**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LEVIN BRIDGE CLUB**

**Meeting on 16th May at 4.30pm at the clubrooms**

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

**APOLOGIES:** John Olifent

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes for the 11th April meeting were confirmed. (BG/BL)

**MATTERS ARISING:**

* Power Bill –***Kerry*** and ***Bryan***. Work in progress.
* 5 year plan – ***Kerry*** is disappointed with the lack of response to his questionnaire from some of the committee members. Please respond as soon as you are able.
* Changing locks – Bryan. To be followed up by ***Sue Scrimshaw.***
* Grants – Bernard and John. Bernard has prices for cards, boards and tablets. Will now apply to House of Cards for a quote. ***Bryan*** will buy 10 sets of cards to check out the quality. Moved KG/MK. ***Bernard*** to have discussion with John.
* Gradings – ***Sue Scrimshaw*** and ***Bryan***. Work in progress.
* Director’s training – Lynne approached NZ Bridge re online training and was directed to Central Districts. Bryan will be pushing for this.
* Gwyneth’s pay – ***Mark.*** Gwyneth has been unwell, and Mark hasn’t spoken to her yet.
* Subs – paid but not playing – Lynne and Bryan. All members have now been approached.
* Outstanding subs – Only 1 member outstanding. ***Bryan*** will follow up.
* Yellow signs – ***Mark***. Work in progress.
* Liquor Licence – ***Lynne*** and ***Bernard.*** Work in progress.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** see list

Correct Martin Stuck to Alister Stuck. Correspondence accepted (MK/SS)

**FINANCE:**

Bryan spoke to the reporting, highlighting the larger expenses for Player levies, masterpoints, GST and Firewise. Sue Scrimshaw is still awaiting payment. ***Bryan*** to follow up.

Finance report accepted (BG/Staples)

**PROPERTY REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**TOURNAMENTS:**

Barb has the Junior/Intermediate tournament on 11 June under control. The cost is $30. Open tournament on 16th July will be $35. Discussion re providing soup for lunch which the committee agreed was a good idea in future.

**ALMONER:**

Barb took muffins and a card to Jim Heald who is now out of hospital.

A card was sent to Mary Growcott when her husband passed away.

**APPROVING NEW MEMBERS:**

Peter van Maren, Peter Foster, Ginny Williams, Stewart McCullough, Sylvie Granville, Kevin Qin, Vince Cholewa, Christina Brenton, Chris Wilson, Diane Means and Rowan Clarke were all approved as new members. (BL/LL)

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

* Thompson House 23/24 September – Bernard talked about an opportunity to promote the club at an event over the weekend. The meeting agreed that it was a good idea.
* Programme – Discussion about who does the programme for 2024 and when it is done. Individual competitions or pairs? The meeting agreed that ***Kerry*** would come up with a programme for next year as a discussion document and this would include Swiss Pairs and Teams, being aware of congress dates and school holidays. (LL/SScrimshaw)
* Costs of tournaments in 2024 – Bryan provided information about the prices going up next year and the meeting agreed to add $5 to the price of tournaments next year. (BG/BL)
* Lessons. ***Bernard*** has been given more names of interested people. The meeting agreed that he would contact the 5 people he now has and see if they would be keen to start lessons on Thursday nights, beginning in July. If so, we could then reach out a little further to see if there was more interest. Lynne is prepared to take the lessons with help from members when needed.
* Junior night. People coming out of lessons. The practicalities of this were discussed. The first week they will be integrated into the room with the current players. When the Junior Champs are on they will play in their own section with an experienced player at each table and their own set of boards. ***Bernard*** to explain this decision to Dayle.
* Social Sunday on 28th May was discussed, and it was agreed to have shared finger food followed by play with drawn partners. Basic systems only. ***Lynne*** to advise via newsletter.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 5.55pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**: 20th June. NB: **Lynne and Bernard not here. Someone else will need to take minutes.**