

## **Committee Meeting Summary**

### **5<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

This meeting would be the last one for the current committee and the last one under the chairmanship of the president, Tony Wagstaff. Tony thanked the committee for its support and guidance throughout his term in office and particularly thanked those members who would not be seeking re-election.

The meeting was completed with the majority of items signed off as having been completed leaving minimal content for the new committee to start its term. Those items left in abeyance are included in the summary hereunder.

#### **Non-playing Director**

Committee unanimously agreed to the motion that the Club employ a non-playing director for bridge sessions as and when required. Committee accepted to definitely continue with the director on Tuesday and for the moment also on Friday. That director shall be Ken Wilks. How, who and at which sessions that director may be used was left for the incoming committee to review under a topic to investigate how to increase numbers to sessions with low attendance rates.

The introduction of sessions for un-partnered players as a means of encouraging attendance could also be considered under that topic.

#### **Clubhouse Maintenance**

Now that the entrance hall doors have been replaced, the next item of maintenance will be to redecorate the clubhouse. Before that can logically be started the maintenance sub-committee will consider what options are available to improve the appearance and condition of the windows.

The electrician has been given approval to proceed with re-wiring the clubhouse. The timing for that work is to be advised.

#### **2015 Annual General Meeting**

Arrangements are on track for this year's AGM being held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Members are reminded that the meeting will start at 11:00am and will be followed by a sausage sizzle before the normal afternoon session.

The following members have nominated for election:

President	Roy Hardy	Vice President	Jeff Biddlecombe
Treasurer	Tony Wagstaff	Secretary	Graham Rummy
General Committee	Rosalie Broughton, Kay Rich, Pam Robinson and Eileen Sellers.		

#### **Hunter Interclub (HIC)**

The Spring Session of the HIC calendar will be jointly hosted between Newcastle and Charlestown Bridge Clubs on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Psych Bids**

Little seems to be understood about how the Club handles players who revert to psych bids. The NSWBA provides a comprehensive paper entitled *Psyche Kit* ([www.nswba.com.au/clubs/psyche.asp](http://www.nswba.com.au/clubs/psyche.asp)). The Club has adopted the procedures outlined in that paper to the extent that it has an official Recorder, Ken Cruise, and keeps a Psych Register. They have not been used too often but those requirements have been satisfied.

Psych bidding is not illegal but if repeated can lead to unethical practice. A player who makes a psych bid and the side who have been psyched against are required to report the incident. Only if the incident has been reported can there be a trail of repeated occurrences against which action may be initiated.

A psyche bid is a bid that conveys different information to that which opponents would expect from reading the psych bidder's system card. If the system card defines the so-called psych bid then it may no longer be referred to as a psych bid. If a player's bids may infer that the player is reverting to psyching then the partnership should ensure they go to the table armed with their system card.