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2025-09

- **Membership survey to** be sent out.

2025-08

- **Anonymous donation received** to buy new tablets.

2025-07

- Committee agree to purchase **new computer**.

2025-04

- Agreed to **purchase 6 new Tablets**

2025-02

- **WhatsApp group created** for finding partners

2024-11

- Two **new Heat Pumps installed** plus additional one in foyer.

2024-07

- **EFTPOS -not financially viable** as too expensive.
- **Table money increased to \$6.00** from 01/09.
- **Club room rent increased to \$95.00 per use**

2024-06

- **Table Fee Administrator position created.**
- **New Rules for Club agreed** at Special General Meeting.

2024-05

- **New vacuum cleaner purchased.**

2024-04

- **New member applications no longer be displayed** due to privacy reasons.
- Members now called **Home and Non-Home members**.
- **Subscriptions due 20th January.**

- **Visitors may play 6 sessions** before being asked to join.

2024-03

- **Petty Cash** closed
- **Sensor organised for front door**

2024-02

- **New Bar freezer** to be purchased

2023-12

- Agree to purchase **new steam mop**.

2023-11

- Received **quotes for heat pump in foyer** – decided not to progress

2023-10

- **Work to be done on new rules** to be re-registered

2023-08

- Proposed to **formalise tea person payments**

2023-07

- Proposed **new role of Table Fee Administrator**

2023-06

- **Locks changed** on doors

2023-03

- **Water Cooler replaced.**
- New **cash register** purchased.

2023-02

- **Wednesday night start time changed** to 7.00 pm start

2022-12

- Cleaners hourly rate increased.

2022-10

- Honorariums to increase by \$100.00 as amount not changed for 10 years.

2022-08

- Agreed to increase rent charged from \$75 to \$85.
- Vinyl to be installed Sept.
- Agreed to update curtains to blinds.
- Club Rooms to be painted.

2022-07

- New glasses purchased for bar

2022-02

- New Bar fridge purchased.
- Defibrillator purchased.

2021-12

- Committee agreed to replace kitchen vinyl.

2021-10

- Bar prices went up.

2021-08

- Previous committee meeting no quorum so discussions ratified.
- Agreed for quote for new vinyl for kitchen.
- Painting of building – Stewart Kerr to complete.

2021-07

- Table cards now in use

2021-04

- Cleaner job description updated

2020-11

- Pictures in club found to be valued at about \$500.00 each so can't have them added to insurance.
- Directors fees – discussed and agreed club not in position to be paid.
- Minimum number of boards to be played on Monday is 20 for C points.
- Change to 7 o'clock start for Mondays

2020-10

- Curtain linings perishing – agree to cut off lining

2020-09

- Agree to reimburse cellphone costs if membership person

2020 – 02

- SBS investment to be closed and moved to Westpac

2019-12

- Committee agreed to buy tablets
- Look at tokens for table money.

2019-11

- Presentation from Pat Chapple on increasing membership.
- Proposed change to Xero Accounting package

2019-10

- Email from Christine Samson, proposed remit on increased table money withdrawn.
- Table cards to be costed out.

2019-09

- Report from Christine Samson on decline of membership and attendance – about 80 active members most coming 2-3 times.
- Discussed increasing table money.

2019-08

- Green pens to be used for learners for high visibility.
- Agreed to use paper cups instead of plastic ones when supplies used up.
- Name badges – amnesty for members to get free badges for August only.
- Reduced number of boards for few weeks with learners coming in

2019-07

- Committee agreed to purchase new tablets.
- Committee agreed to rent photocopier with low monthly costs.
- Insurance policy read and found to be good
- Phone relocation – committee agreed not to move phone from kitchen.
- Small increase to Bar prices.

2019-06

- Term deposit reinvested for 272 days to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- Insurance document to be read to see if we are exposed if kitchen used for cooking.
- Agreed that certificates are all that are required for end of year prizes.
- Main cloak room now uni-sex.

2019-04

- New Photocopier Alan Lewthwaite proposes that we go with the new machine, and that John Aitcheson will negotiate the contract upon his return. We would like to know if we are committing to a further 5 year contract or does it carry on from where we are. Eve would to take the old printer if available.

- **SBS Term Investment** – needs signatures updated but will leave until maturity then withdraw funds.
- **Tax exemption to be applied.**
- **Updated quote for insurance and excesses agreed**

2019 03 March – **Discussion of increase of table money** – needs to be put to AGM before increase occurs.

