

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NEW PLYMOUTH BRIDGE CLUB, SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022, 4.00 PM, AT THE CLUBROOMS

Present: Deane Skelton, Coby Slager, Maggie Garnham, Christine Burton, Frances Corcoran, Anthony Murcott, Cecelia Stringer.

Apologies: Pam Livingston, Jenny Cleaver, Brooke Chubb

Opening: Deane thanked everyone for responding to his request for a meeting.

Purpose of the Meeting: To clarify for members the Club's position regarding the wearing of masks at the Clubrooms.

Matters Discussed at Length:

- The advisory from New Zealand Bridge dated 27 January 2022.
- Whether the club should remain open – some Bridge Clubs in NZ have closed.
- Should masks be compulsory within the clubrooms.
- The changed Covid threat following the motion at the AGM where it was agreed that masks not be obligatory.
- Online bridge alternative for members who do not wish to come to rooms.
- The impact on the club's finances.

All those in attendance were given the opportunity to address their concerns and make their recommendations, plus comments from those who had sent apologies were read out.

Moved: Maggie/Deane

"That the New Plymouth Bridge Club make mask wearing compulsory in the clubrooms from 4 February 2022." – carried with 6 for, 1 against.

It was agreed the above be reviewed on a monthly basis. The bar to be open at the end of sessions but masks can only be removed while seated consuming drinks as per the Government guidelines for cafes/bars.

Online Bridge:

Christine has done a lot of work to provide an online alternative for our members and she presented her proposal to the meeting.

Moved: Christine/Frances

"That a letter to club members be emailed offering four free Sunday sessions of Real Bridge, commencing Sunday 6 February, to enable members to become proficient on the Real Bridge site. After the four free sessions the charge will be \$4.00 per session." – carried unanimously.

Closure: 5.10 pm

