

Minutes of Committee Meeting of New Plymouth Bridge Club

Wednesday 11 October 2023, 4.30 pm at the Clubrooms

Present: Deane Skelton, Christine Burton, Jenny Cleaver, Frances Corcoran, Pam Livingston, Anthony Murcott, Diane O'Donnell, Cecelia Stringer, Jim Sutherland, (David O'Shaughnessy and Phil Barron for short periods.)

	Welcome: Deane welcomed the Committee and David to the meeting.
**	<p>Compa\$\$ (Compass Dollars) – David attended the meeting to explain this concept.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a cashless method for collecting table money. 2. All members would have a Compass Account solely for the purpose of paying table money. 3. David advised that 16 other clubs are using this and finding it very efficient. 4. Information to be emailed to members advising how the concept works. 5. David has taken over the ownership of the Club's Gmail Account from Cecelia while he is working on the Compass management. <p>After an extensive question and answer time it was Moved Deane/Pam – “That we adopt Compa\$\$ for payment of table money at the Club from 1st November 2023.” Carried unanimously.</p>
**	<p>Handicap Policy – While David was still in attendance this matter was elaborated on by both him and Pam.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The XG handicap system was explained. 2. Members to be reminded that rating points are different from handicaps. 3. This way of setting handicaps looks at last 2,000 boards a member has played, compares them to the rest of NZ, and progressively alters handicaps via algorithms. <p>After discussion it was Moved Pam/Jim – “That the Club adopt the XG Handicap System from 1st January 2024.” Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Deane thanked David for his input and David then left the meeting.</p>
1.	<p>Previous Minutes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No matters were arising from the minutes. <p>Moved Jim/Diane – “That the minutes of the meeting on 13 September 2023 are a true and correct record.” Carried.</p>
2.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Outwards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reply to a member regarding Marsh Cup dispensation request. <p>Inwards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NZB – Update on law changes for Societies Constitutions. 2. NZB - Policy for Electronic Communications. 3. NZB – Advising of delay to increase in Tournament C Point fees until 1.1.24. 4. NZEI recent rooms hire – emails back and forth regarding hirer's obligations. 5. Query from Pukekura Toastmasters regarding hiring small room fortnightly on a Wednesday evening. Generally felt we need to keep our session nights free for the Club's sole use. <p>Incident Book: Nil.</p>
3.	<p>Financial Report (Diane):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TSB is changing business accounts. We can go onto an On Call Account - interest will stay at 3.1%.

	<p>Moved Diane/Jim – “That we change to a Business On Call Account with TSB.” – Carried.</p> <p>Moved Diane/Jim – “That the Financial Report and Accounts for Payment be approved.” - Carried</p>
4.	<p>House (Frances):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jim has replaced the phone. Thank you to Jim for donating. 2. A quote for spider spray has come in. 3. Coffee machine needs to be moved back into the main room. More pods are available. Surplus pods are held in the bar. 4. Frances raised security for members who are in unlocked rooms on their own, plus the issue that has arisen of individuals entering the building to use the toilet and stealing our soap dispensers when the door is unlocked. It is not a safe practice to lock the door once entered. Suggested we install an electronic beam to alert individuals that someone has entered the premises. Deane to investigate.
5.	<p>Building (Tony):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alteration to door into women’s toilet pending. 2. Jim advised he is still chasing quotes for painting the roof. He has a quote from Greg Brown, Grays Painting Contractors are interested in re quoting, and chasing the chap who painted Tony’s next door neighbours roof. 3. Deane still trying to find someone who is prepared to repair roof leak.
6.	<p>Match & Grading (Pam):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deane suggested that the 1st Tuesday Swiss Pairs be renamed “Ravi Modgill Memorial Swiss Pairs” in 2024 and the meeting agreed wholeheartedly. Pushpa to be approached about this. 2. Pam advised the Competition Rules are almost finalised. Thanks again to Russell for his input. These will be published on the website before the Programme Books are out. 3. Prizes at prizegiving will be in Compa\$\$ credited to individuals accounts.
**	<p>Constitution – Phil Barron joined the meeting to discuss the law change requiring us to update our Constitution. A full discussion then took place.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NZB is proposing to send out a generic Constitution as a starting point. 2. Suggested that the Constitution be kept simple. Additional details can be added in the Bylaws/Rules. The Bylaws to be available to all members on the website. 3. We would need to update our Policies. Suggest we generally adopt NZ Bridge Policies. 4. The new legislation imposes more obligations on the Officers of the Club. 5. Once a draft copy has been formulated this would be made available to all members to review. 6. Phil is happy to help with the process. Agreed a small Constitution Committee be formed. Pam indicated she would be interested in being on the committee and it was suggested we ask Russell to come on board also. <p>Deane thanked Phil for his input and Phil then left the meeting.</p>
	<p>Training & Development (Christine):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christine advised she has approached Central District regarding their offer to financially assist people to attend the Teachers Conference on 11 November. They have agreed to pay the Club \$200.00 for each attendee towards expenses. Christine’s flights are \$366.30 so this will be a big help. 2. 3+1 Teams event to be held in November. Wednesday night convenors need to make sure new members are involved. Notice for entries to go up on Thursday. 3. Stayman lesson was well attended. 4. In an email to Christine, Colin has referred to the Growell Anniversary Tournament in November and queried the cost to enter, bearing in mind that Growell have contributed \$500.00. He wants to be assured that the sponsorship is used at the tournament in the form

	of good prizes and food. The Committee can confirm that the sponsors recommendations will definitely be followed (confirmation email to go to Colin).
8.	Directors (Jenny): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scorer's Job Description has been finalised. 2. Linda Foley has agreed to take over this job for 2024.
9.	Bar (Jim); <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bar profits for the year are \$4,193.00 which is very pleasing.
10.	Health & Safety (Written report from Walt): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All checks are up to date. 2. A trial evacuation was completed on Wednesday 4 October and entered on the FENZ website as required. Next trial evacuation due February 2024.
11.	General Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loveblock NZ Wide Pairs – 10 November, starting at 7.00 pm. Entry \$15.00. Jenny to organize a director. Cecelia to put up flyer and entry list. 2. Cecelia is away all of November. Christine offered to do the November meeting minutes, Lyn Muller is doing the AGM minutes, and Frances to keep an eye on the email and attend to any urgent matters. 3. New Plymouth Revital Growell Anniversary Pairs 4 November. Jim/Frances/Deane to get together and allocate prize money and finalise any other outstanding details. Sandra to be Director. 4. Programme Book. Frances reported this is well underway. A thank you to go to Judy Herdson for the sponsorship work she has done, particularly obtaining new sponsors. Membership list to be corrected per the sheets that have been available to members to check. 5. The nominations for the Committee for 2024 are coming in slowly. The Secretary position not definitely filled at this stage. 6. Cecelia tabled an updated policy and charges for the hire of the rooms. Moved Cecelia/Diane – “That the new charges as set out in the updated policy are appropriate.” – Carried.
	Closure: The meeting closed at 6.45 pm. Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 November, 4.30 pm, at the Clubrooms.
	Signed: Deane Skelton, President. Date: