Queenstown Bridge Club Committee

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 8 April 2025 at the Club Rooms, Queenstown Events Centre, 5.30pm.

Present: Hamish McDonald (Chair), Lesley Muir, Vicki Buckham, Robbie Caldwell, Maree Aoake, Vicki Buckham (by phone)

Apologies:

Minutes of the meeting held 18 April 2025 were taken as read. Moved Lesley/Maree

Matters Arising:

- Signing Authorities – ongoing
- Updating Championship Boards – completed
- Recorder - Des Baird has been appointed

Correspondence:

In –

Out – Events Centre bookings for Team Thursday night sessions has been cancelled

It was moved by Robbie that the PO Box be cancelled. Seconded Maree. Lesley to see if refund can be obtained.

Financial Statement:

Reports tabled. Moved Robbie/Maree. Lesley is to look into Masterpoints payments, as it would appear that no payment has been made this year.

General Business:

- Queenstown Tournament – a success financially – costs down significantly.

  Subway a success.

Follow up on 3 pax who did not pay.

- King's Birthday Tournament – Owen to organise – Hamish to speak to Georgia in the hope she may help as Hamish will be away.

    Held over 2 days.

    Participants bring their own lunch but morning tea to be available, ie, small savouries and cakes from Bidfood (Vicki has email info re Community account with Bidfood) – maybe sandwiches (can be obtained from New World).

    Lesley (from Dunedin) has been approached to be Director and accepted.

    Through Robbie, Des Baird suggested a better spread of divisions to allocate prizes more evenly – Hamish acknowledged that prizes were arranged for our Tournament according to the numbers of players in each division.

- Cashless payment system – Robbie spoke to the extensive research he has carried out on behalf of the Club, particularly on HelloClub, volunteering to set up and see how the package would go, at no cost to the club. However, the matter was put to the vote and it was decided as we were looking for something with a link to a cashless system and a scoring system, and the size of our club compared to those who had adopted HelloClub, we would put the matter on hold for discussion until some time down the track when perhaps developments, which best suit us, may be made.

    A very appreciative vote of thanks to Robbie for his impressive research on our behalf, which, we hope, will bear fruit down the track.

- Renewal of Constitution – adopt the template from the NZ Bridge website – will only take 2-3 hours to complete. Could be ready by July

- Teams programme – no interest in the meantime.

- Lessons and Integration – emphasise the importance of inviting learners to play.

- Bridge Supplies – John – need new concession cards

- Scorer liaison - Lesley

- Dealer liaison – X files – no one really interested, perhaps let it go.

- Role of Programme Co-ordinator – Hamish to co-ordinate spreadsheet for Silver pairs.

Tablets – a discussion followed about the purchase of more tablets. With the King's Birthday tournament coming up, we may not have enough tablets for play. An approach could be made to another Central Otago Club to borrow tablets, but it might be a better option to purchase some extra as the life of the tablets is not infinite. Any new tablets purchased would have to be compatible with our existing tablets and scoring system. To be investigated.

Note for the agenda next month – access the website to set up partners for the year.

Meeting closed 6.40 pm.

Next meeting 5.30 pm Tuesday, 13 May.

Signed:

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