

Thames Bridge Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 11am on Thursday 11 April 2024

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

Apologies: Judith, Karen W, Barbara

Accepted

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Sue

Minutes of the previous meeting on 26 February 2024 had been circulated and are on our website.

Moved: *That the minutes of the Committee Meeting held 26 February 2024 are a true and correct record of that meeting.*

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Carol

Moved: That we move into Committee to discuss an item of confidentiality

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Carol

Moved: That we move out of Committee, endorse the decisions that were made in Committee

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Carol

Correspondence:

Jena – Prizes for Juniors – asking the committee to consider adding Junior/Junior prizes (in addition to the overall prizes) for the 4, 5 and 6 week events which are not handicapped. After discussion the Committee made no decision to change the status quo, and asked the Secretary to draft a letter in reply to Jena.

General Business

1. Review of Constitution – Ross and Ted are working on this. Greg to send Ted a copy of our constitution

2. Beginners' Lessons - Sabrina reported – “all going well”

3. Future Planning –

a. Defibrillator

Moved: *Lorraine to obtain 3 prices for the supply of a defibrillator to be kept in our Clubrooms.*

Moved: Ross

Seconded: Greg

b. New Chairs

Moved: *We do not get new chairs at this time.*

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Sabrina

c. New Lighting

Moved: *Ted to get 3 quotes for the supply of sufficient and appropriate new lights for the main playing room.*

Moved: Ted

Seconded: Carol

4. Sponsorship The committee suggested that donations could be used to

i. Boost the Club's coffers

ii. Contribute to, or provide, Club prizes

iii. Support the Club's tournaments with contributions to running costs and/or prizes

iv. Enable upgrades for our Clubrooms

v. Enable maintenance and/or upgrades of playing equipment stationery etc.

Moved: *We actively seek new sponsors to help fund present and future needs.*

Moved: Ted

Seconded: Ross

Moved: *We adopt the attached Sponsorship Plan.*

Moved: Ted

Seconded: Ross

5. Charitable Donations. The Club is a Registered Charity. It does collect donations from the public, and from members. It does not have Donee Status with the IRD, but it could obtain this by (a) if necessary making a slight alteration to the Club's Rules (which were set up with the Charities Commission in August 2009) making it clear that part of our income comes from Donations/Koha, and then applying to IRD for said Donee Status. It is almost always granted. This would enable the Club to issue receipts to persons or businesses who make donations to the Club so that they may claim a rebate on their income tax.

Moved: *That the secretary applies for Donee Status for IRD*

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Carol

6. Recruitment Publicity – was done – brochures were distributed and displayed. Valley Profile printed photo and a article, Ads were on Facebook, Radio not interested, little support from members, about \$50 spent, and many hours by committee members at the Club, Library, Richmond Villas etc. Did not advertise through NZ Bridge. It may be worth noting, that Te Awamutu claim to have spent over \$1,000 on their promotion, and started with 48 newbies.

7. Meeting Frequency: Can we have regular scheduled meetings?

Moved: *Committee Meetings to be held monthly*

Moved: Ross

Seconded: Lorraine

8. Name Badges – Carol co-ordinating orders. Club members pay \$12 per badge through their Compa\$\$ accounts 20 have been ordered, and more will be ordered in batches on demand.

Finance Report:

Our Bank Balances as at 5 April 2024 are

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| Cheque account | 3,428.17 |
| Savings Account | 8,857.10 |
| Investment Accounts | <u>10,000.00</u> |
| | <u>\$22,105.27</u> |

The Income we have received since 26 February is

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| Table Money | 1,865.00 |
| Subs | 60.00 |
| Interest | 77.78 |
| Donations | <u>216.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>\$2,218.78</u> |

Payments to be approved for payment

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| Donna Davenport – cleaning (6) | 420.00 |
| Genesis – Electricity | 174.06 |
| Spark – Phone & Internet | 46.17 |
| Cub Expenses | 432.24 |
| Room Upgrade (2) | 274.45 |
| Rates | 1,238.07 |
| Festival Engraving | <u>49.50</u> |
| Total Payments from 24 Feb 2024 to 5 April 2024 | <u>\$2,634.99</u> |

Moved: *The Payments as listed be approved*

Moved: Ted

Seconded: Sabrina

General Business:

Match Committee: For the selection and management of the Interclub Teams competition the Committee selected Ted, Sabrina and Lorriane were appointed as the Match Committee.

Interclub Players' Expenses: The Club will pay the Entry Fees for members of our Club for the Waikato Interclub Event, and will pay for transport of \$50 per car per team.

New Boards: The secretary to investigate obtaining new(or good used) boards.

Meeting Closed 12.28

Next Meeting: Monday 6 May at 11am.