in the bathrooms. We asked for that to be removed in December 2021 when we had to remove various items to get the building cost somewhere near what we could afford. This was before the building consent was lodged so it should have been apparent on the plans that there would not be hot water in the bathrooms. Regan was going to talk to Richard about this.

These were the only things Regan mentioned. Richard has since sent out a copy of the final inspection which appeared to have some other things on it that NCC were awaiting. Terry might be able to comment further on these. Was a bit double dutch to me.

CoreSteel has organised the cleaners to come in Friday afternoon. The painter is currently repainting the women's and disability toilet in the same colour as the main room and doing touchups.

Debbie has organised to borrow Office Products' truck on Saturday 18 February to move everything from the storage shed to the new rooms. Linda knows of a rugby team who are fundraising so she is going to try to organise

four young men to do the loading and unloading. Jim Brown is going to move the crockery and cutlery from Carol Fraser's garage to the rooms before the 18<sup>th</sup>. Once the sewage is connected we can have a working bee to get everything sorted out and put away as much as possible.

Chorus will be connecting the fibre on Thursday afternoon.

Bruce Le Quesne has almost finished the boxing. Once Nick has done the levels the top soil can be acquired and spread.

Delays and postponement of opening due to Cyclone Gabrielle.

Chorus to connect fibre on 8th March

Ash meeting Chorus people 2/3/23 to install fibre to the building prior to installation into the building on the 8th March.

Sewerage to be started this week hopefully, weather dependent, week ending 24th Feb. Update is that it hasn't been started and we are running out of time. Coresteel indicated that plumbers are busy at present. Ash to follow up.

New opening date 25th March. Swiss pairs opening tournament 26th March

Yesterday the building committee did an owner's inspection of the new building. Overall it looked good. The faults that were found and require to be rectified are as follows:

**Faults found:**

- Rust on handrail
- The slab for the gas bottles is too small for the cage
- The manhole cover is hanging down in the men's toilet
- The toilet cubicle doors that open onto the east wall (ie against the gib) need a doorstep (men's and ladies)
- The grab rail in the accessible toilet is not secure
- There are two ceiling tiles in the main room that need to be replaced as they have bubbles on the surface
- The water cooler pipe needs an attachment so the cooler can be connected
- *Hole by the air conditioning unit*
- *Sewer connection*
- *The ramp on the deck needs to be screwed into place*
- *The oven hood needs to be installed*

The building committee know that Regan has the last four on his list.

**Financial** - no report this meeting

**Social Almoner**

Cards to: Michael Mountcastle

**Membership**

Peter Lambourne new phone number 027 4039884.

25 members in mahjong club. Five have paid their sub to the bridge club.

### **Correspondence Inward**

Replies from some members and others re invitation to opening.

Darren @ Aon - confirming that our equipment is covered while security system not active.

NZB - expressions of interest - NZ Seniors Team for APBF Championships 2023

Nathan Childs, Now Technical Support - Fibre Install issues. Scheduled for 9/2/23

NZB - Board election cycle. Two nominations received for two vacancies. Alan Morris and Sue Brown will serve further 3 year term commencing 1/4/23

Darren@Aon - re insurance claim

New Connections Team @ contact energy - to arrange time to come to clubrooms

Alister, secretary NZB - offer of printed copies of NZB learners material

New letter from IRD -Notice of direct credit

Hastings Bridge Club -Charity bridge session in aid of HB Disaster Relief Fund. 5/3/23 at 1.30pm

NZB - February 2022 update on Incorporated society 2022 Act and a note regarding the Charities Amendment Bill

Graham Potter HN Bridge club - offer to lend us some tables and chairs

ECCT Newsletter

NZB - NZ Bridge Foundation - Cyclone Relief Fund

Mike Smith - Query regarding sponsorship for inaugural tournament

Craig Smith, Harcourts - payment of \$500 referral fee to TBC from Sale of Noel Chamber's house

Lotteries Community Operations - accountability report submitted and being reviewed (for the grant received)

Darren@Aon - re updated insurance claim

Robyn - thanks for pot plant on her birthday, which coincided with the clearing out of the shed at her place

### **Correspondence Outward**

Derek and Lyn (Napier City Country Music Club) - advising acceptance of their kind offer to purchase a defibrillator.

Chris Hagen - Honours boards upgraded before going into the new rooms

Invitations for the opening

Darren@Aon - notification that security at the clubrooms will not be active when equipment moved in.

Darren @Aon - re insurance claim

Alister, NZB - requesting printed copies of NZB learners material to be sent to Alison

Darren@Aon - photo and inventory of storage shed contents

[accounts@clubhubssl.com](mailto:accounts@clubhubssl.com) - request for future accounts to be sent to bridge club email

Graham Potter - Jo responded to HN's kind offer

Craig Smith, Harcourts - letter of thanks

Darren@Aon - updated insurance claim after recovering some items

NZ Community Trust - Jo has submitted the accountability for the grant for the flooring.

### **General Business**

Fundraiser lunch at Valley D'vine -postponed till later in the year

Donor board wording. Grateful thanks to our past and present members whose vision, generosity and tireless work have contributed to these purpose built clubrooms for all to enjoy. March 2023

Swiss Pairs budget

Bar guidelines

Library sessions of mini bridge and lessons. Last library demonstration of mini bridge is 1/3/23. Lessons will start at a later date on 29th March. Ruth is happy to take the lessons.

Advertising for person to look after the website

Lawson Jugs cancelled

2024 tournaments. TBC would prefer having the Xmas Cheer and the NZ wide pairs. We will need to respond quickly to the email when it arrives to get what we want.

Bridge Club photos - ask Sue Fenwick if she would like to organise the photos in some way and scan the other ones to go on the website. Viv is willing to help as she knows people in the photos. Sue is happy to do this.

The storage facility was flooded and as a result we have lost all the financial records and past minutes that were stored in there, 2019 and before. Also recent financial documents that were held at Robyn's place were lost in the flood.

PA system for opening - Jo is following this up.

Jo has done a rough budget for what we will have to buy to replace our lost items using the inventory available. Debbie has done a revised version. Perhaps open shelving on which to store the boxes of boards. Jo will get a price on this. Hunting and Fishing have 25 available tables that we can purchase. Ash moved that Jo, Debbie and Clodagh will go ahead and purchase replacement items as per the budget. Seconded by Alison

Newsletter - Meg will write a newsletter and send it to Ash for distribution

Opening - will need to discuss about the opening at a meeting on the 14th March at 11am in the clubrooms.

Last day of bridge is 16th March. Debbie will check about truck availability for the 18th March for moving equipment from the lodge to the new rooms. No bridge on 20th and 21st March. Practice swiss pairs on 23rd March in the new rooms prior to the opening tournament on 26th March.

Meeting finished at 12.35pm.

Next meeting: 14th March at 11am at the lodge to discuss flowers, keys, catering and final arrangements for the opening on 25th March. No agenda will be sent out for this meeting.