- **More accountability for informal payments of cash since we are now a charity.**
- **Purchase a new fire extinguisher**
- **Update insurance valuation**

2019 02 Feb – **Cost of Rent increase for hire of room**

- Dale proposed a motion that the cost of rent be increased to \$75.00 (including GST) for 3 hours hire, seconded by Eve. All in favour. Invoices to go out soon to the 3 club's that hire our rooms – we will ask for updated details. The form is to be updated. Letters to be sent out in April.
- Dale proposes that **chips are provided by the club on a Saturday.** Committee happy to go with that.

2019-01

- **Party in the park** – discussed – too much work but could be looked at next year.
- Eve suggested **new smoke alarms** be installed.
- **New fibre connection**
- **Archiving** – keep 2 of each programme's book. Need ideas of what else to keep

2018-11

- **New banking signatures required for bank**

2018-10

- **Tablecloths** too expensive to go ahead with,
- **Term deposit reduced to cover cost of painting roof**
- **Possible change of auditor required.**

- **Idea if we could have space on website for people to find partners** – found to be too hard
- **Changes to DCC Lease**

#### 2018 09 – agreed to run Junior Tournament In September

- Proposal Christine proposed the motion that “As the club's main objective is to foster and promote the game of bridge, the **committee will make a concerted effort to attract as many learners and new members as possible in the next year**. This may include spending some of the club's accumulated cash resources on advertising, flyers and actual training. A subcommittee will be formed to plan this effort”. Seconded by Jude Smeijers. Agreed unanimously.
- Jude Smeijers moved that: Taieri Bridge Club **apply for registration as a Charitable Organisation**”. Seconded Christine Samson. Agreed unanimously.
- **Survey sent to members** for purpose of how to increase membership

#### 2018 08 August – Repaint Roof

- **Repaint the roof.** Stewart Kerr and Raymond Beardsmore have inspected the roof and the building exterior. Stewart has obtained a “quote” from Calder Stewart for \$13,000 to repaint the roof. Stewart Kerr has said he would paint it for much less. Eve put forward a motion that “In the next financial year, the TBC will renovate the building exterior including the roof.” the motion was seconded by Val W.

#### 2018 07 July

- **Timing Clocks.** Some members are concerned that Wednesday Night Bridge goes on too late (10.50 pm) – although after discussion it was found that this was more unusual than a regular thing. Eve feels that Directors to use the timing clock and encourage slow players to catch up. Members are to be reminded that they should be seated at least 5 minutes before play commences.
- **Prize money for tournaments** was discussed. Jude Smeijers proposed that the committee support the idea of using approximately 1/3 of the table money as prize money. Seconded by Val Wilson. This was voted and 6 members agreed and Eve Beardsmore disagreed to this on the basis of how much profit the club should make from tournaments.

#### 2018 06 June - \$5.00 discount if they attend our next tournament

- **\$5 Discount for tournaments:** It was also agreed that we will be offering our members \$5.00 discount if they attend our next tournament on 28th July 2018.
- **Sub-committee to plan for lessons:** The committee has agreed to form a sub-committee in September to start planning for next year’s lessons to see if we can get better advertising looking at new residential developments with a letter drop.

- **Special General Meeting** – reason for meeting is to approve rule changes which will make it easier for the club to register as a charitable organisation. If we become a Charity then we will be exempt from tax, it will be easier if we need to apply for funding for projects, it will make any software purchases a lot cheaper, members will be able to claim a tax rebate for any donations. The meeting will start with a preamble, then discussion then the members will be asked to vote and accept all changes

2018 04 April

- **Why bar not open – asking for volunteers.** Letter from Alec Ansett asking why bar is not open always on a Monday night. Letter to be sent saying that we would do our best to rectify this situation by asking for more volunteers. It was noted on Monday's and Wednesday nights there was very little patronage.
- **Stay with current photocopier** New photocopier – Eve looked at proposal and found that Ricoh were only offering a refurbished second hand one. Committee have agreed to stay with current photocopier while it is still working well as we own it.
- **Non-members to request seating rights from director on the day:** Discussion was had on non Taieri Club members requiring seating rights and it was decided that these members should request seating rights from the director on the day.

