**ST FRANCIS BAY BRIDGE CLUB**

Minutes of the committee meeting held

On Friday 13 March 2015 at the Links at 13.15 pm

1. Geoff welcomed all present.
2. Present: Geoff (President), Roger (Vice president) - present until 2.45pm, Judy (secretary), Theonie (treasurer), Wendy.
3. Apologies: John and Cookie.
4. Confirmation of Minutes of 16 January 2015 &11 February 2015: proposed by Theonie, seconded by Wendy.
5. Matters arising from 16 Jan:
   1. Dealing machine – Roger confirmed the price of a Pro-4 dealing machine after all costs including duty, vat and clearance would be R60000 and that the machine is very robust and is highly recommended. The decision to buy one was deferred until there are sufficient funds as there are more pressing expenses that have to be met.
   2. Monday Bridge – splitting into 2 sections was not well received by the members. It was decided to leave the Monday sessions in one section for the moment.
   3. Club Teams on 31st March – there are 10 teams entered. Geoff has been collecting the entry fees (R70 pp) and JUDY will collect the fees next week when Geoff is away.
   4. Butler competition – cancelled for 2015 due to lack of support.
   5. SABF will not be running a TD course this year.
   6. An urn has been purchased for the HC to replace the Hot-pots. Theonie’s suggestion of donating the old Hot-pots to the Kromme Trust for their white elephant stall was accepted.
   7. 150 decks of new plastic cards have been purchased for R4530. The older cards will be offered to Maureen Sands to use in her bridge classes.
   8. The following dates are confirmed:
      1. Club Teams: 31 March
      2. Charity Day : 22 September
      3. Inter –C: 28 April (away), 23 June (home), 20 October (away)
      4. Annual tournament : 29-31 May
      5. AGM and Christmas lunch 04 December
   9. The TDs have had their first meeting and future meetings will be held once a month. JUDY to send out emails to members regarding procedural penalties. JUDY to update the website in this regard.
6. Matter arising from meeting on capital expenditure meeting held on 11 February
7. Dealing machine – see 5(a) above

(b)Alternative Bridge Club Venues – when the Links is unavailable:

(i)Links – JUDY must still find out whether playing on another day other than a Friday would be more suitable for the Links and would thus mean more availability for us.

(ii)Heritage Centre – 16 more chairs have been purchased for R7984. The installation of an air conditioning unit has been shelved as it is very expensive and also it is preferable to play at the SFBGC on the Mondays when the Links is unavailable. The men will continue to play at the HC and may consider buying new fans. Geoff called in Ismail from Nolans to look at the vertical blinds and they have managed to improve them but there are still two panels missing. Theonie suggested contacting Top Carpets as they installed the blinds initially and should be able to repair them.

(iii)SFBGC – will be covering their patio but it will still be cold in winter. However if their long tables can be moved out onto the patio there will then be sufficient room inside for 15 bridge tables. Willie Uys, the Captain, has confirmed we are welcome to play there when necessary. They are happy to receive R12 pp inclusive of tea/coffee. Theonie suggested we still play in the HC as much as possible as it is so much cheaper! It was agreed that we would play in the HC for Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Friday 27th of March, and a notice to this affect will be sent out by JUDY. THEONIE will collect the money downstairs instead of upstairs.

(iv) Church Hall – only available occasionally as their regulations stipulate that the hall be used for church matters only.

1. There is R67920 in the bank. We still owe Geoff +- R4000 for chairs. We will be spending a considerable amount on more boards and cards.
2. Annual Tournament: May 29 – 31
   1. Catering for teas – EILEEN has agreed to prepare the eats.
   2. Heidi – we are expecting to hear from her soon with regard to a possible TD course and her fee.
   3. Player’s Fee: increased from R475 to R500pp.
   4. Boards – Heidi will give us the minimum numbers required. Hopefully we can manage with 4 sets per session. It was decided that we would buy enough boards and cards for the 5 sessions on the Saturday. Heidi will have enough for Friday (2 sessions) and Arie (PA) – who has already agreed to help us - will be asked to provide enough for Sunday morning (2 sessions).
   5. Flyer – to be sent out as soon as possible. Roger has offered to be the contact for bookings. ROGER will see to the updating of the flyer.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2.30pm.

Signed……………………………………….Date…………………………..

(Geoff Ellis: President)