

WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB INC.

		Action
	Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Thursday 11th February 2021 5.45pm	
1	Present: (Simon Louisson, (Chair) Bridget Willcox, Donna Upchurch, Ruth Brucker, , Richard Gawith, , Dennis McKinlay, Margaret Curnow, Suzanne Green, Maureen Sheldon, Stephen Henry, Sandy McKirdy, Wayne Nicol	
2	Apologies: , Denise Barnett , Anne Marie Russell	
3	Previous Minutes: The minutes of the committee meeting held 14 th January 2021 were circulated and confirmed. Simon/Dennis	
4	Matters Arising: For follow up. Draft Data Management Policy - waiting for clarification from insurance to confirm that we are covered in our insurance for any privacy breaches and potential fines. Paul Titcombe Premier Team's carryover – Nigel, Sandy and Stephen had a discussion. The issue is not the amount of carryover, as this event has a long led up so needs a reasonable carryover. For this year the carryover and the format of the event will remain as advertised. Going forward for 2022, the final could be cut to 4 teams. General discussion on the format and a suggestion that instead of limiting the final to 4 – we could have a final of 4 and a plate of 4 teams and then everyone else could play in a 3 week pairs event. This would elimination the need to those who are knocked out of the finals to join in the pairs session at week 2. Andrew Thompson Memorial teams – 1st round to be played on the 24 th February, there has been some negative feedback on the change to the advertised programme. In future the advertised programme unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as Covid Alert Level restrictions.	Bridget
5	Correspondence NZ Bridge nominations for NZ Bridge Board (we have had 2 members nominated)	
6	Directing and Scoring. The replacement of Scorer is a work in progress. Kevin held a training session with some of the directors which highlighted a few items to resolve. 15A Swiss Pairs, this looks likely to run into 2 rooms. Allan Joseph is the director but we will need a2nd director.	
7	Financial Report: Donna. Reports tabled. Our current bills are high and the income is low, this is most likely a timing issue as January is historically a slow month. The playing numbers are down compared with this time last year. The extra expenses are the Real Estate agents fee for leasing of the Thorndon Room and the Presidents Party. Monday night play will hopefully boost the playing numbers, we will promote to all club and as an introductory offer charge \$5.00 table money for the first month. Bridget to do a flyer to go out to all clubs.	Bridget
8	Manager's Report: Report tabled. <u>Thorndon Room</u> We have a new tenant in the Thorndon room on a 2 year lease. James Plunket, who is a personal trainer. James plans to say long term. <u>Disabled Access through the Kitchen.</u> Able Access have made rubber ramps which have been installed outside the kitchen door for easier access for the disabled. <u>Rubber Bridge</u> entries are open and free to enter for the 2021 Rubber Bridge Competition <u>Members feedback.</u> We have had a suggestion that the series winners be listed on the website, these are listed in the annual reports (which are on the website) but not necessarily easy to find unless you know where to look. John also raised the fact that we are 14 years away from 100 years! So we need to be recording history and details (which we have been)	

	<p>Woe Wilson wrote a booklet for 50years, maybe we could identify someone to write the next 50 years.</p> <p>Denise has also raised another initiative – whereby players could enter online for club series, so other could see who is playing to enable them to find their won partners. I have spoken with NZ Bridge about their programme which allows for online booking but Alister is unsure of the portability of the programme and suggested some clubs may have a system in place and pointed me to Otago. I have checked out their website but does not seem to offer much hope.</p> <p><u>Works on the Street.</u> As you probably all noticed the council are finally recessing the parking spaces in the front of our building and it looks like we will get the third park re-instated.</p> <p><u>Sad News</u> We are saddened to hear of the passing of the previous Club Manager Dot Procter, our sympathy to Nelson and family.</p> <p><u>Sandra's Greeting Cards</u> We have a new supply of Sandra Prichard's cards available for anyone to purchase. We recently received a donation from Sandra for \$139 (she donates \$1 per card sold).</p>	
9	<p>Members and Lessons. The revision night for those players who had lessons last year went well. General discussion on the need to offer more mentors for the new players and how to identify mentors. Beginner's lessons will start on 16th February.</p>	
10	<p>Membership & Retention (Anne-Marie) N/A</p>	
11	<p>Tournaments and Social We have 2 tournaments in March, our club 6's tournament on the 6th March and the National 15A Swiss Pairs on the 13th and 14th March. Plus we have Wellington Congress in April. We will require some helpers for all 3 tournaments. Margie will arrange the catering for the 6's with her band on helpers.</p>	
12	<p>IT Nil</p>	
13	<p>PR and Marketing (Dennis)</p>	
14	<p>Auditing (Wayne) N/A</p>	
15	<p>Property: Roof The scaffold is up and the maintenance work has commenced. This work is weather dependant so may take longer than expected. There are some minor maintenance issued to be tended to once the roofing contractor is finished. Bridge to contact Dave Keeley with a view to completing these.</p>	Richard
16	<p>Interclub.We have a number of teams entering in the various grades. We have several open and open restricted teams but need to encourage more Novice & Junior players to be part of a team</p>	
17	<p>Volunteer of the Month</p>	
18	<p>General Business.</p> <p><u>Conduct and Etiquette</u> Margaret's draft paper was circulated prior. Note that it is not a requirement to have a system card readily available for club play. Is there too much put onto the Directors? General discussion on whether we need a policy. We need to promote the recorder and director any player to the recorder. Grade Captains should be the first instance for players to discuss any issues. We need to refine the Role of the Recorder and present our expectations to our current recorder for review. The committee should be furnished with a report from the recorder on a case by case basis should there be any reported incidences'. Carry over to next meeting.</p> <p><u>Structure of Committee.</u> The Committee, if reduced in size, will need to have sub-committees. Simon has had feedback from some members against the idea of reducing the number on the committee; we will still require the same number of volunteers. One train of thought is that having a larger committee is minimises the number of other volunteers required. General discussion on the committee and the operational matters take up too much of the committee times and leaves no time for any strategic planning. Decided that we need to have a plan and in the April meeting we will devote most of the time to have a Strategic Planning meeting facilitated by Dennis.</p> <p><u>Regional Funds.</u> Our region has a surplus of funds yet they are increasing the</p>	

	cost for players to play interclub this year. Query to Wellington Regional Committee.	
19	Complaints Sub-Committee. Nil .	
	Meeting closed 7.20pm Next meeting Thursday 11 th March 2021	

Minutes approved..... President.