

# Thames Bridge Club

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 10.00am on Tuesday 6 February 2024

**Expected:** Carol, Greg, Sabrina, Barbara, Lorraine, Sue, Ted, Ross

**Apologies:** Judith, Karen W *Accepted* Moved: Lorraine Seconded: Ross  
Apology by Greg to Karen W sent by phone. Greg Forgot to include her in the email.

**Minutes of the previous meeting on 6 November 2023** had been circulated

**Moved:** *That the minutes of the Committee Meeting held 6 November 2023 are a true and correct record of that meeting.* Moved: Greg Seconded: Lorraine

**Minutes of the previous meeting on 4 January 2024** are attached to this Agenda

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### Matters Arising:

- 1. Public Liability Insurance**, as required by TCDC, has been organised, and is in place.
- 2. Tournaments** were held.
- 3. Greg** to contact NZB re changing the date of our Christmas Tournament to avoid date clash with Steampunk.

### Finance Report:

#### A. Payments to be approved

Room Upgrade Expenses – as listed	6,506.33
General Expenses – as Listed	2,903.60
Christmas Tournament Expenses - as listed	1,023.95
Festival Expenses - as listed	<u>7,409.16</u>
<b>Total Payments from 6 Nov 2023 to 5 Feb 2024</b>	<b><u>\$17,843.04</u></b>

**Moved: The Payments as listed be approved** Moved: Greg Seconded: Carol

**B. BNZ Signatories:** **Moved:** *“that C Crowfoot, J Bishop and J Davenport be authorised to operate the BNZ Accounts on behalf of the Thames Bridge Club, and that all previous signatories be deleted”*

Moved: Sue Seconded: Barbara

**C. BNZ Account Owners:** **The BNZ have asked that the names of the Account Owners for our accounts be updated. Therefore it is Moved:** *that T Buchanan, J, Akehurst, R Maddox and M Shea be removed from the list of “Owners” and that C Crowfoot, J Bishop and J Davenport be retained.*

Moved: Sue Seconded: Barbara

**Correspondence:** A signed copy of our Lease has been received from TCDC

### General Business:

#### 1. Review of Thames Bridge Festival 2024:

- Venue – Generally very good.** More Female toilets would be nice
- Attendance - Swiss Pairs - good**  
**Teams - good**  
**Walk-in Pairs – disappointing for the Saturday night.** Only 6 Tables.
- Entry Cost - Swiss Pairs \$45 - suggest \$70 for 2025**  
- Teams \$45 – suggest \$70 for 2025 **Maximum \$140 for the weekend**  
- Walk-in Pairs \$25 – Suggest \$20 for 2025
- Lunches – adequate – but suggest be more generous for 2025 – more meat (particularly ham), and add dressing or sauce when making to help stop bread drying out. Expect greater cost.**
- Other Catering - good**
- Prizes - good**
- Raffle – Excellent – great having someone (Karen W) available all weekend to sell tickets.**
- Management – Director - Norm Silcock**  
Scorer - Jan Spaans  
Dealers - Jan and Greg  
Caddy - Chris Hewlett **All good**  
Finance – Greg  
Event Manager – Greg  
Catering Manager - Carol

## 2. Review of Thames Heat Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs Friday 10 November

- a. In Clubrooms
- b. 6 Tables **Put entry fee up to \$15 for 2024**
- c. Entry Fee \$13

## 3. Review of Christmas Tournament Sunday 12 November

- a. In Clubrooms
- b. 12 Tables
- c. Entry Fee \$40 **Re-assess entry fee for 2024 in September**
- d. Prizes – Increase quality for 2024
- e. Management
  - Director Kevin Hu
  - Scorer Greg
  - Food Carol

## 4. Room Upgrade Obviously very successful

## 5. Review of Constitution – needs to be done. Ross will research what needs to be done, and by when, and report to next meeting.

## 6. Future Planning – Two immediate projects were suggested – new lighting and new chairs. At the next Club Sessions we will ask for any further suggestions, and in then we (ie Ross) will survey Club members to ascertain the Members' priorities, and their preferences for paying for any improvements.

## 7. Beginners' Lessons - There was a general wish for our lessons to result in more members coming along willing to play. A large amount of time and effort has been put into our learners over recent years. We would like to encourage people to try to play the game at the **simplest possible level, starting in an "Home Bridge" environment** (preferably but not necessarily in the Clubrooms), and at non- scheduled times. We will ask at least 3 members to volunteer to help at any session, so that guidance can be given. **Instructors are not needed – Guides are needed.** These sessions will be publicised as widely as possible, and will simply be asking anyone interest to contact 1 of 3 coordinators. The coordinators will arrange for guides, venues, and times.

## 8. Club Prizes – For all non-trophy competitions - winners will receive a credit of \$4 in the Compa\$\$ accounts

## 9. Club Program – Some alterations have occurred, and some errors or omissions have happened.

**The program this year will be as published in the program book.**

Some contact details are wrong – please notify any errors to the secretary and write the alterations on the whiteboard. Emails will be circulated with the corrections.

Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday 5 Nov. Will be a Club event – Drinks and food before, during and after the race which starts at 5.30. Sweepstake will be held, followed by Social Bridge.

## 10. Hire of Clubrooms to Thames Rotary Club – Maximum of 12 Meetings per year. First meeting 26 Feb. Charge to reduced to \$20 per session.

## 11. 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?** Access to members, publicity for business, the "feel-good" stuff?

**What do we want the sponsorship for?** Tournament Sponsor, Building Sponsor, Competition sponsor, running costs, capital costs?

**What do we offer our members?**

## 12. Handicaps: All new bridge players will be given a handicap of +10% for up to one year. Any changes will be reviewed by the committee before they are implemented.

Meeting Closed 12.37

Next Meeting: