

# Thames Bridge Club

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 11.00am on Thursday 3 August 2023

**Present:** Carol, Greg, Ross, Sue, Ted

**Apologies:** Judith, Barbara, Lorraine                      *Accepted*                      Moved: Greg                      Seconded: Carol

**Minutes** of the previous Meetings on 3 August 2023 had been circulated

**Moved:** *That the minutes of the Committee Meeting held 3 August 2023 are a true and correct record of that meeting.*                      Moved: Greg                      Seconded: Ted

### Matters Arising:

1. **Junior Social Play:** Continuing, and beginners joining in
2. **Beginners' Lessons** – Progressing – will carry on as long as there is a need
3. **Scoring for Sections in September Pairs:** Juniors in Compass. Others by hand if they play. Judith not available for 1<sup>st</sup> day, Greg away for all days.
4. **Leaky Building:** Promises, promises. We have applied to Rotary for assistance with new carpet.

**Finance Report:** Apology from Judith. Work on the annual Accounts will start 1/9/23

#### Payments to be approved

1. Helen Phillips – Cleaning \$280.00
2. Genesis – Electricity \$173.21
3. Milica Pty Ltd – Web Hosting \$192.00
4. Pack n Save – Club Stuff \$112.99
5. NZ Bridge – Quarterly Levies \$287.50
6. NZ Bridge – Masterpoints \$327.52
7. Janice Maine – Reimburse Engraving \$115.00
8. Spark – Phone & internet \$45.00

**Moved:** *"That the Finance report be received and payments approved"*

Moved: Greg                      Seconded: Sue

### Correspondence: The following were attached

1. **TCDC** – Lease Agreement was attached. It was reviewed by Charles Verry. The lease contains an obligation on the Club to have Public Risk Insurance of \$2,000,000. Greg has obtained a quote from State Insurance (who carry our Contents Insurance) of an additional \$250 + GST per year for this cover.

**Moved:** *"We take out Public Risk Insurance as quoted"*

Moved: Greg                      Seconded: Sue

Clause 26 of the Lease is **LANDLORD'S CONSENT** The Landlord's consent under this lease is required for each occasion even if the Landlord has given consent for the same or similar purpose on an earlier occasion. Greg will obtain clarification of this from TCDC after the TCDC officer concerned returns from annual leave.

2. **WBRC** – Director Training weekend via Queensland Bridge Assn. On line. Subsidised by QBA. 10 slots available for NZ. Cost about \$AU10 per person. Could be paid by WBRC.

**Moved:** *"Any costs not covered by QBA or WBRC to be reimbursed by the Thames Bridge Club"*

Moved: Greg                      Seconded: Sue

## **General Business:**

- 1. Festival 2024:**
  - a. Venue is confirmed – Thames High School - \$250.
  - b. Entry fees? Last Year Edridge Teams \$45pp, Barclay Pairs \$45pp, Evening Walk-in Pairs \$25pp, Weekend Entry (including Walk-in Pairs) \$90pp
  - c. Poster needs doing
  - d. Tony Morcom directing
  - e. Jan Spaans scoring
  - f. Hall set up can be done any time from mid December (after school closes). Ted to liaise with their Caretaker
- 2. Restricted Tournament Sunday 3 September**
  - a. In Clubrooms
  - b. Maximum 16 Tables
  - c. Our members pay by Compa\$\$\$. Note: Estelle Cashmore is a member.
  - d. All others pay cash - \$30 each
  - e. Judith directing and scoring
  - f. We have a standby pair – Sue & Lorraineto prevent phantoms
  - g. Prizes – Stratified event 1<sup>st</sup> \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40, 1<sup>st</sup> each Strata \$30. Total prize money \$360
  - h. Soup roster- done
- 3. Thames Heat Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs Friday 10 November**
  - a. In Clubrooms
  - b. Maximum 16 Tables
  - c. Entry Fee \$10
  - d. Our members pay by Compa\$\$.
  - e. Director – Greg
  - f. Scorer – Greg
  - g. We need a standby air, and must play at least 24 Boards – preferably not Howell
- 4. Christmas Tournament Sunday 12 November**
  - a. In Clubrooms
  - b. Maximum 16 Tables
  - c. Entry Fee = \$35
  - d. Our members pay by Compa\$\$.
  - e. All others pay cash
  - f. Director is?
  - g. Scorer is ?
  - h. We should have a standby pair to prevent phantom
- 5. Change of Program** for 26 and 28 September. As the NZ Bridge Congress (happening 23 -30 September) coincides with the Final Rounds of two major competitions - the E Knight Pairs and the Whitmore Rosebowl – it is proposed that both those events be played in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October, and the first rounds of both the Superprice Pairs and the Florence Rolfe Pairs be played on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September respectively.

**Agreed**

6. **Member Survey.** Was received, put on the noticeboard, and will be distributed to all members. It will be discussed at a meeting of the committee after Ross returns on November 6, and any changes will be implemented as soon as possible after that.

**Moved:** *"The membership survey was received and Ross Sutton be thanked for his work"*

Moved: Carol Seconded: Ted

7. **Defibrillator.** Ross asked that a decision apply for funding be made at the beginning of 2024
8. **WAPS 2024: Moved:** *"We will hold a heat of the Waikato Area Pairs in 2024, but will reserve the right to cancel the event if there is insufficient player interest from other Clubs"*

Moved: Carol Seconded: Ted

9. **Room Upgrade:** There was general agreement that our Clubrooms are getting increasingly shabby. The following areas need attention

- i. Interior walls need painting – own labour – Estimated Cost \$300
- ii. Floor repairs in main room – own labour – Estimated Cost \$500
- iii. Men's – Basin needs replacing – own labour – Estimated Cost \$200
- iv. Women's – 2 Basins and 3 Toilets – own labour – Estimated Cost \$1,000
- v. Vinyl – Men's and Women's – Estimated Cost \$2,000
- vi. New curtains throughout – Estimated ex Spotlight or similar \$2,000
- vii. New carpet throughout – Quoted cost \$12,650
- viii. Contingency – 10% Estimated Cost \$1,865

Total Cost estimate \$20,515

Funding Options:

- a. Council Grant
- b. Grant from Gaming Machine operator(s)
- c. Lotto
- d. Sponsorships
- e. Member Loans (to be repaid by \$1 increase in table money)
- f. Bank Loan

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. Get 2 quotes per item
  - d. Develop "begging letter"
  - e. Apply to potential sponsors and/or donors
  - f. Paint
  - g. Toilets and Basins
  - h. Carpet & Vinyl
  - i. Curtains
  - j. Have a party

**Meeting Closed 12.20**

**Next Meeting: 19 October at 11am**