

Queenstown Bridge Club Committee

Minutes: Meeting of 27 October 2020

Venue: Events centre

Time: 5.45 pm

Present: Kristin Guthrie; Chris Wood (Pres); Robbie Caldwell; Sue Wilson; Lynnette McLennan; Jos Van Hees; Hamish McDonald

Apologies: Vivian Todd; Ernie Sutton. Apologies accepted.

Welcome: Chris welcomed new Committee Members and thanked the oldies for recommitting. Mentioned that he had attempted to contact past Committee Member Betty Turnbull to report on the AGM but had not managed to make contact yet.

Correspondence in:

Letter from Betty Turnbull re being charged annual sub. She is a Life member so invoice sent by mistake.

Letter from Justine & Bob Cranfield resigning their membership.

Letter from BridgeNZ re change to Tournament grading criteria. Means 700 additional players will be eligible for intermediate level events.

Invercargill 5A Swiss Pairs invite.

Correspondence out:

Letter of apology to Betty. Care to be taken when invoices sent out 2021.

Letter of thanks, and "farewell", to Justine & Bob

BridgeNZ informational Letter was onforwarded by Email to all Club members.

Swiss Pairs invite to be announced at Tuesday Bridge.

It was suggested that outgoing Committee Members Phil Hensman and Betty Turnbull be sent a letter of thanks for such long service to the Club on Committee. Lynette to act.

Financial Statement:

Sue presented Financials YTD 26/10/20. Copy attached.

New Printer purchased for \$230: to be added to Asset Register and the oldie taken off.

2020 Annual Accounts still with Crowe Howard awaiting Audit.

Debrief on AGM

AGM Minutes had been sent out to all Members by Vivian. Chris commented on these, also mentioning the good job done by Vivian in capturing everything covered. Committee members also congratulated Chris on a well run AGM.

Chris mentioned that although Officer nominations should be in 14 days before the AGM, this Constitutional Rule had been overlooked however this was not challenged by the members.

Election of Officers:

President Chris Wood and Treasurer Sue Wilson were elected unopposed at the AGM. No Vice-President nomination put forward at the AGM and it was left to the incoming Committee to choose a VP from the new committee.

Robbie Caldwell was nominated for VP by Chris Wood, seconded by Hamish McDonald, carried unanimously.

Lynnette agreed to continue as Secretary, and Chris advised that Vivian is agreeable to continue as Minute Secretary.

Christmas Party Function & prizegiving:

Members discussed 2019 approach - Golf Club venue for Dinner, and Events centre venue for Finger Food and prizegiving. After some discussion it was agreed to revert to our usual sit down dinner.

Other decisions:

- Venue Events Centre, date 8 December
- Early start for social drinks, meal, prizegiving, then Bridge
- Chris to contact Ann Mann for a quote, same type approach as in previous years
- Bridge members partners not to be invited
- Cost to be worked out later when dinner quote held
- Free drink for members as they arrive, subsequent drinks paid for
- Long tables with Christmas decorations
- Prizes: chocolates, wine, plants. Jos, Hamish, and Kristin to purchase

Bridge Book , 2021

- Wendy and Lynnette has this underway
- Lynnette finalising Members List. To be circulated next Tuesday for amendments and corrections
- Same Tournament programme, dates to be realigned with 2021 calendar
- Bar duties Roster being prepared by Lynnette and will be run past Robbie to ensure no-one is rostered who would prefer, or should not, be asked to assist
- QCBC Tournament to be set for 20 March 2021
- Booklets to be released to members at Christmas function
- All those now studying to become Directors, and those who are on the roster now, to be rostered for 2021. Includes Ernie, Jane, and Gillian. Hamish mentioned that they do not have to be qualified to Direct at Club level

Babich Pairs:

- Phil Hensman to be asked to be Director
- Lynnette organising tables
- Sue organising cards, computer

Dispute management:

Discussion held re who should be the Dispute Manager, the Recorder, and others who should be on that Committee. Chris to contact Hamish Ryan to discuss and define roles.

QLDC Contact re Events Centre use & development

Alistair McIlrick to be supported in approaching Council to ensure our interests are noted and addressed. Chris to talk to Alistair with view to meeting QLDC very soon. Robbie noted that time for public submissions to the QLDC Plan has passed? And that this is now urgent if we are to included.

Beginners Lessons:

A planned approach is now in place: Lynette has taken over managing lesson planning and resources. Trainee's commitment discussed. It was felt that free lessons did not engender commitment. Time and cost to run lessons mean there has to be a commitment, not simply attendance on a fully casual basis.

Moved Chris Seconded Lynette "That from the first lesson in 2021, Attendees be charged \$60 for the course and that this cost includes membership for the balance of the 2021 financial year". (Study books to be issued at marked cost to those who want to purchase). Carried unanimously.

Silver/Bronze division Split

It was generally agreed that the current split is unbalanced and needs work. It was simply noted that promotion/relegation was not promulgated 2020 because of Covid-19.

Chris suggested that we should look at a 3-way split, Silver, Silver Reserve, and Bronze. However this would entail a lot more work e.g. preparation of three sets of cards, having three Directors, and three seating arrangements on Tuesday evenings.

Robbie reminded the committee that the current split and promotion/relegation rules were voted on at an AGM and it would be a brave committee who made any change without full discussion by all members.

It was agreed that we should leave this on the table for a lot of committee discussion, and an attempt to formulate a plan to address the imbalance between divisions, as we move through this financial year.

Meeting concluded at 6:45 pm

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