**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LEVIN BRIDGE CLUB**

**Meeting on 10th October at 4.30pm at the clubrooms**

**PRESENT:** Mark Kuijten (Chair), Bryan Green, Lynne Long, Sue Scrimshaw, Kerry Geertson, Barb Taylor, Trish Tough, Sue Staples, John Olifent, Bernard Long

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes for the September meeting were accepted.

(BG/MK)

**MATTERS ARISING:**

* Dealing Machine – **Bryan** will arrange a time and liaise with ***Kerry*** to ensure that cards have been dealt for 2 weeks.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** see list.

Correspondence accepted (MK/BG)

**FINANCE:**

Bryan presented the report and answered questions. BG moved that payments be ratified. Seconded S Scrimshaw

**PROPERTY REPORT:**

Mark has done the spraying and will continue with the tidy up.

**TOURNAMENTS:**

Nothing to report. NZ Wide Pairs coming up.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

* **Next Year’s programme.** The programme booklet was discussed and changes noted. ***Lynne*** will meet with Janet to ensure changes are made. There was discussion around the charge for lessons and it was agreed they would be $130 next year. (BL/KG)
* **Response to Andrew Cozen’s email** re permission to play in the Junior room next year. This was discussed at length and the following change was agreed upon. (Moved BG/ seconded BL): ***Lynne*** will explain to Andrew.

**Eligibility to Play**

**Grading of Club Members**

Based on Bridge NZ calculated rankings as at Jan. 2024

**Open** 7 star Local master and or higher Rank

**Intermediate** - 0-6 Star Local Masters

**Junior** - Club Masters, Novice and Certificate of Proficiency

**A list of current grades is published on the website from early January**

**Supporting Notes**

* Players who are returning to bridge from a break will be graded at the discretion of the committee.
* For tournament play NZ Bridge gradings will apply.
* Wednesday is for Open and Intermediate competition events. Thursday night is for Junior competitions.
* Players may only play in one set of club championships: Junior, Intermediate or Open

**Thursday Junior room**

Intermediate players with less than 10,000 C Points (0 star Local Masters) can play without penalty if they play with a junior player in any Thursday Night Competitions. A 5% penalty will be applied to 2 eligible intermediates playing together.

Non-eligible Intermediate players may be invited into the room by the Convenor or as a Director. A 5% penalty will apply. Open players who direct may play with a 10% penalty

* **AGM.** Preparation was discussed. No remits have been received at this date.
* **Dealers.** We need 2 new dealers for next year. Kerry will train them. ***Lynne*** to ask via email or newsletter.
* **Budget.** The budget was discussed and the committee accepted it with a minor change. (KG/BL)
* **Wednesday Programme Survey.** Kerry presented the results which ***Lynne*** will send out to members.
* **Incorporated Society Act changes.** It was agreed to put this on the agenda for next year. Lynne to ask NZBridge if they’re going to produce a model and, if so, when. (***Kerry*** has agreed to take on this task.)

**MEETING CLOSED:** 5.50pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**: 21st November at 4.30pm at the clubrooms