

Thames Bridge Club

Agenda for the Committee Meeting held 10.30am on Monday 26 February 2024

Expected: Carol, Greg, Judith, Karen W, Sabrina, Barbara, Lorraine, Sue, Ted, Ross

Apologies: Barbara, Sabrina (Lateness)

Accepted

Moved: Carol

Seconded: Greg

Minutes of the previous meeting on 6 February 2024 had been circulated

Moved: *That the minutes of the Committee Meeting held February 2024 are a true and correct record of that meeting.*

Moved: Carol Seconded: Lorraine

Matters Arising:

- 1. Review of Constitution** – Ross is working on this, Ted has some info from WBays, Charles V has expertise
- 2. Future Planning** – Ideas on new capital spending were discussed (Defibrillator, New chairs, New lighting). To proceed with any of these we need estimates of prices. If we decide we want to access charitable grants we will need at least 2 quotes per item, and Judith/Charles Verry have successful experience in applying for grants.
- 3. Beginners' Lessons** - To be discussed in General Business
- 4. Club Prizes** – now being paid through Compa\$\$\$. **It was decided that for the Snowden Pairs, Harcourts Pairs and Rolf Pairs prizes will be awarded for both the raw scores and the Handicapped scores**
- 5. Club Program** – Ted is preparing the program for 2025. **Please contact him for any changes you would like to see. Carol will write to Jena Robinson thanking her for her past services.**
- 6. Publicity and Sponsorship.** We need to raise our profile – tell more people we are here and looking for members.
We need to develop a plan
What do we offer our sponsors? Carol will prepare a list of what we could offer sponsors for varying amounts of sponsorship. It was noted that some current “sponsors” no longer contribute, some trophies could be renamed, some are very generous but get little recognition.
What do we want the sponsorship for? Tournament Sponsor, Building Sponsor, Competition sponsor, running costs, capital costs?
The only item discussed was “Competition Sponsor”.
What do we offer our members?
Not discussed

Finance Report:

Our Bank Balances as at 24 Feb 2024 are

Cheque account	3,743.88
Savings Account	8,784.59
Investment Accounts	<u>10,000.00</u>
	<u>\$22,528.47</u>

A list of all transactions for the period 6/2/24 to 23/2/24 is attached, and Judith had prepared a Profit & Loss Statement. Greg will provide a summary of Compa\$\$ transactions.

Payments to be approved for payment

Donna Davenport – cleaning (3)	210.00
Genesis – Electricity	136.74
Spark – Phone & Internet	45.00
Room Upgrade (2)	164.40
NZBridge – Masterpoints and Levies	675.51
Insurance	<u>517.39</u>
Total Payments from 6 Feb 2024 to 23 Feb 2024	<u>\$1,749.04</u>

Moved: *The Payments as listed be approved*

Moved: Judith Seconded: Lorraine

General Business:

RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

1. A brochure has been prepared (Copy Attached) encouraging people to make contact.. We could print them ourselves or get them done by Warehouse Stationery (99c per copy). Warehouse Stationery is quicker and better quality.
Greg will get 50 printed at Warehouse Stationery
Who will distribute them? – Lorraine, Ted- ??, ??
Lorraine will prepare a list of questions for which we would like answers.
Who will collect the responses? - Lorraine
2. Carol has put an ad on Facebook – **Thank you Carol**
Greg has contacted Mel Auld who operates the Facebook publicity for NZBridge. Her response is attached.
The Committee made no decision on this
What other publicity do we want? – Radio, visits to Retirement Villages, schools, library, cafés....? –
Ted is organising Radio, and will put brochures in Retirement villages, Library.
3. How do we incentivise our members to bring along new people?
The Club decided it could offer financial incentives to all those who successfully introduce people who become members.
4. Do we invite “absolute beginners” to
 - their own special sessions in the clubrooms? _ no decision
 - Monday, Tuesday and/or Thursday sessions?
 - other options – eg home .bridge?**There was no discussion on any of this.**
5. When will lessons start? For newbies?
For “able” beginners?
For regular members?. – Kate Terry did offer us a free series of lessons if we wanted
There was no discussion on this.
6. What will the lessons’ format be?
There was no discussion on this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Closed: 12.36

Next Meeting: