ST FRANCIS BAY BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held on

Tuesday 19 January 2016 at the St Francis Links at 8h30

1. Geoff welcomed all – especially Ron and Melanie who are new members.
2. The minutes of 05 November 2015 were confirmed.
3. Matters arising:
   1. ERRORS – the format of the notes by Eileen make it impossible to place them on web. Once they have been edited by JUDITH the committee will revisit.
   2. Annual Tournament 2016
      1. Bank Acct for duration thereof – Roger – too expensive – will rather insist on proof of payment plus team captain’s name plus payment for entire team as one payment.
      2. TD – Heidi will most likely be going to nationals and therefore will be unavailable for our tournament.
   3. Fellowship award – Wendy Mackenzie would like it to continue. The committee feels the criteria should change. It was suggested it should go to the player that played the most times in a year excluding Thursdays. It was decided that we should also ask Wendy for suggestions of new criteria and then reconsider.
   4. TD course – Judith O will train 5 volunteers – 5 committee members. The course will start on Tuesday 26th January and continue for 4 Tuesdays in February from 9h30 – 11h30. By the end of the course those attending will not be qualified TDs but should be able to make most decisions at the bridge table. Other volunteers were approached but all declined. John is still waiting for the Bishops to reply.
   5. Christmas (end of year) function feedback – meal good, bridge went well.
   6. Bridge training to encourage new players –it was suggested that we speak to parents of children at the College but if we first need another Maureen Sands! GEOFF to follow up with the College. JOHN to follow up at Men’s Bridge. We must also encourage those that are not playing regularly to return. Total numbers last year (2015) are significantly lower than in 2013. To create more interest in bridge - placing bridge hands in the Info Ads is a possibility - THEONIE to follow up. Google for hands – ROGER and JUDY – cost of a bridge learning programme on computer - JUDY
4. Matters arising from AGM on Friday 04 December 2015
   1. Fees – proposals for increases were accepted
   2. SABF membership – benefits are minimal – those that need to belong can join via PE club or Sunshine club. Not to be pursued.
5. Financial report – Theonie – bank balance is a healthy R70 043. Petty cash R780.
6. Capital Expenditure
   1. Dealing Machine – Roger – Exchange rate has increased DM to R81 000. Possibility of a syndicate in the club who have legal Sterling who would buy the machine and lease it to the club. ROGER to follow up. In the meantime we need more interest on our savings – THEONIE and JOHN to investigate.
   2. Side tables - Roger has a plastic sample at R45. Geoff has made a sample wooden one with 3 coats of polyurethane – stackable and light. Fabulous. JUDY to check with Links that they will not mind storing them. In the meantime the order is for 5 @R250 and Geoff will donate another 5. Geoff has also designed a storage trolley to hold boxes, BMs and 2 suitcases of boards. JUDY to check with the Links if this will be preferable to use.
7. Annual Tournament
   1. Date for bookings to open **Friday 11 March**.
   2. Early booking list to date – ROGER to collate – GEOFF to send out letter to members re early booking list.
8. Rules and Etiquette drawn up by Roger. GEOFF to ask Eileen to look at it after which ROGER will circulate to the committee. Finally to go out as email to members and on the web.
9. Portfolios for 2016
   1. Teas – RON
   2. Partners required – MELANIE
   3. HC – RON
   4. Links – JUDY
   5. SFBGC – GEOFF and JOHN
   6. Tournament – ROGER, GEOFF
   7. Charity Day – JUDY and JOHN – NB- get prizes early
   8. CHRISTMAS function – GEOFF
   9. Scorers – JUDY, ROGER, GEOFF, JOHN. Others in training. Use ROWAN on Mondays.
   10. Directors – JOHN
   11. Links meals - JOHN
10. Diary for 2016 – GEOFF to draw up – Judy to send out email to members.
    1. Annual Tournament 13-15 May
    2. Charity Day – Tuesday 20 September
    3. Club Teams – Tuesday 15 March – top 2 go to a future interclub competition?
    4. AGM, Bridge and Christmas lunch – Friday 2 December
    5. Inter – C - TBA
    6. Wednesdays – change to Tuesday evening – first Tuesday of month – starting 02 Feb with a Howell in Heritage Centre at 7pm – break for coffee and biscuit - JUDY
    7. SIMS – 3rd and 4th June
    8. Inter club – GEOFF has sounded out Arie and he has indicated that it could work. The only date available is late October. GEOFF to follow up.
11. General –
    1. Ron – Wendy Mackenzie has suggested awarding a prize for 7NT called and made, on a Friday. It was decided to award a freebie for a Grand Slam called and made on any day.
    2. Theonie – freebies must be used following Monday – accepted - to go out with the diary - GEOFF
    3. Signatories for bank account – presently Theonie, Judy and Ginty. Ginty to be removed. 3rd signatory will be ROGER. Letter for bank - JUDY
    4. The director will rule on any situation involving late arrivals.
    5. Dates for duties as director (D) - JOHN and tournament organizer (TO) – GEOFF
    6. COMMITTEE to submit dates they intend being out of town to GEOFF.

11h30 finished