

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

Held in the clubrooms, 46 Elles Rd, Invercargill at 7.00pm on
Wednesday 15th November 2017

PRESENT: Anne Somerville, Jan Brown, Jeff Elton, Harry Shepherd, Judith Lawton
Sherry Elton, Marilyn Jackson, Christine Dallas, Lee Davies

APOLOGIES: Lindsay Glover, Angus McKay, Yvonne Hughes

MINUTES:

That the minutes of the meeting held 18th October 2017 be confirmed as true and correct

Moved: Anne Somerville **Seconded:** Judith Lawton **Carried**

MATTERS ARISING:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

- Jane Stearns - nesting pairs.

It was suggested that nesting pair's link be sent to every club member.

- Resignation Jan and Allan Jacobson, retiring to Te Anau
- Jane Stearns – update on RBM
- Jeff Elton to match committee - helping learners enter the playing room
- Susannah Pinckney - interviews of regional Inter- Provincial players for short articles to be place on the NZBridge Facebook and Website. Referred to Anne Somerville to follow-up.
- ICC – Rating valuation
- Fire protection compliance – maintenance required = dealt with later in the meeting

Outwards:

- Sympathy card to Richard McMillan re mother
- Thinking of you – Bill Campbell in Calvary
- Birthday card to Irene Warnock – 90th
- Get well card to Alistair Baird
- Sympathy card to Bev Forbes' family
- Sympathy card to Bev Flint re husband
- Sympathy card to Alistair Baird's family
- Thank you letter and request to Rowena Jackson for sponsorship
- Deirdre to Rowena Jackson thanks and photo

Inwards correspondence received outwards correspondence approved:

Moved: Sherry Elton **Seconded:** Christine Dallas **Carried**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

A financial report for the period ended 31st October 2017 was tabled for the meeting. That the accounts of \$4661.00 as presented be approved for payment, and the financial report adopted. That accounts that are incurred from this point forward and through the Christmas break be paid when due and ratified at the next meeting.

Moved: Christine Dallas **Seconded:** Jeff Elton **Carried**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bar: None

Property:

- The plumbing pipes in the ceiling will be repaired as soon as possible with two quotes being requested; one from Ryders and one other.
- Fire protection maintenance. Harry will confirm with the Fire Service that the two extra fire extinguishers they requested are not necessary, and ask them to remove them from their list.

House:

It was moved that a \$50 voucher be gifted to the cleaner for Christmas

Moved: Judith Lawton

Seconded: Lee Davies

Carried

Christine Dallas will organize Christmas hampers for raffles

Match:

It was moved that Jo Smith, Betsy Gray and Marianne Frisby be offered promotion to Silver Division.

Moved: Jan Brown

Seconded: Christine Dallas

Carried

There have been two applications for consideration to date. Others are able to apply, with a cut-off date for applications being Friday 24th November.

Expectations of a Committee Member

- Committee members will support all home tournaments
- Committee members are required to provide a “savoury” plate when participating in tournaments
- Will play with and encourage learner members into the club
- Will assist/support Learner/Improver nights.
- Assist with the provision of supper at tournaments irrespective of whether they are on the House Committee or not.
- Stay until the end of all tournaments to participate in and support the prize giving, assist with selling of raffle tickets, tidying up of rooms, re-setting of rooms at the conclusion of any tournaments.

Pianola

Reported on the opportunity to trial this site for our Club – three months initially

Costs initially identified as approximately \$1200 but to be confirmed with the provider

Will support club administration, provide an easy to use website, assist with targeted emailing of members, provide a “find a partner” option for all members.

In additional Pianola+ provides in depth analysis for individual members on their play.

Agreed, subject to confirmation of the costs, to purchase Pianola+ this for 12 months (following an initial three month trial), to give all members the opportunity to have in-depth use of this option, and then seek feedback at the next AGM on its continuation.

Moved: Judith Lawton

Seconded: Christine Dallas

Carried

Action items carried forward:

Action	Responsible	Update
Pianola computer programme	Jan Brown	Discussed as above
Learner retention	Anne S	To form sub-committee to work with Susannah Pinckney, RBM
Thursday night format/Anniversary pairs	Match committee	To progress
Table numbers Wed and Thurs	Sherry E	To print on yellow card
Volunteers night	Sherry E	Send invitations
David Ross fee	Judith L	To check he is happy
Fire Service extinguishers	Harry S	Confirm the extra two are no longer a requirement and update their list
Old copper cylinder to sell	Harry S	Will action
New tablecloths	Judith L	Following up Queenstown source
Christmas raffles	Christine D	Will put together hampers
		Email all members in the new year
Move to East room		Move on Monday 27 th
Supper break for Tuesdays		Implement for first series 2018
Gardening group	Harry S	To be implemented
Junior VP	committee	To be found urgently
Charity for 2018 tournament		Ask members via notices
Stock take in kitchen	House committee	To complete
Gardens	Sherry E	Call council re tidy front and more bark

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Regional Bridge Mate: Visit to club by Susannah Pinckney. Anne Somerville reported back with a summary of the meeting held with Susannah last Wednesday evening. The meeting was very positive, and Susannah will send a working document with a suggested programme.

Supper Break for Silver Reserve: One outcome of the meeting with Susannah was to not only help to integrate learners into silver reserve room but to provide a greater social atmosphere within the club, for the club to reinstitute a short supper break, from 9.00 pm to 9.10 pm roughly. This will give people time to get a cup of tea, time for slower players to catch up, and perhaps make it apparent that some need to speed up the play.

It was moved that a supper break of ten minutes be implemented at the start of 2018 on both division nights, to run for 12 months. It will be self-serve with packets of biscuits provided.

Moved: Lee Davies **Seconded:** Harry Shepherd **Carried:**

Email messages – when sending emails out, it was suggested that those using the BCC option, send the email to themselves, to assist in identifying who is sending the emails.

East Room: Play will move to the East room on Monday next, 27th

- Charity for charity tournament 2018 – ask club members if they have a favourite charity they would suggest the club supports
- It was agreed that a stock take in the kitchen would sort out what is needed
- Anne Somerville thanked members for organising Bev Forbes' funeral and the Swiss Pairs tournament
- Gardening – it was agreed that a gardening working plan would be set up

Countdown cards:

It was moved that Lee Davies and Jeff Elton be added as signatories on Countdown cards.

Moved: Judith Lawton

Seconded: Jeff Elton

Carried

The date of the AGM 2018 was set for 7th November

Meeting closed at: 9.29pm

Next Meeting: January 17th 2018

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

Signature: _____ DATE: _____