

**Minutes of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Inc
Committee Meeting held in the Clubrooms, 50 Elles Road, Invercargill, on
Wednesday, 15 March 2017, at 7.00 pm**

Present: Anne Somerville, Jan Brown, Yvonne Hughes, Jeff Elton, Grant Milne, Christine Dallas, Tony Winters, Lindsay Glover, Marilyn Jackson.

Apologies: Harry Shepherd, Judith Lawton

Minutes: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 15 February 2017 were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record, on the motion of Grant Milne, seconded T Winters – **Carried**

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The motion that was passed at the last meeting relating to winners of Silver Reserve series being allowed to pay in Silver for the next series was revisited. It was noted that this may not always suit the parties involved. It was proposed to amend the motion to allow the winners to play in “a” series. This was supported – Moved T Winters, seconded J Elton, that the winners of a series in Silver Reserve be eligible to play in any one Monday night series in that calendar year. **Carried.**

Correspondence:

Inwards: Invercargill Licensing Trust – advice of and cheque for \$1,500 grant.
Janet Thomas – letter of resignation as secretary. Noted that S Elton had expressed an interest; been interviewed for the role; has agreed to undertake the role should the Committee support this. Sue Scott (on an interim basis) also available, should the Committee not be able to make an appointment. Moved T Winters, seconded G Milne, that Sherry Elton be appointed to the role of Secretary of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club. **Carried**

The meeting then addressed the issue of the Honorarium, as it was felt by some that it should be reduced. A motion to reduce the honorarium from its current \$2,500 to \$1,000 was not passed. It was agreed to seek input from Sherry (and also Christine) on the sorts of hours involved in each of the roles, and to discuss this again at the August meeting, when honorariums are due to be considered.

Spark – advising cost changes – noted.

Jane Stearns – re NZ Bridge issues, and disassociation of herself from Palmerston North Bridge Club letter – noted.

Citizens Advice Bureau Database update request – information provided.

NZ Bridge re Director Exam dates for 2017 – given to Marilyn J.

NZ Bridge – Election Information and Candidate Briefs. Received and circulated to those interested.

NZ Bridge – advice of outcome of elections. Received.

Outwards: Card sent to Judith Lawton
NZ Bridge Board Elections – vote cast.

Financial Report:

Detailed financial report for the period ended 28 February 2017 was tabled. Moved C Dallas, seconded T Winters, that the financial report be received and the accounts totalling \$4,581.36 as presented, be approved for payment. **Carried**

Electrical accounts – Treasurer to check and see if the accounts of the last 12 months have reduced, given the changes that were made last year.

Sub-committee Reports:

Bar

Going well. Stock take completed and tabled for inclusion in the record. Grant currently completing course to maintain his Bar Managers' Certificate – involved significant hours. Thanks Grant!

Property

Internal automatic doors – still awaiting quote.
Car park light – still awaiting quote.
Garden – suggested PD workers be used for gardening. Approved.
Thanks to Grant for new lines in car park – still have some paint left over.
Still trying to get Building WOF costs refunded – ongoing battle with ICC.

House

Cleaner's contract signed? Not sure – waiting for confirmation from Judith, but in the meantime, all going well in that regard.
Forthcoming hires – two bookings – 40th birthday 22 April 2017 and a 70th birthday at Labour weekend. 12 April will be Inner Wheel Rotary annual dinner. Also Christadelphian Society hire this coming weekend. Noted Sarah Dowie event went ahead – awaiting payment currently.
Working Bee – disappointing attendance, but those that did attend, achieved much.

Match

Bill Hughes Simultaneous Pairs – agreed to host on 30 June 2017. \$8.00 per person entry; Invite Winton in; Jan B to be the contact/organiser
Teams – concerned defaults could be used to manipulate results. Noted ultimately no defaults are allowed, and follow guidance of NZCBA on these matters.
Southland Real Estate tournament – shifting tournament to 10 March 2017 if this suits the sponsor.
Cup donated by Betty Davis – to be for the winner of the Friday series played in the month of April each year (irrespective of how many Friday's there are). To be handicapped. To be known as Betty Davis Birthday Series. Tony Winters to advise the Friday players of this outcome. Anne S to liaise with Joan Martin and the family to ensure trophy is made available.
Lindsay Trophy – Gore sought Invercargill computer and equipment to score this event on. Approved. Agreed to start promoting in April.
ILT Murihiku Tournament – currently seeking a Director. Charge to be \$35.00 per head/per day; 10.00 am start each day. Start promoting a month out. Noted Anne S not here for this event.

Promotion Criteria – reviewed. No recommendation to change criteria, but to make things clearer on the information sheet by removing reference to “pair” as it is the individual’s score that counts; and to highlight that people can apply for promotion.
Learners’ classes going well – 10 committed to date.

Action Items Carried Forward:

Record Books No progress at this time.

Printer: Quote for \$300 for Brother. Agreed to reduce the amount of printing that is done each week by taking a list of those people who want to have a print out of the hand records at the end of the night, and the Director can print off. Moved T Winters, seconded G Milne, that approval be given to the purchase of a Brother printer as outline to the meeting.
Carried

General Business:

Club Development: Quote of approximately \$20,000, but does not include plumbing cost, or new equipment – ultimately likely to be in the order of \$30,000 even without equipment, if elect to go with stainless steel kitchen to allow hires. Further quotes to be obtained before consideration given to this further.

Entertainment Book: To be promoted via email to all club members – Anne Somerville

Southland Real Estate Tournament: Difficulties on the day were enormous; significant help and support given by Deidre Glover at the time. Thank you Card and 2 x bottles of wine to be given to Deidre in appreciation of this assistance.

Tournament results to be sent to all clubs at the end of an event.

Club Rooms: Has consideration been given to hiring out part of the club on a permanent basis? Noted this has been considered in the past, but only at the suggestion of others, and the potential tenant at that time did not proceed. Agreed to make enquiries as to the potential rental that could be obtained, before taking this matter further. Anne S to follow-up with Gus Johnston.

Termination:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.31 pm.