

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF THE INVERCARGILL
CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB**

Held in the clubrooms, 50 Elles Rd, Invercargill at 7.00pm on
Wednesday 16th January 2019

PRESENT: Sherry Elton, Jan Brown, Harry Shepherd, Lindsay Glover, Colin Thomas, Sue Scott, Angus McKay, Judith Lawton, Lee Davies, Claire Graham, Julie McDonald

APOLOGIES: Annie Somerville

Moved: That apologies be accepted Jan/Lindsay Carried

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous committee meeting were circulated.

Moved: That minutes of the committee meeting held 21st November 2018 be confirmed as true and correct. Lee/Harry Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

- Canterbury Mortgage Trust – annual report, PIE certificate
- Tangalooma bridge holiday – klingers
- Dwyllis McStay - letter re membership
- Marianne Frisby – re promotion decision

Outwards:

- Sympathy card – Barbara O’Connell
- Juanita Allen– thinking of you
- Dwyllis McStay – letter from match committee, in response to application for promotion
- Sympathy card – Lorraine Oliver
- Sympathy card – Marilyn Jackson
- Letter to Marianne Frisby and Andrea McWilliam in response to Marianne’s letter

Moved: Inwards correspondence and outwards correspondence be approved. Lindsay/Lee Carried

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

A financial report for the period ended 31st December 2018 was tabled for the meeting.

Moved: That accounts of \$3,553.74 as presented be approved for payment. Angus/Colin Carried

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Property:

- Fire Protection and upgrade of fire extinguishers has been completed and certificate completed.

Match:

- Jan read out a report from the match committee meeting held 14th January, See appendix 1

Moved: That the recommendations from the match committee be adopted. Jan/Judith Carried

Moved: That the match committee recommendation that Linda Taylor and Fay Woodward be offered promotion to silver division be accepted with effect from 1st January 2019.

Jan/Angus

Carried

It was noted that Jeff Elton, Linda Taylor, Kevin Kerr and Fay Woodward have accepted promotion to play in silver division, and that Marianne Frisby and Marie Chilton have both declined. As a result Marianne Frisby will carry a 4% handicap for the forthcoming year and Marie Chilton will carry a 2% handicap for the forthcoming year.

House:

Action	Responsible	Update
Induction package new committee members	Sherry	Write expectations and copies of new constitution to have on hand
Sponsorship for 2020 SI pairs	Annie	Look at funding August 2020
Quiz night	Angus	To organise
Computer manager role		To be written by Geoff Eyles
Cash reserves		To be discussed going forward
tablecloths	Judith	Sewing B around March 23
ILT funding	Claire	To apply for sponsorship

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Promotions: A meeting will be held for all interested, on the 27th February – to be publicised in notices

Secretarial role: The current secretarial role will be as a minute secretary only, with Yvonne Hughes continuing as administrator and picking up the writing of directors' notices. It was agreed that the honorarium for the secretarial role be discontinued.

Computer Manager Role: An honorarium for the role of computer Manager was discussed and it was agreed to action this. The payment would be independent of the decision to discontinue the secretarial honorarium should this need to be re-instated in the future.

Moved: That an honorarium for the role of computer Manager of \$500 be paid annually to Geoff Eyles for the time he puts in and his continuing dedication to that role.

Jan/Lee

Carried

The tournament on 19th January was discussed and details finalised

Tablecloths: It was confirmed that the NZ Racing Board have contributed \$3,500 towards new tablecloths. A working B will be arranged to make them.

Moved: That all the tablecloths be replaced, and fabric at \$99/m be purchased, as there was a better selection within that range.

Jan/Lindsay

Carried

ILT funding:

Moved: It was moved that an application for funding be made to ILT for \$1000 grant for 2019 ILT Murihiku Tournament and \$500 grant for 2019 ILT sponsored tournament.

Jan/Sue

Carried

Entertainment Guide:

It had been suggested that every club member purchased a guide to keep or sell on. This was not considered to be appropriate, and the status quo will remain, with members purchasing books only as they wish.

Cash reserves:

Angus suggested that there would be a discussion going forward about the appropriate level of cash reserves to be held by the club.

Harry has sent the trophies to Paul's for engraving.

Meeting closed at: 8.55pm Next Meeting: 20th February 2019
SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

Signature: _____ DATE: _____

APPENDIX 1

Match Committee Meeting Report – 14 January 2019.

Handicaps in Silver Reserve

Recommend no longer have a handicap result on Tuesday nights, as trialled last year. Not achieving what had been intended – little difference between the two results. Also, given the problems at the end of the year with the lack of transparency around the handicaps held of those who had previously declined promotion to Silver – there is a need to ensure this does not occur again.

From this year, all Tuesday night competitions will produce both a handicap result (relating purely to those players who have declined promotion (M Frisby and M Chilton) and an off the stick result. Prizes only awarded to the “handicap” result.

Otago/Southland Tournament this weekend

Recommended this be hosted in the East Room because of heat concerns. Lindsay Gunn is the Director and will deal the boards – likely to be 9 rounds of 8. Geoff E and Jan B will meet her to assist with room set-up.

Catered Tournaments

Recommend we continue to provide catered tournaments for the Murihiku and the Open B events again. Caterers to be approached re availability and charge.

Tournaments

Directors to be sought for all tournaments ASAP.

Promotions Criteria Review

Suggest a subcommittee including the Match Committee and members of Silver Reserve meet to discuss concerns about the promotion criteria and get input into changes they wish to have made, and to clarify any questions. A date to be set.

Late Nights

Clock must be used for every event – complaints being received about late holiday bridge nights. Also to adhere to the previous minute that no more than 26 boards per night (or finish by 10.30 pm).

Tuesday night – to remove all results bar that table’s results from the Bridgemates, investigate the possibility of not having the analysis printed on the sheets and if that is not possible, to then not have slips behind the backs of the boards – to assist in speeding up play.

Charity Tournament

Jan to approach charity and advise; director to be sought; Jan to do computer and arrange everything else to be put in place. \$10.00 per person table fees. Donations of prizes and raffles to be sought immediately via notices.

Foveaux Communications Tournament

Promotion to start six weeks out from the event. Director to be sought. This is a catered event – entry fee to be set once catering costs known. Other arrangements to be put in place.

2019 Learners' Classes:

Start date 12 February 2019. Anticipate 16 weeks of lessons. Advertising to be undertaken via Southland Weekend Express – being co-ordinated by Jill and Anne S. Also to do Facebook promotion, and via our website. Jill will arrange a flyer. Lessons to be \$50 per person.

Directing Roster

Approach taken this year differs to past. Qualified Directors being used on Monday night. Allocating responsibility for other days to share the load. Directors to find their own replacements. Will try it and see.

Teams/Mixed Pairs Entries for 2019

Entry forms have been compiled and are to be put up in foyer ASAP. List of Juniors for Mixed Teams was considered. Agreed that learners for the last three years should qualify, as some concerns re last year's learners not coming back in a hurry. To encourage their involvement in these competitions. In the meantime, Jill holding a refresher night for them to encourage their participation.

M Frisby Request for Personal Appearance on First Night

Agreed this is unnecessary. Letter of apology has gone, has been made very public via notice board and newsletter. No advantage or need seen to do yet another apology. Judith/Jan to advise Marianne.

Improvers Classes

These are to be undertaken during the year. Will be shared by Geoff and Anne. Different levels to be targeted.
