

Committee Meeting Summary

10th February 2016

Building Maintenance

Committee appreciates the co-operation and tolerance of members during the recently completed maintenance work. The external appearance of the clubhouse has been significantly improved following a fresh coating of paint. Suddenly every surface blends in. Before the painting could take place a few minor jobs needed attention in order that the work would be successful. And following paint application, an improved storage shed has been installed to replace the old version.

Bridge Promotion

Jeff's recent promotion drive to make people aware of bridge and bridge teaching was a success. The method will certainly be repeated when the next set of lessons come around with one or two suggestions on how to make a bigger impact. The following members were instrumental in making the promotion a success: Norma Keith, Bruce Webster, Lorraine Forward, Jack Fowler, Wayne Morgan, Jill Blenkey, John Feffery and Jo-Anne Marzato. Committee thanks them for their time.

Welcoming New Players

Committee noted the apparent member appreciation of Peter's delivery concerning etiquette at the bridge table. It is to be hoped that members are heeding that advice.

Membership Renewals

There are still several players attending sessions who have not paid their subscriptions for 2016. Committee accepted that it was now appropriate for a PowerPoint slide to be prepared and displayed. Unfinancial members be prepared to see your name in lights.

Emergency Contact Details

My thanks to those of you who have submitted details of whom to contact in the event of an emergency. There is a blank form alongside the session sign in sheets for those who would still like to provide the Club with a contact person. You never know when one may be needed.

Hunter-Inter-Club

With Eileen departing for pastures new, this competition needs someone to take the helm and drive interest in sessions from Newcastle members. The next session is Sunday 6th March at Maitland Bridge Club. Committee is seeking a nominee to become the Club's representative for making decisions on the future of this competition. Is there anyone prepared to take on that responsibility?

Country Teams Regional & Divisional Finals

The NSWBA has seen fit to amend the format of these two finals for 2016. The Club holds two qualifying events from which members may proceed to the finals but pending a response from the Association regarding the financial benefits for hosting finals, the future of the finals may have been jeopardised by its decision. Watch this space.

Directors and Scorers

A few members have come forward to learn and volunteer for scoring sessions but there has not been a positive response of members willing to qualify to direct. Remember, the Club covers the expenses of members willing to attend training and sitting the qualifying examination. It is not hard and gives you a better understanding of the game. At some stage the Club is going to need more directors so if you are interested, please do not hold back.