

## **Minutes QBC Committee Meeting July 23, 2024**

Present: Hamish McDonald, Owen Williams, Karen Wood, Anna Elms, Georgia Mahoney, Peter Henry, Lee Asher-Simpson, Mary Christensen

Apologies: Sue Wilson

MINUTES: Presented for June 25, 2024 Move accepted: Mary Seconded: Lee Hamish to sign off

### **MATTERS ARISING FOR THE MINUTES**

**BILLBOARD:** Mary gave progress report. Council has sent details, and names of key contacts. Key point: If we use NZ Transport Agency land, we would need their consent, which would be a lengthy and complicated process. If we use QLDC land, we would only need one local consent.

Mary to send all details to Owen. Hamish suggested Joe O'Connell Drive.

**CONSTITUTION:** : Work in progress. Hamish has in hand.

**TABLETS:** Peter reported that we have 24, and suggested that we buy five power packs. Moved Anna Seconded Owen Approved unanimously.

**IMPROVER LESSONS:** Very successful. Kate free to come back mid-September. Karen suggested two topics only. Sunday 15 floated (day after Wanaka Int/Jnr. Tournament) NZB is also offering online Improver lessons.

**ONLINE SUPPORTED PLAY FOR BEGINNERS:** Offered every Sunday 3.45 pm to 5.30 pm on Play Bridge. Targeted towards newer players, and no partner or pre-registration needed. Play is free, as sponsored by NZB.

Players are advised use Director button to call a teacher any time they want help, and a volunteer team of ten teachers help every Sunday. More teacher volunteers with RealBridge experience, or willing to learn (it's easy) welcome.

First few weeks attracted 30 tables, but we need to keep promoting to keep NZB sponsorship.

**FIND A PARTNER:** Going well, and being used by players who have difficulty finding partners, as well as those who don't plan ahead. Members being very accommodating when asked to help newer players.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Golf Club hot favourite. Sue or Georgia to chase up a budget so we can confirm, and start planning.

**NZB AGM:** NZB has requested that our club send a delegate for meeting Friday 26 September at 4.30pm. Georgia suggested that Hamish represent us, and Hamish agreed.

**WEBSITE:** Kate's improver lessons are now on our website, thanks Lee. We need to do more to encourage members to visit website more often.

**MEMBERS:** New members Kate Terry, Murray McLennan and Mark Long. Moved accepted Mary. Seconded Hamish

**FINANCES:** Tabled by Anna. A reversal of fortune, as we are now \$3979 in surplus. Moved accepted Lee Seconded Anna Approved unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No significant correspondence incoming.

Gaye Bartlett's concerns have been addressed by Hamish and Mary. Owen suggested Hamish to ask Gaye if further action needed. All agreed.

RYAN CHALLENGE: Lake Hayes Pavilion Sunday 25 August. Winton has confirmed that they are coming. Mary Director and Lee scorer.  
Hamish and Owen volunteered to be kitchen helpers. Job entails preparing, heating, putting out for members with appropriate plates, napkins, utensils, then to clean up after (some lovely guests will leave their plate in the corner, or window shelf. Leave kitchen spotless.  
Moved: Peter Seconded: Anna Approved with thanks to Hamish and Owen unanimously.  
No fee will be charged for members or guests. Anna suggested a drink included. Cost would be about \$800 - \$900, including room hire (\$370). Lee to ask Sue if she will manage transfer of pc, tablets, timer etc. Georgia to ask Lois to prepare tea/coffee etc. and arrange for someone to bring. We have 28 members signed up, which will most likely exceed Winton contingent. Mary and Hamish will work on a movement.  
Owen and Georgia to come up with budget and send by email, for feedback. Moved Hamish Seconded Anna All agreed.

HEATING: Mary reported that it appears to get cold after stadium turned off at 9 pm. Also, that Rayna has directed staff not to turn kitchen on. It appears that QLDC trying to cut power costs, but lack of insulation and the size of our space compared to the stadium (which is currently turned off at 9pm) makes situation difficult. This week Alejandro has left kitchen on (as we are not allowed access to cupboard).

Update: Georgia has spoken to Bailey, who reported Stadium should stay on until 10 pm, so we need to stress that with Alejandro, who has been willing to override instruction for us, while heating sorted out. Note a thank you note and small gift to Alejandro at year end, as he goes above and beyond for us.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Hamish away until August 18 so will miss 6 and 13 August club nights. Owen to do announcements, and delegate to Georgia if he is away. Lee also heavily tied up next few weeks.

NEXT MEETING: Postponed until Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Main topic will be final planning for Ryan Challenge.

The meeting ended at 6: 30 pm

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