

**Minutes of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Committee  
meeting held on Wednesday, 16 November 2016, at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** A Somerville (Chair), J Lawton, J Brown, C Dallas, G Milne, M Jackson, H Shepherd, Y Hughes, J Elton, L Glover, and T Winters.

**Apologies:** J Thomas – apologies accepted on the motion of Y Hughes and J Brown.  
**Carried**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2016 were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of T Winters and Y Hughes. **Carried**

**AGM**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the AGM were given read to the meeting and given interim approval on the motion of M Jackson and L Glover. **Carried**

**Matters Arising:** No matters raised – all already agendered.

**Correspondence – Inwards:**

- **Letter from A Turner** Treasurer of NZ Bridge read to the meeting; Letter from A Geursen President of NZ Bridge read to the meeting; Follow-up letter from A Geursen President of NZ Bridge read to the meeting. The issues were discussed briefly, in light of the report that had been provided on attendance at the Regional Conference by Jan Brown, Yvonne Hughes and Judith Lawton. It was agreed to hold over until the end of the meeting, whilst members thought the matters over.
- **NZ Bridge:** Advice of vacancy on the Board. Received. No action taken.
- **Rarotonga Bridge Holiday 2017** – Notice to go on Noticeboard.
- **NZ Bridge:** Minutes of meetings of 15 August 2016 and 17 October 2016 received and circulated

**Correspondence – Outwards:**

- The Furness Team – thanks for continuing, and providing explanation of approach taken to their concerns
- D Ross – thank you letter and payment of Auditor
- Fire Protection Compliance Ltd – emailed correspondence as requested.

**Moved** J Lawton, seconded G Milne, that the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence approved. **Carried**

## **Financial Statement**

Christine Dallas tabled the financial statements for the period ended 31 October 2016. The accounts of \$5,169.86 were passed for payment and the financial statements were adopted on the motion of C Dallas, seconded H Shepherd. **Carried**

The Treasurer was also authorised to pay any accounts that were received between this meeting and the next (i.e. over the Christmas break), and report on those payments at the next meeting, on the motion of C Dallas, seconded G Milne. **Carried**

It was noted that six Christmas Hamper Raffles have been ordered from Countdown and will be available from Thursday night.

## **Sub-committee Reports:**

**Bar** – Going well. Recently re-stocked. Will be a stocktake report provided at the next meeting.

**Property** – The car park lights will cost \$3,520.20 plus GST based on the NES quote. Agreed this was more than anticipated. A further quote to be obtained from Foveaux Communications. The quote does cover the full replacement of the fittings at the top of the light as well as bulbs.

Potholes have been fixed in the driveway – to be removed from agenda.

Wi-fi Connection – Anne still to approach Bruce Batchelor – remain on the agenda.

Internal doors – reinstatement discussed. Grant not amenable to replacing. Significant discussion. Agreed to wait until next winter, to consider whether there is a need to return them

**House** – Coffee club used the entire building during their last hire. Some concern they may not have cleaned-up at the conclusion, but as the Travel Club came in behind them there was some uncertainty. Cleaner has reported is doing significant cleaning after hires. Agreed there is a need for committee members to check the rooms before an assessment of additional hours work can be made.

Agreed that the Cleaner is to be provided a Christmas Thank you of a \$100.00 Countdown voucher, on the motion of J Lawton and Y Hughes. **Carried.** Judith will arrange to give to Pete.

Also discussed significant contribution Geoff makes to the computer work and in particular the Swiss Pairs events. Noted some recompense has already been provided this year. Agreed, on the motion of Y Hughes and T Winters, that Geoff be provided with a \$100 Countdown voucher in appreciation of this work. **Carried** Judith Lawton will arrange.

Agreed thank you letters are also to be written to Stewart's Pharmacy for their generous donation of a goody bag for raffles for the club; also to Tim Yeo for the donation of the pens that have been used recently.

Noted there are some forthcoming club hires – both mid-week and weekend events. Jan to circulate the details of same to the Committee for their information.

