**MINUTES OF THE LEVIN BRIDGE CLUB**

**Meeting on 21st March 2023 at 4.30pm**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Barb Taylor, Trish Tough

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes for 21st February meeting were confirmed. (LL/JO)

**MATTERS ARISING:**

* Mentoring – **Kerry** *will send a letter to the secretary to be emailed to players in the Junior room.*
* On-going presentation of awards and certificates. After discussion it was agreed to work towards doing this next year. ***Lynne*** *will continue to put results in the newsletter* and ***Bernard*** *will ask Chris Ryder to put the results on our Facebook page.*
* Booking sheet for partners. Members need to be reminded to use this. ***Lynne*** *to do so via the newsletter and to explain on Wednesday the reason for members to fill them in.*
* Bernard reported about the use of Pianola to book partners in the Upper Hutt bridge club. It was agreed that it’s hard to change a culture but we will keep trying with the booking sheets.
* Power Bill. ***Bryan*** *will work with* ***Kerry*** *to follow this up* as invoices were needed to make comparisons.
* 5 year plan. ***Mark*** *and* ***Bryan*** *will follow up* finding previous plans and/or talking to past presidents.
* Key Pads. Too expensive. ***Bryan*** *will talk to Blair* about changing the locks.
* Grants. ***John*** *will contact Val Smith.*

**CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS/OUTWARDS:** (See attached list)

***Bryan*** *will email Blair Campbell* for more detail of cost of supplies. Maybe we could combine with another club to place an order?

***Lynne*** *to circulate* update on Incorporated Societies to all committee members.

Inward and outward correspondence approved (MK/BG)

**FINANCE:** February 2023 report presented. We’re in a good position at the moment but the insurance bill is to come. The committee discussed unpaid subs and agreed to talk to individuals to remind them. Report accepted (BG/S Staples)

**PROPERTY:** Lawns have been mowed, hedge has been attended to. There is a problem with the seat in the men’s toilet. ***Mark*** *to inspect.*

**TOURNAMENTS:** Everything is under control for the Easter Tournament. ***Lynne*** *to remind people to enter.*

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

* Lessons. Bernard reported on the results of the survey of new people and their reasons for wanting to play bridge.
* Marketing Lessons for next year. Keen on having a stand at the A P & I Show but need help from members. There was discussion around another set of lessons this year. ***Bernard*** *will get details of* 3 perspective attendees and look at advertising via Facebook again. A starting date of 29th June was suggested.
* Grading. Bryan informed the meeting that NZ Bridge was working on a handicapping system and we agreed to put our own planning on hold. ***Bryan*** *will try to get an idea of timing from NZ Bridge.*
* Badges. There was discussion around the wearing of badges and the committee agreed to lead by example and try to encourage others to wear their badges.
* Communication. The committee agreed that more regular communication from the committee was a good idea rather than a monthly newsletter. ***Bernard*** *will talk to Chris Ryder* about putting the newsletter on the website. ***Lynne*** *to try for fortnightly communication via email rather than newsletter format.* (Except for one big newsletter going out soon as there’s so much to say)
* Friday dates were clarified and will be communicated via the newsletter and the whiteboard.
* Directors. Discussion about Director training resulted in ***Bryan*** *agreeing to send a Powerpoint presentation to* ***Kerry****.* This will be followed up with discussion between the two of them.
* Honours Boards need to be updated. ***Mark*** *to organise this.*

The meeting closed at 6pm

**NEXT MEETING:** 11th April 2023 at 4.30pm

President:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_