

2020 Waiheke Bridge Club Minutes

12 November 2023

Apologies: Rachael, Linda, Jane

Present: Jill, Jan, Glenda, Julie

Welcome 2pm:

The meeting opened with an acknowledgement of Ashley Corlett's contribution to the 2020 Bridge Club and thoughts go out to Rachael and family at this time of his death. Flowers to be sent to Rachael from the Club. Funeral Friday 24 November.

Previous Minutes of 2 July 2023: No matters arising excepting further discussion about insurance for the Club and its equipment. The cost of insurance may not be viable and, if not, members need to be aware that if the equipment is damaged and not insured, we need to have built up a cash reserve of \$7k - \$8k to be able to replace our second-hand dealing machine for example. Jan will ring and get a quote for insurance, which would need to be held by the Club.

True and Correct Record – moved by Jill and seconded by Julie

Financial:

The Club is in good shape financially and will end the year above budget.

Discussion was held around the forecasting for 2024, based on data from 2023. It was stated that the forecast should be aspirational, as well as realistic. The Bridge year is from 1 Feb – mid December which is 45 weeks. The Committee decided that we should strive for 4 tables on a Monday night as well as 4 tables on a Thursday night as not only does it help us financially but will give us more satisfying games. That would require at least a 75% commitment from members throughout the year. As per the amount of tables it was decided there will be a 3:3 (Mon & Thurs) forecasted budget with a 4:4 table forecast sitting alongside. Any money coming in from casual summer sessions will not be part of the proposed budget, but extra income. January bridge will need to be initiated by members, and also set up Real Bridge and do the Xero accounting. This is not difficult to learn. There was discussion that members playing daytime social bridge may like to contribute a little koha to the club each time they play. It was acknowledged that the social bridge fills a need for some people who prefer to play during the daytime, while we are still too small to be able to offer and organise this as a Club.

Jan thanked Glenda for the time and expertise she has put in to providing the data and records necessary to have a clear understanding of the Club's operations.

Moved: Julie Seconded: Jill

Lessons 2024:

Beginner Lessons will be run by Jan in 2024, likely through Mid March to end of April. It will be limited to four (4) new members.

Improver Lessons for existing members: These will be informal, as and when, run by Glenda and other members, on Real Bridge on Mondays with the view that these lessons will enhance our Thursday bridge playing.

Subscriptions: 2024 will be the first year that New Zealand Bridge will start to take their levy of \$23 per each member. We have had a grace-period up until now. It was decided that the subscription for 2024 will be set at \$75.

Licences: we will continue to pay for 5 licences for our Thursday Club night = 5 tables which we strive to hit in 2024!

BridgeNZ: We will no longer host our Results on Bridge NZ unless they will offer this service for \$30. It currently costs \$120/year. Glenda will follow this up. Club Results now go up into Pianola. It was felt that Pianola offers everything that BridgeNZ offers as a retrospective learning tool.

Succession Planning: Glenda will be standing down from Treasurer at the 2024 AGM. Jan's Chair position continues for one more year. Members need to be thinking about who will step into these positions. Part of this process will be to look at the various roles and duties of the Club to clarify what is required and to more effectively share the work involved in running a Club around the membership.

Thursday Club nights: Encouraging regular play on Thursday nights was discussed and how important it is for the Club to be playing with a minimum of 3 tables, preferably 4 on a Thursday night. Discussion was held as to the importance of meeting needs of members in a variety of ways, at different levels. Interclub, 'names-in-the-hat' once a month, maintaining a contrast with Play & Discuss sessions, and looking at a new booking system were all raised. It was felt a booking system on the website might now work more effectively than the What's App group. If members have ideas that can help promote the energy and growth of the club they would be welcomed at any time.

Important dates for Bridge:

Last night at **Morra Hall 30 November 2023**

Last club night of Bridge (on Real Bridge) **Thursday 14 December 2023**

Re-opening **Thursday 1 February 2023** for Club bridge at Morra Hall.

Play & Discus will begin again for the 2024 year on **6 February** – Waitangi Day

Christmas Party: Thursday 7 December 2023

Venue: Jan's house 47 Tahatai Road Oneroa

Partners very welcome to join us.

More details of the fun we will have will follow very soon! **SAVE THE DATE !!**

AGM: 15 February 2023. 6.30pm before Bridge which will commence at 7.30pm at the latest.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm

