

THAMES BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 11am on Thursday 14th September

Present: Carol Judith Ted Lorraine Sue Jane Sabrina Barbara

Apologies: Greg Ross

Moved: Judith

Seconded: Lorraine

Minutes of the previous meeting on 31st August 2023 had been circulated.

Moved: That the minutes of the Committee Meeting held 31st August 2023 are a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Sue

Seconded: Ted

Matters Arising:

Restricted 3 September: a successful day with a large vote of thanks to Judith for Directing and Scoring. A small gift was offered and accepted. Many thanks also to those who aided with morning teas and Soups and Rolls for Lunch.

Lessons: Although lessons as such are over, Sabrina and Carol with the help of the Passey's and Woodford's, carry on with Wednesday evenings. This is so the three workers in our group of 7 can continue to keep their hard earned skills honed.

Liability Insurance: As part of the lease we needed this insurance. Accepted from State Insurance. \$287.50

NZ Wide Pairs: 10th November. Need to push this at club level, only \$10.

Judith queried price of this as not enough. After discussion was moved by Judith and seconded by Sabrina " that the cost be raised to \$13 including table money" All agreed.

Christmas Tournament: 12th November. Director and Scorer needed. Poster has been done and sent off to be circulated in the Waikato districts.

Festival: 5,6,7 January. Poster in pipeline.

Financial Report: Club profit for year \$3642.05 (Includes \$1687 of Compass Money on hand)

There is an Auditor query in place at moment regarding the charity status of the club and whether we require an auditor and a reviewer. Charles is looking into this for us.

Due to the work Charles has done and is currently doing and will do with regards to getting funding for the club, it was suggested that we purchase him a Aeroview Voucher at a later date.

Due to Auditor query Club Books not to be signed off yet for the Auditor

Moved: Carol

Seconded: Sabrina

Correspondence: Assistance has been offered by the Tauranga Club to hold free Lessons for Advancing Junior and Intermediate players. We could offer some help with pool car travel costs.

To be deferred to next year.

Letter from J Mowbray re incident at Tournament. Jane to acknowledge receipt of letter

General Business:

Christmas Tournament Dinner: New Cost of \$40pp Still amazing value.

Moved: Lorraine Seconded: Barbara. Carol has done and circulated poster.

A note has been delivered to an electrician (Luke Autridge) concerning shifting from 3-Phase power to single Phase. This will take us from a Commercial to a Domestic rate. There will be no penalties. Carol to

liaise with Electrician and Genesis. Would also like him to look at lighting in clubhouse to upgrade to the brighter lights. This could be added to our wish list for our club upgrade

Stop Cards: We have many spare joker cards. Lorraine to look into Bridge NZ having Stop Stickers that will go onto them.

Club Room Maintenance/Upgrade plan.

There was general agreement that our Clubrooms are getting increasingly shabby.

The following areas need attention and 2 quotes required for funding

- i. Interior walls need painting – own labour – Estimated Cost \$300 Ted to do quotes
- ii. Floor repairs in main room – own labour – Estimated Cost \$500
- iii. Men's – Basin needs replacing – own labour – Estimated Cost \$200 Judith to do quotes
- iv. Women's – 2 Basins and 3 Toilets – own labour – Estimated Cost \$1,000 Judith to do quotes
- v. Vinyl – Men's and Women's – Estimated Cost \$2,000 Part of carpet Greg to do quotes
- vi. New curtains throughout – Estimated ex Spotlight or similar \$2,000 Lorraine to do quotes
- vii. New carpet throughout – Quoted cost \$12,650 Under Greg already has this in hand with a grant approved by the Rotary Flood Disaster Fund
- viii. Contingency – 10% Estimated Cost \$1,865

Funding: A. Council Grant

- B. Grant from Gaming operators**
- C. Lotto**
- D. Sponsorship**
- E. Member Loans, repaid by \$1 increase in table money**
- F. Bank Loan**
- G. Carol has a list of other places to apply for grants**

Total Cost estimate \$20,515

Next steps

1. Check with TCDC to keep them in the loop
2. Get Quotes – 2 per item
3. Prepare timetable – maybe do the majority of work in December/January
 - a. Get back door repaired by TCDC
 - b. Get Club agreement
 - c. Develop "begging letter"
 - d. Apply to potential sponsors and/or donors
 - e. Paint
 - f. Toilets and Basins
 - g. Carpet & Vinyl
 - h. Curtains

Meeting Closed: 12.15pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th November at the Bridge Clubrooms.