2018 03 March

- **Car parks being licensed** - Dunedin City Council – reply from Maria Sleeman – (rec'd 21/02). Letter read to committee. Eve wishes to reply as reference is made to car parks being licensed and she would also like to request a refund for bitumen costs as part of the car park is being dug up in preparation for the new footpath. It was also noted that the pedestrian crossing poles had already been painted black but the lights on the pole remain.
- **Remuneration for the person taking lessons.** Barbara Wilkes proposed a motion that the Club agree to contract Kristen Collins for taking bridge lessons for 2018. Seconded by Dale Cameron. Agreed unanimously. An independent contract is to be organised by Barbara.

2018 02 February

- **Facebook group** - Kristen Collins – request to set-up Facebook group – (rec'd 09/02). Kristen spoke about this as being a way to provide information to learners and other members who may be interested. Committee agree that Kristen go ahead.
- **Remuneration amount for the person taking lessons.** An amount was agreed by the committee but more work to be done on the logistics of payments etc.

2018 01 January

- **Lessees to get a letter with new year's accounts reminding them of their obligations.**
- **Learners using cheat sheets:** On Monday nights players may now double learners as it is part of the game. With regard to learners using their cheat sheets for bidding the committee has agreed that this will be allowed until 1st March to allow learners to ease

back into the year.

2017 11 November

- **Dale to take over bar duty:** Agreed that Dale would take over bar duties.
- **Director to ask if bar to be opened:** Following on from Alex Ansett's request at the AGM, it was decided that the Director will ask before the end of each session whether anyone would like the bar to be open.
- **New Zip:** Committee agreed to new zip being installed.
- **Handicapping by John Shanks:** A motion was put forward by Val Wilson that the Club would go ahead with handicapping through John Shanks. Seconded by Barbara Wilkes. Agreed unanimously.
- **Back-up director for Saturdays:** Christine would like someone to be a back-up director on Saturday – Jenny Magee has agreed to be this person.
- **Proposed table money decrease** – was extensively discussed. Donna wrote letter urging caution. The committee would need to provide to Donna and the Auditor, workpapers and budgets, forecasts, etc before the full ramifications of such a decrease (and its sustainability) could be understood. A motion was put forward by Val Wilson that we do not reduce the table money from \$5.00 a session. Seconded by Barbara Wilkes. Agreed unanimously.
- **Ideas to give back to members financially:** Some ideas were suggested by Eve about how we could give back to the members (financially) and it was agreed to do the following: Run 4 Sunday afternoon seasonal bridge sessions at no charge to our members. On a trial basis to reduce the cost of the March tournament for our members only to see if this increases participation.

2017 09 September

- **Vacuum cleaner donated by Bob.**

2017 08 August

- Committee agreed to purchase new vacuum cleaner – Bob may be able to donate one.
- **Kristin to get small token of appreciation:** The committee have agreed to give Kristen a small token of our appreciation for the great work she has put in with the lessons for the learners. Committee also agreed to reimburse her for costs of \$31.40 towards the lessons.

2017 07 July

- **Treasurer – all accounts to be approved at committee – prior to payment being made.**
- **\$2 table money for youth players:** Committee agreed that young people should only pay \$2 table money.

- **Playing 24 boards but play to cease at 10.30:** Committee agreed while new players attend on a Monday night that they will attempt to play 24 boards but play may cease at 10.30.

2017 06 June

- **Purchase new sets of boards:** Agreed to purchase new sets of boards – 3 sets of 28 boards

2017 05 May

- **Who organises the director for fun nights:** Some confusion about who organises director on fun nights. Convenor and organiser to liaise to sort out as often a director has been rostered at the start of the year. Also noted that some non-Taieri members turn up which is to be encouraged by the committee.
- **Cabinet to stay in men's toilet area:** Taieri Probus Club Mixed (now called The Friendly Club) cabinet – committee have agreed that cabinet should stay in men's toilet area.

2017 04 April

- **Wastage of biscuits:** After seeing a lot of biscuits being wasted the committee has agreed to trial that whoever collects the supper will ascertain how many biscuits are required prior to collecting the tray.
- **Carparks now reinstated as part of lease:** DCC Lease update on further discussions – carparks now reinstated as part of the lease.

2017 03 March

- **Cost of lessons for existing members:** A question was asked if existing members should pay for attending lessons again. Moved by Eve that existing members may attend new entry lessons and will not pay extra – seconded by Jen. Agreed unanimously.
- **Outside clubs not to use our rooms for storage:** Discussion held about extra items being stored by club renters in ladies cloak room. Moved by Ryan that outside clubs cannot use Bridge Club as storage – seconded by Val. After discussion felt that limited storage would be applicable.
- **Club badges to be provided for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, committee.**

2017 01 Jan

- **Advertising accounts for the programme book.** A motion was put forward that the charges for the advertising in the programme book should be set at the base amount plus GST. Seconded by Joan, Agreed by all. (15% increase on last year's prices).

