ST FRANCIS BAY BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held on

Thursday 28 January 2016 at the Heritage Centre at 12h00

1. Geoff welcomed all.
2. The minutes of the meeting on 19 January 2016 were confirmed.
3. Matters arising:
   1. Fellowship award – feedback for new criteria from Wendy- GEOFF to follow up.
   2. TD course by Judith O’Hara – every Tuesday 9h30-12h30 during February will be attended by Eileen, Geoff, John, Roger, Judy, Theonie and Clive.
   3. Action to encourage more interest in bridge – info ads – THEONIE to follow up. Google hands for info ads – THEONIE &JUDY. Computer programme – Judy is using one called Declarer Play that is available from Mr Bridge on the web. It costs £76 and £4.50 for postage and comes with 4 user licenses. JUDY to inform members.
   4. DM – Roger proposed that 3 members of the club who have legal sterling will buy the machine (approx. R81000). The club will initially pay one third of the capital amount at the prevailing exchange rate plus VAT, import duty and any other related costs. The outstanding balance of the capital will be repaid over a maximum of two years, taking into account the rate of exchange at the time. The identical machine is also available from Australia and is considerably cheaper at approx. R52 000. Geoff estimates (See SFBBC CAPEX, attached) that with current funds and this year’s surplus, we may be able to pay for the DM this year. ROGER, GEOFF and THEONIE to meet and review options to optimize use of funds and reduce currency risk to Club. Geoff thanked Roger for the extremely generous offer, and asked him to pass our thanks to his partners.
   5. Storage of tables and cupboard at Links – Judy has received no reply yet from the Links.
   6. Freebies - use following Monday or lose – GEOFF to inform members
   7. Rules & Etiquette – Judith has had a look at Roger’s document and feels that it is fantastic. ROGER to publish after getting the blessing of the Links Bridge Club, Sandton.
   8. .Signatories – letter for bank has been written – Signatories to meet at bank ASAP.
   9. TD duty list – JOHN will do a roster for Feb and will extend it after Judith O’s course.
4. Bank charges on deposits – not a mistake – new bank charge – we must encourage EFTs. Nedbank has a club account but interest rate lower than we get on ours from FNB.
5. AnnualTournament – date change possibility – Geoff gave an overview of our situation. Heidi will be directing at the SABF Nationals over the weekend 13-15 May. The only other weekend close to this date that is available to us at the Links is 10-12 June. Heidi is available that weekend but it was thought that holding our tournament could impact negatively on other tournaments in June. All the pros and cons of changing the date were considered and after some deliberation the majority of the committee decided that the date should not be changed. The TD will be Judith O’Hara, assisted by Eileen Ellis.
6. Purchase of more boards and cards – Geoff referred to SFBBC doc (see attached – addendum A). The option that is the most expensive but would make us self-sufficient is the one that would cost us R19 800 for boards and R9 240 for cards (Protea). There was little time left for discussion on this matter and the decision on whether to buy all, or buy some and hire the balance, or hire all, for the tournament was deferred.
7. General – no time for any discussion

The meeting ended at 13h10