

## 2020 Waiheke Bridge Club Meeting

### Minutes of Committee Meeting

Sunday 18 August 2024 7-9pm

**Present:** Jan, Nydia, Rachael, Julie, Tana, Jane, Sati

**Apologies:** All present

**Previous Minutes:** Agreed and accepted. No matters arising.

**Item 1:** A nomination was received for Glenda McLeod for Life Membership of the club in recognition of her role in founding the 2020WBC and significant contribution to building the club. Nominated: Julie Douglas; Seconded: Tana Fishman. The Committee were in agreement that this recommendation should be taken to the 2025 AGM for approval by the membership, as per the Constitution.

**Item 2:** The Committee received a resignation from Committee by Julie Douglas which the Committee accepted with regret. Jan thanked Julie for the work she has put in on the Committee, her support for the Club, and stated that her history of the Club and expertise over the past three years have been valued. Julie offered to work on the Constitution and left the meeting at this point.

**Item 3:** There was discussion about various aspects of the Constitution, Committee's procedures with dealing with issues, and the development of policies. It was agreed that developing effective procedures and policies as issues arise is an important way forward in these early stages of growing a new small Club. The re-development of the Constitution for Re-registration with the Companies Office by April 2026 was deemed a good starting process for the Committee to work through and bring to the members at the 2025 AGM in February.

**Item 4:** Financial Report:

Presented by Rachael as Treasurer – accepted by the Committee

- Trading at small profit
- Budget forecasting was based on 3 and 4 tables to ensure break even
- Around \$5k in bank – need to establish reserve, perhaps invested, for replacement of equipment
- Rent paid to Morra Hall for winter 2024. May need to reconsider this for 2025.
- Xero software is used for the Club's accounting and regular statements are sent to members when money is due to accounts.
- ASB Bank statements now being emailed direct to Chair twice a year for filing.

The Committee agreed the following in relation to finances:

1. The hosting of our Results with BridgeNZ will continue in 2025. It is an excellent support for the Club operations at this early stage of our development. The Club is on

a waiting list for a second-hand dealing machine from BridgeNZ. Our current machine is operating well but may breakdown at any time due to age.

2. Visitors to the Club will be invited to play 3 times for \$5/night table money, and then be invited to join the Club at a pro rata rate of the current members' subscription for the rest of the financial year, plus table money.
3. Current members re-joining beginner lessons will pay \$20.
4. New beginners in September will pay \$75, and receive membership through to 31 December 2025.
5. There will be no cost for Improver Lessons if run by the Club and held in the 15 minutes before Play & Discuss begins on a Monday.

**Item 5:** Constitution – all Incorporated Societies in New Zealand are required to update to meet the new legislation of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and Re-Register before 5 April 2026 or the Club will cease to exist. The Committee will begin work on the re-development of the Constitution to bring recommendations to the membership at the AGM in 2025.

**Item 6:** Modem – Sati sourced a modem and set up an account for 2020WBC. The Committee agreed it was important to add additional contacts for the account. The new Modem has now been set up and is working well.

**Item 7:** Storage of files and equipment. It was agreed to set up 2020WBC Google Drive or Dropbox (whichever is easier for members to access) to place all important documents and store resources.

Secure storage is needed at Morra Hall for modem/ computer/ dealing machine etc,so there is less movement of these expensive items. Will continue conversations with the Morra Hall Committee to get covered, locked cupboards.

**Item 8:** Membership: Tana reported the club has 27 members (3 inactive) with 2 more prospective members. Initial membership target was 30 but there is a need to move that goal up to 40 to ensure the club can maintain a viable number of tables especially over winter and with the travel plans of our members. It was noted that new members need good support and mentoring to bring successfully into the Club.

**Item 9: The main item from 8-9pm.**

**The Club Satisfaction Survey Results and the Meeting of Members' Needs.**

The Survey link was sent to all members to be able to view the survey results online.

The Committee discussed themes and insights from the survey results. Overall the level of satisfaction with the Club is high. 18 members completed the survey. There were some very good comments made that assisted the Committee in thinking about future offerings and better meeting members' needs. As always it is a challenge to meet all of the needs, all of the time, but the Committee felt up for the challenge presented.

A large chart on the wall was developed outlining various ideas for offerings for Beginner, Improver and Advanced levels of play.

The following decisions were made:

- a) Every three weeks, for three weeks, there will be **Tips, Conventions, Snippets** (e.g. Counting losers, Watching Vulnerability, Setting up side suits, Stayman) offered before Play& Discuss from 6.45-7pm. Attendance is voluntary and free. Play & Discuss will start at 7pm. The first series will start 30 September and more details will follow on what the first series will be (based on survey results and comments).
- b) There will be a **2020 Waiheke Bridge Club Interclub team** playing Friday night's 7.15pm on Real Bridge, against Auckland and Northland Clubs in 2025. Requests for players for our Club team will be called in early February.
- c) When **NZ Bridge** offer Improver Lessons, members will be notified, such as the series beginning Tuesday 3 September for three weeks \$8/lesson or \$20 for the 3 in series.
- d) Members can re-join the **Beginner Lessons** if they want more consolidation in the early stages of their bridge development \$20.
- e) To have an **in-house event** BRIDGENZ PAIRS played over three nights, starting 19 September. Players try and have the same partner for the three weeks, but substitutes are possible. Each night is just like an ordinary night of bridge but ultimately the pairs are scored over the three nights of bridge. Change it up a little for a bit of fun!

#### **Item 10: important calendar dates**

Return to Club Bridge at **Morra Hall** on **Thursday 12 September** - please plan to come and "warm the room" and eat cake and drink bubbles and meet everyone in person again.

**End of year party** December 6<sup>th</sup> – Tana has offered to host at her home this year. Partners welcome. More details will follow.

Save the date!

AGM February 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Save the date

Meeting closed at 21:00