ST FRANCIS BAY BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held on

Thursday 09 June 2016 at the Heritage Centre at 11h00

1. Geoff welcomed Theonie, Judy, John, Ronnie, Judith O’Hara and Eileen Ellis. The latter two had been invited to give their feedback to item 4(a). Items 2 & 3(a), 3(b), 3(c) (ii) were thus skipped and in fact were not revisited because time ran out.
2. [Confirmation of minutes of 24 March 2016 ]
3. [Matters arising:
	1. Fellowship award - GEOFF.
	2. Info Ads – THEONIE & JUDY.
	3. DM
		1. Final cost – THEONIE – see 7(b) below.
		2. Ongoing dealing – GEOFF.]
4. Annual Tournament 2016 report back
	1. JUDITH thoroughly enjoyed directing during the tournament and found everyone co-operative and pleasant. Judith does not feel the director can play and direct. Eileen feels there is no need to have 2 non-playing directors. The movements of boards worked well. The Director must have assistance with the handling of the boards. Judith mentioned that the boards must be packed in the suitcase in the correct order and orientation so that when they are taken out, board number one is facing upward. The electronic scoring system helped Judith enormously as it speeded up the scoring and the round assignments.
	2. Links – their hospitality, catering and service were excellent. The staff were extremely helpful at all times. JOHN has written a thank you note to Eugenie.
	3. Teas – RONNIE – all positive – perhaps too much food on Sat afternoon for tea as the Links had provided a very substantial lunch.
	4. Financial – the tournament made a profit of almost R13000 for the club. It is not our policy to encourage the collection of a voluntary gratuity for staff. To avoid this happening again it was suggested that next year it should be announced that a gratuity had been included in the entry cost. It was mentioned by a few visitors that our entry fee could be increased significantly.
	5. Scoring – The SwissTeamScorer worked well without any hitches. Judy thanked Geoff for encouraging her to learn and operate the scoring system. JUDY to write out a set of instructions for other future operators.
	6. Boards/dealing – Arie helped enormously and had enough boards to lend us. Geoff and Eileen spent a day in PA dealing boards. Arie and Joy assisted enthusiastically and have been thanked by Geoff.
	7. Our new DM worked well and we used 12x24 of our own boards.
	8. Entries and feedback – see appendix A
	9. Checklist & improvements
		1. Pin/clip name labels per team in small plastic bags at entrance – worked well.
		2. Cookie’s flower arrangements around the clubhouse and on the tables on Saturday night were lovely.
		3. Electronic scoring system - cut down on the time needed between matches to work out the assignments for the following round, plus more accurate than manual scoring.
		4. Checklist– GEOFF to update.
	10. Thank you letters
		1. GEOFF to PA for boards and dealing – done.
		2. GEOFF to PE for side tables.
		3. JOHN to Eugenie – done.
		4. GEOFF to Jeff Clause.
		5. GEOFF to Pam Golding.
		6. GEOFF to J’bay for loan of 8 BMs.
		7. EILEEN to - Avril, Shirley Grinter, Margo and Carol for sandwiches and to Ronnie and Janet who helped put out and clear away - done. The ladies refused to take any money for the sandwiches.
		8. JUDY to the Men’s’ breakfast group for their labels.
		9. GEOFF to Yvonne Bosman and Wendy Mackenzie who were the non-committee members that hosted players. (Geoff and Judy also hosted.)
		10. GEOFF to Yvonne Craig for photos.
	11. Thanks to all!!! A Fantastic Tournament.
5. Annual Tournament 2017
	1. Date 12-14th May or following weekend – to be confirmed with Links by JUDY.
	2. Entry criteria – suggested by Geoff.
		1. Members should have 8 slots reserved. Those that play could be determined by a play-off.
		2. JBay members should be encouraged to enter.
		3. Should have as many clubs represented as possible.
		4. Should offer entry and in fact offer preference, to those who have played previously.
		5. Judy suggested a date should be determined for entry to open and this could be advertised well before the time. John took this suggestion a step further and suggested the entries collected after this date should be grouped into 3. The first group would be the 8 slots for our members selected by a play-off. The second group of 10 would be for those that have played previously and third group of 10 would be for entries received by first timers. If more than 10 entries were received for each of the last two groups the final acceptance would be done by means of a draw with the unsuccessful entries for the second group automatically being included in the draw for the third group.
		6. It was decided that a **further meeting** would need to be held to **discuss these options**. It is obviously a complicated and sensitive issue to handle and needs very careful consideration by the COMMITTEE.
6. WWSIMS – report back – Judy displayed a spreadsheet showing the results of the club entries. The cost to the club was £1.50 pp which amounted to R1188 for the 40 entries. Virginia very kindly offered to transfer the £60 directly from her UK bank account for which she was reimbursed in rands by Theonie.
7. Financial
	1. Bank account balance is approximately R15000.
	2. The final cost for the DM including vat was R74985.
	3. Donations to charity from the profits of tournament? It was previously decided that any profit would be used to offset the cost of club equipment – the minutes of 1 October 2015, item 4(vi), refer.
	4. Capital expenditure – to be referred – GEOFF suggests possibly buying more boards? Bidding boxes? Small tables? Cards?

Theonie was excused from the remainder of the meeting as she wasn’t feeling well.

1. Charity Day Tuesday 20 September
	1. Links – reservation has been made by Judy.
	2. Lunch – JOHN to liase with Brad and Eugenie.
	3. Flyer – JUDY to create and send out.
2. Club Directors- way forward as suggested by JO - all agreed that her suggestions should be implemented. Please refer to the minutes of the Directors’ meeting. The document submitted regarding announcing and alerting to be reviewed by the COMMITTEE and to report back asap.
3. Upgrading of club bridge – JUDY to approach Guy Wilson. JOHN to approach Judith O’Hara.
4. Yoga lessons in the HC – GEOFF to give Sharon (shazzi@vodamail.co.za or cell 0826676118) a minimum of 3 months’ notice to find an alternative venue. From the beginning of October, or earlier if Sharon vacates earlier, the upstairs section of the HC will be for the exclusive use of the Bridge Club. It has been suggested that the DM and all the suitcases of boards should be housed in the HC.
5. Penalties for switching boards – Yes – JUDY to revert to JO for guidance.
6. General
	1. Play- off of teams for entry into annual tournament 2017 – organization of this is under review. The following possibilities were put forward for future consideration
		1. Potential non attendee can nominate a proxy player.
		2. 6 member teams – play all six in the play-off?
		3. Have 4 heats of team play- offs.
		4. COMMITTEE asked to think about further ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 13h00.