

Thames Bridge Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting to be held 11am on Monday 1 July 2024

Expected: Carol, Greg, Sabrina, Lorraine, Sue, Louise, Karen W, Ted

Apologies: Judith, Barbara

Accepted

Moved: Carol

Seconded: Karen

Minutes of the previous meeting on 10 June 2024 had been circulated and are on our website.

Moved: *That the minutes of both the Committee Meeting held 10 June 2024 are a true and correct record of that meeting.*

Moved: Carol

Seconded: Sue

Correspondence:

1. **From Ross Sutton:** Resignation from Committee.

The suggested response was approved

2. **From Pam Buchanan & Grant Platt:** Complaint

From Pam Buchanan & Grant Platt: Complaint – The suggested response was approved

Moved: *The Club Directors have Committee endorsed permission to administer consequences for misbehaviour at the bridge Table. These consequences will include Penalty tricks or adjusted scores according to the degree of infractions.*

Moved: Ted

Seconded: -

3. **From NZ Bridge – Toolkit**

There is no mention of the need for ongoing support for scoring – This has been raised at WBBC, and will probably be raised by them at the District Conference

4. **John Peppiatt – Club Survey - Received**

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Fundraising Program** – Ross no longer wants to be part of this. We have a good understanding on what is needed, - and that those needs are different for different purposes. Included are some (non-original) suggestions for the Festival, for Tournament. Suggested that each mini-project (eg program Book) devises its own sponsorship proposal based on the Club's guidance.
2. **Defibrillator** – has been delivered Jim Urry is constructing a suitable place to store it. The training session run by Carl from Elite Medical Services was very entertaining and informative. Donations are still coming in from members.
3. **New Lights** – We are planning to assist Brett Glass (Electrician) to install these on Friday 26 July
4. **Review of Constitution** – To assist Judith, Ted, and maybe Ross and Charles the Committee should prepare some recommendations for them to include in the proposed revision. A copy of our current Constitution is attached.
5. **New Chairs:** Judith has got quotes for 75 chairs, and a sample chair is arriving shortly.
Moved: *"The Thames Bridge club applies for funding of \$8,107.00 from the New Zealand Community Trust for the purchase of 75 chairs from Capital Commercial Furniture."* Moved: Sabrina Seconded: Sue
6. **Festival 2025:** Many helpers will be needed – especially on the 10th, 11th and 12th January. Planning needed to get things started. Entries are open. School Hall is booked. Scorer is booked. Director is still to be confirmed. Sponsors' names, Logos will be needed before we can print posters and distribute flyers.
7. **Grant (Curly) Pratt** suggested the Club organise a Blues & Jazz Day, with a session of Bridge (or other card games) for members and others, followed by Dinner & Dancing in the Squash Club. Greg has discussed with Grant, thanked him for his idea but declined at this time.

General Business

1. **Results of Survey of Members.** The survey was sent to all members who play regularly at our Club.
 - a. We received responses from 37 Members - 2 Open players, 16 Intermediates, 17 Juniors and 2 Beginners. Very few Beginners received the survey..
 - b. 14 respondents (38%) regularly played twice a week, and 18 (49%) played in all 3 sessions.
 - c. 25 (68%) thought the current proportion of Handicapped competitions was about right – 5 (14%) thought there could be more and 7 (19%) would like less.
 - d. Preferences for Howell or Mitchell movements – 23 (62%) didn't mind which one we used while 9 (24%) preferred Mitchell and 5 (14%) preferred Howell.
 - e. Rainbow Sessions for Social Bridge – 13 (35%) wanted about the same number of sessions, while 14 (38%) wanted more and 10 (27%) wanted less.
 - f. Swiss Scoring – About the same number were 16 (43%), More 8 (22%) and Less 13 (35%)
 - g. Directing – 7 people would like to know more about being a Director.
 - h. Newsletter Questions – 12 (33%) wanted more questions, 6 (17%) wanted less and 18 (50%) didn't mind either way. One person did not answer.
 - i. Prizes of \$4. 32 (86%) thought this was about right, nobody thought it was too much, and 5 (14%) wanted more.

- j. Talking Bridge. 23 (62%) found this useful, 5 (14% of those surveyed) wanted more than one session a fortnight and 2 (5%) rarely go along. 14 (38%) did not attend.

Waikato Bay Bridge Committee. Greg has been co-opted back on to the Committee

2. **Directors.** At least 7 anonymous people have expressed interest in directing at Club level.
3. **Scorers.** Some others (maybe the same people) have expressed interest in doing the scoring. Maybe individual sessions with Greg (or ??) for up to 1 hour after each Bridge session for a period of time – say 2 weeks each. Starting asap.
4. **Thames Restricted Tournament.** September 8 – 9 weeks away. Appoint Director, Scorer, Food Coordinator, Raffle organiser. Decide on Sponsor(s), prizes, food budget, and entry fee. Then design, print and distribute flyers
5. **NZ Wide Pairs.** Friday 15 November
6. **Thames Christmas Tournament:** Sunday 17 November – as for item 5 above. Please note that Greg will be away for all of October, will be back on 30 October, but **will NOT** be available on the 15, 16 and 17 of November.
7. **New Initiative:** Organise a Coromandel Schools Regional Bridge Championship for 2025.
8. **Procedure for New Members:** Our Constitution states

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

All members shall be elected by the Committee. Any person desiring to become a member shall apply to the Secretary in writing stating his or her name and address. Such person shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member and they shall sign the application as a guarantee of its accuracy. Every new member shall be given a copy of the rules on election to membership. The committee may accept, defer or reject any application without giving reasons for its decision. No person shall be elected to membership if at least two members of the Committee vote against acceptance. A candidate rejected may not again be proposed for membership until the expiration of a period of six months. The Committee may any time close the membership list for such period as it thinks fit.

We have Application Forms

New members are required to complete an application form which will be passed to the Committee for approval

Finance Report:

A finance report Bank Balances as at 30 June 2024 were

Cheque Account	1,876.94
Savings Account	9,137.34
Term Deposits	<u>10,000.00</u>
	<u>21,014.28</u>

Moved: “The Assistant Treasurer’s Report be received, that Louise be thanked for her work, and that payments of the following payments be approved ”

Moved: Sabrina Seconded: Greg

Payments to be approved for payment

Donna Davenport – cleaning (4)	280.00
Carol – Soap & Towel Dispensers	324.25
Genesis – Electricity	155.13
Spark – Phone & Internet	45.00
Club Expenses	179.24
Ted Cliffin – Travel Exps to Interclub Teams (via Compa\$\$)	40.00
Jane Browne – Travel Exps to Interclub Teams (via Compa\$\$)	40.00
Elite Medical	3,264.07

Total Payments from June 2024 to 30 June 2024	<u>\$4,327.69</u>
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Next Meeting: Monday 5 August at 11am

Meeting Closed: 12.35