



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held at The Willis Recreation Centre on 25th July 2024 at 10am

1. Attendees and Apologies

Sharon Thompson (Chair), Ian MacLaren, Jo Ampherlaw, Terry Dunne, Jake Andrew, Robyn Rogers and Mike Prescott

Apologies: None

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting from 11th July 2024 were approved.

3. Club Manager Update

- a. Member Behaviour - there was a thorough discussion about the standards of behaviour expected from members, in light of a number of instances of abuse and foul language, often directed at staff. Various approaches to setting expectations and potential penalties were discussed. Terry to draft a Code of Conduct for discussion at the next meeting, which is to include behaviour towards partners as well.
- b. Members Without Partners - some issues have arisen with overuse of the offer by the Club to provide a partner where people don't have one. The purpose of the arrangement is to enable people to play while they are finding a partner or when that person's regular partner is unavailable. However, some members are coming every week without a partner and some appear to enjoy playing with the Director as a way to more quickly accumulate masterpoints. There was a general discussion of ways to avoid this arrangement from being abused. Ian and Mike are to draft a policy around this arrangement for review at the next meeting.

4. Finance Update

The Treasurer presented the June Accounts, highlighting some 'one off' costs that lowered the result for the month. It was agreed that the result was pleasing as these costs would not recur.

The Treasurer advised that she was conducting a review of insurance coverage, both the Club's insurance and cover that we have via the ABF.

Following the meeting the Treasurer was able to advise that the current insurances appear to be satisfactory.

The Treasurer also updated the Committee on progress she has made in understanding the processes involved in producing the monthly accounts as well as bill payment.

5. Social Committee

A further gathering, predominantly for beginners and newer members, is planned for September.

6. Online Bridge

There was a wide ranging discussion about the future of online bridge, particularly in light of the year on year decline in table numbers. It was agreed that it was an important part of the offering to members and that we should seek to grow numbers moving forward. A range of suggestions were made as to how this is best achieved with the Club's plan to be firmed up in the coming weeks.

7. Any other Business

There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting

The next Committee is to be held at the Willis at 10.00am on Thursday 24th of October.