

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAMARU BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED
HELD AT CLUBROOMS STEWARD STREET OAMARU
8 May 2024 at 7pm**

PRESENT:

Liz Drew ¹	Margie Baird	Junelle Edmonds	Graham Mills	Alison Brown
Theo Jordens	Bev Conlan	Lyn Dunlop	Peter McLellan	Peter Simpson
Derick Van Basten	Louise Whitelock			

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2024 were circulated.

Moved: TJ Seconded: JE- carried.

3. Matters Arising

Health and Safety

An issue with a wonky chair was raised.

Financial Report to March tournament

LD circulated the report noting a net profit of approximately \$700.

Non Home Members Invoicing

LD/GM have been following up with the relevant players.

Report back of Building Subcommittee

GM presented the subcommittee's report. They considered both a sale of the existing clubrooms and the purchase of alternative ones, and the situation where due to fire/flood etc temporary alternative rooms were needed. Overall they concluded that it would be premature to consider a sale of the clubrooms until the lease issues with the Council are fully resolved and that at present the facilities offered by owning our own premises outweigh any perceived advantages in moving. With respect to temporary accommodation where the clubrooms are unavailable that can only realistically be addressed when such an event occurs.

One issue that did come out of the review was the need to ensure that the computer files are regularly backed up. DvB/JE to institute a monthly backup procedure.

The report of the subcommittee was accepted.

Moved: GM Seconded: JE- carried.

¹ Liz Drew abbreviated to LD; Lyn Dunlop to LynD

Introduction by Spark of Charging for Email Account

JE advised that she had previously secured a gmail account *oamarubridgeclub@gmail.com*. It was agreed after discussion that the club should transfer to this gmail account. AB/GM to notify all members, other clubs, NZ Bridge, suppliers and councils. The Spark account to be retained for 3 months while the transition takes place.

Moved: TJ Seconded: MB- carried.

4. Correspondence

Two additional items were noted: a thank you card from Eileen Fake and notification that we must reapply for our club licence. AB agreed to take the lead on renewing the licence.

Moved: LynD Seconded: GM- carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

GM addressed the issue of insurance premium renewals. He noted that the premiums quoted range from \$4,256 to \$5,256 depending on the value attributed to the building. He also noted that a formal valuation of the building will be required for insurances next year. After discussion it was agreed in light of the fact that the building would be revalued in 2025 to keep cover at the current \$1.5m (premium \$4,256).

Moved: GM Seconded: JE- carried.

GM then presented his financial report.

The accounts/invoices for ratification and authorisation were approved.

Moved: GM Seconded: AB - carried.

6. Learners, Continuing Education and Directors

MB presented the report on learners. She noted that the club should aim through various measures (which she outlined) to support the new players until the end of the year.

It was confirmed that all people who attend learners lessons are to pay the \$50 fee regardless of whether or not they may have attended the lessons in previous years. Learners on becoming members of the club pay a sub of \$25 for the remainder of the year, and receive a free name badge, Programme and Dummies Guide to Oamaru Bridge Club.

Moved: MB Seconded: TJ - carried.

TJ noted that 2 people are attending the directors training sessions.

7. Maintenance

PMcL has contacted Allied Alarms (as recommended by the Councils) to carry out the required annual building inspection.

Issues with the ladies toilet door were noted and will be checked. PMcL was congratulated on fixing the previously squeaking kitchen sliding door. DvB will look at the notice at the front door again.

8. General Business

- Mid South Island Interclub Teams

It was agreed that Oamaru would host the 2025 round.

With respect to the entries from members for the 2024 competition it was agreed that a subcommittee of LD/MB and LW would meet to decide the criteria for selecting our representatives. A closing date on expressions of interest will be 17 May 2024

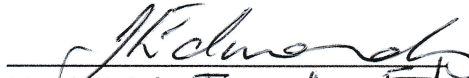
Moved: TJ Seconded: JE- carried.

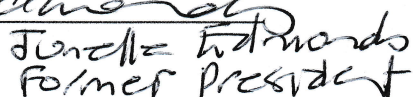
- Revisions to Constitution

AB noted that the club's constitution must be revised no later than April 2026 following the changes to the Incorporated Societies Act and subsequent regulations. Otago Bridge Club has been successful in registering a compliant constitution and offered that as a template to other clubs. AB has based the proposed revised constitution on that template and circulated to the committee. AB proposed that a subcommittee (AB/GM/JE) go through the proposed revised constitution and report back to the full committee with the intent that the revised constitution will be put to members at the 2024 AGM.

Next meeting -12 June 2024 at 7pm

Signed as true and correct:


Margie Baird
Vice President


Junelle Edwards
Former President

Dated: 12 June 2024

