

MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAMARU BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED
HELD AT CLUBROOMS STEWARD STREET OAMARU
11 October 2023 at 7pm

PRESENT:

Liz Drew ¹	Junelle Edmonds	Alison Brown	Graham Mills	Theo Jordens
Lyn Dunlop	Julia Knight	Peter Simpson	Louise Whitelock	

1. Apologies

Peter McLellan and Derek van Basten.

Moved: JE Seconded: LW- carried.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 13 September 2023 were circulated.

Moved: LynD Seconded: GM- carried.

3. Matters Arising

Club Scoring System

JE advised that we have confirmed with Martin Oyston/Bridge NZ that we will be using his Scorer website to post our results in 2024 and they are working through the handicaps for Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Health and Safety Subcommittee

This item will be carried over to the December meeting and the new committee.

New Timer for Committee Room

Darryl has been asked to action this but there have been difficulties finding a reasonably priced timer.

4. Correspondence

Moved: GM Seconded: PS- carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

GM presented his profit and loss report for FY2023 as well as the usual accounts.

He had undertaken the exercise of dividing the expenses by the number of persons playing over the year and has concluded that it costs the club \$3.41 (plus GST) per person. This is below the table money charged of \$3 (incl GST). The Club had an operating loss of around \$6,000 for 2022 and has managed to reduce this loss to around \$3,300 for 2023. However expenses are expected to increase for the 2024 year (increased wages for the cleaner, increased rates, higher electricity charges, higher insurance premiums etc) and therefore he recommended that the table money be increased from \$3 to \$4 for 2024 to ensure that the Club run at least at a break-even point. He did not recommend an increase in subscriptions.

¹ Liz Drew abbreviated to LD; Lyn Dunlop to LynD

The committee discussed the profit and loss report as well as the recommendations in detail.

Following this discussion the motion was put that the Committee recommend to the AGM that the table money be increased from \$3 to \$4 from 1 Jan 2024 and that the subscriptions remain unchanged:

Moved: GM Seconded: LD- carried (with one abstention).

With respect to the balance sheet he noted that he has accrued the New Zealand Bridge quarterly charges to the end of September 2023 (the invoices to be issued on Sunday) and noted the sponsorship monies as receipts in advance.

With regards to the accounts for payment he added the reimbursement of \$29.09 for folders he had purchased and noted the GST was only an estimate at around \$300.

The accounts/invoices presented for ratification and authorisation were approved.

Moved: GM Seconded: AB - carried.

GM also presented his analysis of electricity usage over the past 5 years to try and identify why our invoices have been significantly higher lately. The analysis shows that (bar an aberrant month in Jun-Jul 2022) usage have remained reasonably consistent and the increases come from the per kW price increases and the daily fixed charge increases.

6. 2024 Programme

TJ suggested that the Geare Teams event be moved to the first half of the year (with the Same Sex Pairs being moved to the second half) so that there are not 3 team competitions occurring at the same time. More generally it was agreed that feedback be sought from members as to other changes they might want to see in the Programme.

7. 2023 AGM

AB advised that the nomination list for committee members is up on the noticeboard (closing 2 November) and TJ asked that directors encourage members to consider standing for the committee.

With respect to motions to be put to the AGM there will be the recommendation of the committee as to the increase in table money and that Frances Sheehy be made an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

8. Learners, Continuing Education and Directors

The last improvers' lesson for 2023 is 25 Oct 2023.

LD/JE to finalise attendance at the Teachers Conference in Christchurch and to advise New Zealand Bridge of who will be attending. It was agreed that the Club would meet the costs of mileage for one car plus one night's accommodation noting New Zealand Bridge will offset some of these costs.

Moved: LD Seconded: Lyn D - carried.

9. Otago Southland Regional Conference 18 Nov Alexandra

In response for volunteers to attend AB and JE agreed they would represent the Club at this conference. It was agreed that mileage and one night's accommodation would be met by the Club, noting that New Zealand Bridge is to offset some of these costs.

Moved: LD Seconded: GM - carried.

10. Maintenance

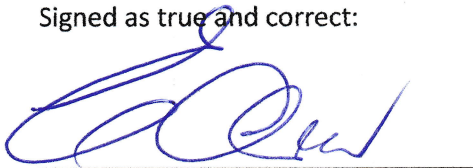
LD noted that a plumber had been in to fix the women's toilet but that this may not have been successful.

11. General Business

- AB to remind members of the NZ Wide Pairs

Next meeting -8 Nov 2023 at 7pm

Signed as true and correct:



WJ Drizo
President
Dated: 8 Nov 2023