

WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB INC.

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	Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Monday 6 April 2020 at 6.00pm via Zoom	
1	Present : Margaret Curnow (Chair), , Nigel Kearney, Ruth Brucker, Bridget Willcox, Susan Laurenson, Anne-Marie Russell, Simon Louisson, Donna Upchurch, Maureen Sheldon.	
2	Apologies: Tereska Knap, Sandy McKirdy, Wayne Nicol, Turei Haronga, Suzanne Green – mainly due to connection issues as Zoom was inadvertently password protected.	
3	Previous Minutes: The minutes of the committee meeting held 9 th March 2020 and Covid 19 meeting 23 rd March 2020 were confirmed. Simon/Susan	
4	Matters Arising: Membership Subs – to be covered in Managers report. Maureen queried the outcome of the Wednesday supper survey; Margaret clarified that we would trail on supper break for pairs events (apart from Poppy Roberts) and review before play reconvened in 2021.	
5	Correspondence NZ Bridge – Newsletter No 1 From the Chair	
6	Directing and Scoring. Sandy not present	
7	Financial Report: Donna. The Profit and Loss for 8 months to the end of March presented. Donna has revised the budget going forward. We are fortunate to have most of the carpark rent still coming in and we have applied for the government wage subsidy. For 1 April to 31 July she projects a loss of about \$12,000 (\$20,000 with depreciation added). We currently have about \$57,000 in our current account; this should see us through to the end of July, without having to dip into our term deposit. Financially we remain in a solid position. We have our annual insurance due at the end of May; Donna has gone out to her Insurance broker to a further quote. We are currently heavily insured, so could look at ways to reduce the premium and consider some “self-insurance” for some aspects of our cover. Going forward we need to use this time to continue with ‘spring cleaning’ of the premises and should proceed, when we can, with the programmed maintenance. Donna also suggested we consider giving our building tenants a rent holiday for April - all agreed. Bridget to advise Laura Loach (the main tenant who is on a lease) Accounts payable presented for payment. Approved	Bridget
8	Manager’s Report: Report tabled. Playing numbers for the financial year are down but mainly due to no play for the last three weeks of March. Membership numbers have also dropped as a number of members who have not been playing have resigned for various reasons, from ill health, moving out of Wellington or new additions to the family. There are a number of members who remain unpaid for the 2020 year. Bridget to chase up with a phone call. Online Bridge is proving popular with some members, Thanks to Brad Tattersfield and Dale Lacey for assisting with this. A big thanks to Auckland Bridge Club and Patrick Carter. We will let our members know they can, if they wish, make a donation to Auckland Bridge Club. Bridget to put on our website. All 10A and above tournaments are being cancelled 8 weeks out by NZ Bridge.	Bridget Bridget
9	Members and Lessons. (Margaret & Ruth) Maureen reported that the last 2 lessons went well, getting the players to move around to fill the gaps on tables that were short. Alan Grant has canvased the attendees with a short survey and will continue the	

	lessons whilst in lockdown by using some online version. Bridget is to collate the survey results and advise Alan that some of the lesson attendees are looking at the NZ Bridge online lessons and this is one avenue the Committee would like us to proceed with. It can be in conjunction with other platforms such as BBO teaching tables.	Bridget/Margaret.
10	Membership & Retention (Anne-Marie/Donna/Nigel) Nigel will forward his first Improvers Lesson to the Committee for “testing”	Nigel
11	Tournaments and Social (Susan) North Island Teams – we had 44 teams. All went well	
12	IT Nil	
13	PR and Marketing (Simon) Nil	
14	Auditing (Wayne) N/A	
15	Property: Men’s Toilets – Bridget met with the Architect Bruce Welsh from Rimu Architects for his measure up of the Men’s toilet upgrade and also Nik Christie from Christie Construction. The builder and the plumber (Natoli Plumbing) will be available a couple of weeks after they are able to return to work, however the architect is yet to complete the drawings, which the builder will use to supply a price. Bridget to follow up with the Architect.	Bridget
16	Interclub Nil	
17	Volunteer of the Month Nil	
18	<p>General Business.</p> <p>New member applications and rule 7</p> <p>ELECTION OF MEMBERS 7. ORDINARY, Youth and Associate members shall be elected by the Committee which shall have power from time to time to limit the number of any class of members. The name of every candidate for membership shall be posted on the Club’s notice board for fourteen (14) days before the application is dealt with and any member wishing to object to any candidate must advise the Secretary of such objection. The Committee may accept, defer or reject any application. No member of the Committee shall disclose to anyone the reason for any decision of the Committee relating to an application for membership.</p> <p>Currently we post the application on the notice board in the lobby over by the Men’s. (<i>according to our rules we will still need to do this</i>). General discussion on how we should in future notify our members of new applications. We will in future email out to all members (with email addresses) 14 days prior to our monthly Committee Meeting any new applications, these can then be accepted or not at the Committee meeting.</p> <p>Re-opening of the Bridge Club for play. General discussion, we need to investigate the Government guidelines and rules around the various level alerts. Ruth suggested that the cards be washed, as they are an obvious source of transmission. This is easier said than done as they cannot be washed between tables. The use of hand washing and sanitiser (if available) is more practicable. A re-opening sub-Committee to be formed including Margaret, Bridget, Susan, Ruth and Maureen. To report back to the next meeting as we want to be able to hit the ground running when we are able to return to club play.</p> <p>Simon is short on items for the newsletter, any contributions welcome.</p>	
19	Complaints Sub-Committee. No new complaints	
	<p>Meeting closed 7.11 pm</p> <p>Next committee meeting Monday 20th April 2020 at 6.00pm via Zoom.</p>	

Minutes approved..... President.