**Match Committee** – Promotions discussed – recommendation of the Match Committee is that Christine Dallas be offered promotion to Silver. This was approved on the motion of Y Hughes and J Brown **Carried**.

A review of the recently held tournaments was conducted, and the Swiss Pairs events that are being held on Mondays and Tuesdays. All successful.

The Programme Book is being completed. Lindsay Trophy date discussed – agreed 22 /23 April weekend. The Sponsored tournament to be switched to the alternate date. Evans Trophy date to move to 7 May (proposed).

The Committee discussed poor entries to these events and it was agreed that the Match Committee should be asked to investigate the option of playing a Teams Event between Gore and Winton (and possibly Queenstown), possibly on a home and away basis, to try and secure the long-term future of these events.

#### **Items under Action:**

- The Life Members photographs – this is still being actioned by Judith Lawton.
- The Record Book – Lindsay Glover is going to take this over. He is intending to scan the photographs to try and maintain their quality.
- Sponsorship: Application for funding to be lodged with SBS after 1 December 2016. Southland Real Estate has confirmed they will continue sponsorship into 2017.
- The Charity tournament it was agreed would be for the Neurological foundation.
- Approaches to be made to two potential sponsors by Judith Lawton and Jan Brown.
- Teams Rules: To be updated for the New Year. Teams format discussed. Strong push for teams to be moved to a Wednesday to try and get players from Winton and our own club that play at Winton, playing in this competition. Pros and cons discussed at length. Suggestion could run a combined teams event on a Tuesday night (with Winton club) This was not supported however, as it would not allow our SR members to play. Agreed that a survey be undertaken this Thursday night to ask players whether or not a shift of the teams events (Silver only) to a Wednesday night would inhibit their participation. The matter to then be considered by the Match Committee.
- Wednesday Afternoon Players have agreed they will have an afternoon tea break each week – it is more social.
- Holiday Bridge – Sue Scott is one Convenor and is happy to continue in this role (noting she will be out of action for part of this time)
- Club Development – deferred until next year.
- Club volunteers night confirmed as 16 December, 7.00 pm for drinks and nibbles; 7.30 pm for goulash pairs. Invites to be issued this week.
- Officer Computer Upgrade: Geoff and Anne working on
- Website Development Officer – Deidre Glover is doing – to be removed from agenda.
- Private car park sign will be installed before year's end.

### **Additional Agenda Items:**

Subcommittee appointments were made as follows:

**Match** – Jan Brown (Convenor), Yvonne Hughes, Marilyn Jackson and Anne Somerville

**House** – Judith Lawton (Convenor), Jeff Elton, Tony Winters

**Property** – Harry Shepherd (Convenor), Lindsay Glover, Grant Milne

**Bar** – Grant Milne

**Sponsored Night Tournaments** – Convenor – Y Hughes

**Master Points/Tournament Secretary** – Y Hughes

**Club IP Teams:** Noted the payment agreed at the last meeting had not been actioned. Christine to follow-up.

**Otago/Southland Swiss Pairs – 21 January 2017** – Notice to be issued as soon as possible (Regional Committee will do). Agreed IBC will charge \$8.00 per head for catering that is provided. Entry fee will likely be \$25.00, and entries will be via on-line and local club list.

**Prizegiving:** Confirmed as 7.00 pm on the last night of Christmas pairs. Bridge will start at approximately 7.30 pm. Supper half way through. 22 Boards of bridge or thereabouts. All to bring a plate. Christmas Tree to be erected as soon as possible.

### **General Business:**

- Teams Night – last night is this week. Agreed the club would provide Chocolate Slab Cake and have a break at half way. Anne Somerville to arrange.
- Directors for next year – Roster proposed of Monday nights Moss, Craig, Tony, Anne, Lindsay and Greg (to be approached re availability). Tuesday night to comprise Harry, Marilyn, Jan, Yvonne and Judith.
- Letters from A Turner and A Geursen were returned to at this point. It was agreed that the Committee did not feel it had sufficient information to make any response to same, but would maintain a watching brief.

### **Closure:**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.