ST FRANCIS BAY BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held on

Thursday 05 November 2015 at the Heritage Centre at 11h00

1. Geoff welcomed the committee.
2. The minutes of 01 October 2015, were confirmed.
3. Matters arising:
   1. Roger has been investigating the costs of having a Standard Bank cheque account for the duration of the annual tournament but has not been able to track down anyone who can give him the required information yet. He is still working on it but he has the feeling that it will be expensive. It may well be no more expensive but simpler to open one at FNB, where we already have our 32 day notice account.
   2. ERRORS – feedback on course by Judith and Eileen on 27th October.

It was generally felt that the course, attended by 30 members and 5 non-members had been worthwhile. The tea was paid for by the club at a cost of R500. Judith’s notes have been placed on our website and all those who attended including all the members who did not, have been notified. Eileen’s notes are in Power Point format and need to be reformatted before they can go onto the website. This will be done next week.

One of the most important points that emerged from the course was that the players must be encouraged to call the club director to their table for every infringement that occurs, no matter how small.

* 1. Annual Tournament 2016 – Heidi is still unable to commit to being our TD. She can only confirm in December.
  2. Charity Day feedback – done previously.
  3. Assets
     1. Storage – all the boards, cards and their cases can be stored in the HC in the existing cupboards. The BMs will be kept in their new case and will be housed in a committee member’s home as they will always be in transit.
     2. Insurance – our total insurance will be increased to R2300 pa which includes cover for the BMs, boards (no cards), cases and computer. The printer is looked after by Roger and is covered by his own insurance policy.

1. Financial report – Theonie reported that our bank balance is at R62400 with October’s interest outstanding. The petty cash is approximately R1400.
2. Venues – the frequency with which the Links is unable to accommodate us is increasing but fortunately we are still able to use the SFBGC and the HC on these occasions.
3. AGM, Bridge morning and Christmas Lunch
   1. Fellowship award - WENDY was asked to give this some thought as the criteria for this award have changed.
   2. Lunch subsidy for members – it was decided to keep the cost for the members the same as 2015 which was R65. The subsidy will thus be R60 – an increase of R5 from 2015.
   3. Letter to members – JUDY to liase with GEOFF and to send out asap.
   4. Menu – JOHN has settled the menu. The charge by the Links will be R125 inclusive of morning tea/coffee. This is an increase of R5 from last year.
   5. Booking list – JUDY to print ONE copy which will travel to all venues. JUDY and GEOFF will take telephonic bookings which will be transferred to the list. THEONIE will collect the money.
   6. TDs – GEOFF will ask Eileen and Judith to be the TDs.
   7. Programme for TDs - JUDY
   8. Programme for noticeboard - JUDY
   9. Shortbread for tea – GEOFF to ask EILEEN to provide.
   10. Prizes – ROGER will be given a budget by THEONIE to buy bottles of Champagne/wine when he is in PE.
4. Fees 2016 – proposals (a) and (b) need to be advertised, together with the notice of the AGM, on the noticeboard, the website and subsequently voted on, at the AGM:
   1. Playing fees to increase from R18 to R20 for members and R30 for non-members.
   2. Annual Subs to increase for members from R100 to R110 and from R70 to R80 for country members. Those members and country members over 80yrs will pay R55.
   3. GEOFF to follow up with a budget for 2016.
5. Sit out pair orientation will be E/W if the movement is a share and relay, otherwise it will be N/S - as minuted previously but not implemented!
6. Tournament Directing – JOHN, GEOFF, EILEEN and JUDITH will meet and discuss the way forward for club directors.
7. Bridge Training – ALL committee members to investigate how other clubs implement training as we need ideas on this subject.
8. Dealing Machine – Roger reported that a bridge club in Knysna has bought one at a cost of R63000. He is not sure whether we can justify this sort of expense as it may not be of huge benefit to many of our members. There is also the problem of where it would be kept and who would run it. John suggested we investigate buying a share in a machine with another club. Judy pointed out that running our Annual Tournament without one was becoming a logistical nightmare. As we are not in a financial position to buy one at this stage, it was felt that any further discussion should be deferred for another meeting. In the meantime when GEOFF draws up a budget we will be in a stronger position to make a decision on the subject.
9. General
   1. Roger has sent a copy of the Sandton Bridge Club’s notes on Etiquette to all the committee for their due consideration.
   2. Theonie appealed to the committee to encourage new players to come and play at the club.

The meeting adjourned at 13h10.