- **Review of room hire charges** – cost \$60.00 for 3 hours of hiring. Charge to stay the same until a budget is put forward to show need for increase. Motion that room charges be kept the same.
- **Wednesday handicapping discussed**. A motion was put forward whether to consider handicapping for Wednesday nights, but it was left as is with the proviso that more research was required.

2016 11 November

- **Junior rankings to win trophies**: A motion was put forward by Eve “That only members ranked Junior grade, as per NZ Bridge are eligible to win Junior Championships, The Beryl Bishop Trophy, The Mabel Porteous Trophy and The Three Night Individual Trophy. That games played with partners above Junior ranking will not count towards the above Trophies.” Seconded by Christine. 1 dissention. Motion carried.
- **Adjusting handicaps**: A motion was also put forward by Bob “To adjust handicaps to a more realistic level”. Seconded by Eve. Carried unanimously.
- **C points be given off the stick**: Eve also put forward the motion “That C Points continue to be given off the stick”. Seconded by Val. Carried unanimously.

2016 09 September

- **Defibrillator** costs \$2,500 discussed for our club. Felt we would leave it until a Charity as we may be able to apply for a grant for it.

2016 08 August

- **Charity Tournaments be called matches**: It was suggested that the two Charity Tournaments - actually only “Matches” and perhaps should have the name changed to differentiate them from an actual tournament.

2016 04 April

- **Director to use microphone**: Letter from Janet Rutherford about Wednesday night requesting that all directors use the microphone and to ensure that time per hand is kept to minimise delays with discussion of the hands after the event. Committee felt both items are important.

2016 02 February

- **EOY prizes to be monitored better**: 2015 Xmas Party – all went well. Felt that EOY prizes could be monitored better as not quite sure at end which people have not received prizes. Also, discussion on prizes for Monday night competitions that don’t have trophies. No definitive decision made.

2015 11 November

- **Action list started** in minutes

2015 10 October

- **Bert Matthews Trophy** – Committee has agreed to change the rules regarding this trophy. It will be awarded to the member on a Monday/Wednesday night who plays with the greatest number of players over the year. If it is a tie then it will be awarded to the member who has played the most sessions. This is to encourage members to play with as many different players

as possible.

2015 09 September

- **Mercury smart meter installed:** Power company Mercury has now installed smart meter and reports the key they held on file has been destroyed. We have signed up for a 2 year fixed cost which rolls over on 19th October 2017.

2015 06 June

- **Eve has donated a foldable suitcase trolley** which will adequately do the job of a sack trolley – thanks Eve.
- **Adjusting the replacement value of our assets for insurance purposes:** Discussion was held on the possibility of adjusting the replacement value of our assets for insurance purposes. Committee are happy to go with current valuation.
- **SCANZ membership:** Discussion was also held about the membership to SCANZ (Sporting Clubs Assoc of NZ) as we are affiliated to them for licensing the bar. It was the consensus of most that this continue as only a yearly fee.

2015 03 March

- **Postal Box:** Discussion was held about the cost of the Postal Box and it was found that as we lease the land we can not have mail delivered to our street address. Plus it was felt that it was safer to have mail delivered to the Post Shop as it is only collected once a week.

2015 02 February

- **Room Hire charges** were put up 2 years ago from \$50-\$60 so felt they should be left the same. Barbara to send out to organisations an update form to be completed and returned with details of users. Reminder that there is a maximum of 120 people to use the facility at any one time.

2015 01 January

- **Substitute Players:** The rules applicable to the competition still apply in relation to the substitute player – for example, if the rules state that games with partners with more than 30 rating.
- **Trophies held at club rooms:** There was some discussion about if the Trophies should be held at the Club but it was agreed that it was nice for people to be able to take them home otherwise what's the point.
- **Only home club members get free badge**

2014 11 November

- **Reply from NZ Bridge re changing our tournaments from A tournament to a B Tournament.** Answer was as follows: "A club is entitled to hold 1 8B event so there would be an issue I think in down grading the 5a to an 8B. As an alternative you could look at changing to a 3A which has the same Board requirement of an 8B. You would need to run any requests by the Regional Committee too." Decided to leave our tournament as is.