

# PARKES BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023    **Venue:** Parkes Lutheran Church    **Opened:** 11:14am

**PRESENT:** Tim Baker, Suzie McNamara, Jill Peterson, Gai Baker

**APOLOGIES:** Lee McCabe, Rosemary Morris, Kevin Robinson, Barbara Hughes

**CHAIR:** Tim Baker

Minutes of previous Committee meetings 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 distributed to committee prior to meeting and stand as read and approved.

## Business Arising

- Arising from correspondence - no response from Tax Office for TFN refund request.  
**Jill to process again. ✓**
- Mini Congress Team Day 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 with 17 teams. We did have 18 but one last minute cancellation.  
More details Presidents Report
- Xmas Party Update set for 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Parkes Lutheran Church  
Nibbles after bridge organised by committee  
Dinner commence 6pm  
Catering – Tammy from Cooke Park Cafe  
Gai to confirm \$25 or \$30 per head  
Turkey/ham with be served warm – cranberry sauce/mustard  
Salads – Potato, Garden, Wombok  
Dessert Plum - Pudding with homemade custard (**G/F option not available cancelled**), pavlova and fresh fruit salad.  
**All Gluten free**  
**Members Free – Partners \$10**  
MC – Tim  
Committee to further discuss decorations, presents and perhaps entertainment.
- Sponsorship – Claimed on TBIB \$200 for Mini Congress Day has been sent but nothing received yet.
- General meeting not incorporated with Thursday social drinks as too many committee members away and unable to organise – sorry.

## Comms

- see attachment A (25<sup>th</sup> Aug to 4 Nov)

## Business Arising from Communications

- NSW Fair Trading – Laurie spoke to representative from Fair Trading Bathurst office. We didn't hold an AGM end 2020 due to Covid. Laurie was advised to lodge A12-T2 return advising this, with payment of \$54 and hopefully we won't pay fine of additional \$42. Nothing further from them, so guess finalised.
- Confirmation from Pauline Gumby Agnes Hewett Teams Day 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Coventry Room Booked.

Parkes Mini Congress 11th August and RSL Club booked as Coventry room not available all August 2024. Drinks/tea/coffee, cakes, slices, wraps \$15 a head. Will need to increase entry fee to \$35 person for this event.

- Aust Wide Pairs Results – Open - Played 31st Aug  
Peter & Jill can claim Bridge Magazine Subscription  
(More details - President's Report)  
**Jill to follow up**
- Aust Wide Pairs Results – Restricted under 300 Masterpoints Played 26th Oct  
(President's Report)  
Kevin & Dawn can claim Bridge Magazine Subscription  
**Jill to follow up**
- GNOT – played 7th September (President's report)  
Greig/Kevin/Helen/Peter attended regional final Orange 17<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Club Championships 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 (President's report)

#### Presidents Report

Attached

- Tim expressed concerned with running of Tuesday Bridge. We need another operator for computer. Jill training Kevin.

#### Treasurers Report

Attached for 1 July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023

- Kevin had a few details to chase up for Sept & Oct. Will present full reports to members before end year.  
Presented to meeting by Jill on Kevin's behalf  
Moved Jill  
Second Gai
- Increase in NSW Affiliation Fee from \$10 pa to \$20 pa which will be implemented 1 Nov 2023. This fee usually paid by club to NSW in Feb/Mar.  
Committee agreed to absorb increase for 2024.  
Parkes Club Fees will be reviewed at next General Meeting after AGM July 2024.  
Moved Suzie  
Second Gai

#### Business on Notice

- Bridge re-start date 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Greig has adjusted web page
- How should we choose this year's champion, we played a Howell and a Mitchell, maybe the player with the most points on a Thursday?  
Meeting decided pair with most points on Thursday's to be Club Champion  
**Peter Dearden to calculate**
- Sympathy Card for family of Margaret Powter ✓/ Eva Hayes  
**Jill to following up on address for Mrs Hayes**
- Orange Central West Festival, do we help, they just seem to want money. What's in it for Parkes? Also see email from Kevin suggesting \$500 donation.

Plan our own competitions, when should they be held?  
Red Point Allocation 8 for 2024.

Club championship, maybe earlier next year

The above matters deferred to further meeting where we have greater representation of committee – date to be coordinated.  
Tim to organise meeting

#### General Business

- Sympathy Card to Joan Reilly – Jill to action ✓
- Get Well Card to Barbara Hughes – Jill to action ✓
- Invitation to Christmas Party Adele Hawke for presentation of Isabel Orange trophy. Jill to action ✓
- Suzie McNamara advised family of Val Worthington have mentioned they would like to perhaps donate a trophy in Val's name.
- Meeting discussed the following options
  - Novice as Helen McQuie's trophy used to be
  - Retire Sylvia Pearce trophy that is awarded to the player who accumulates the most masterpoints playing on a Tuesday and rename Val - Jill draft letter or contact Val's family if they have any wishes. ✓

Meeting Closed 11.40am

Next Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 11.30am

Next General Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 11.30am following AGM

President report

9/11/23

An interesting year, still struggling to keep the numbers of active players but Suzie McNamara is doing her best with classes for beginners, she has a new class starting in January.

We held two congresses, the Agnes Hewett day, which was quite successful and our mini-congress which I thought a great success. The catering committee did a sterling job for both of these.

The Parkes mini congress: 20th August had 17 teams. Winners were from Dubbo. Anne Hazelton, Sanjay Singa, Jane North and Peter Perry. The Muriel Wardell trophy was not presented, it has since been engraved and procedural changes made.

Runners up: Parkes team, Peter Deardon, John Quinn, Peter Quinn and Louise Payne.

Restricted team under 100MP: Parkes team, Gary Somers, Greig Ball, Tim and Gai Baker

Local best team: Rosemary and Steve Morris, Beryl Twardy and Lynette Fitshenry. Prize goes down the line and a local team can't win two trophies.

GNOT: played over 2 sessions and combined one day with the club championship. Jenny Freeman and Barbara Hughes won the 1st day and Helen McQuie and Anne Berkeley the second day. A team then went to Orange for the next stage. Helen McQuie, Greig Ball, Peter Deardon and Kevin Robinson.

Monday night and Thursday Afternoon are staying stable but we have trouble with Tuesday, mostly with a computer operator. We need somebody to learn how to set up the computer.

The Lutheran church Hall is a great venue, a bit hot in Summer but they are very accommodating

We have a very strong committee, which makes my job largely decorative. Greig Ball is still helping a lot and is an essential member of the club and I thank him for all his work.

We have had several players travel away to Orange, Dubbo and the Cowra congress. They have done well with several getting great marks in their categories.

The club had some great results in the National competitions with a 21st in the under 100MP Australian wide pairs and a 22nd in the Australian wide open pairs and a 52nd in the under 300MP.

I thank all the committee and members for all their help and support over the year.

Tim Baker