

Summary: Committee Meeting held 13th December 2018

Hosting for Newcastle Bridge Club's Website

The new arrangement has now been implemented. There were a few teething problems, but these have now been resolved.

Emergency Contact Details

An email was sent to the 136 members without any emergency contact details on file. 40 members responded, so we still do not have this information for the remaining 96. While no further follow-up is planned at this stage, members are strongly encouraged to update their details. The current list is available in the red folder at the sign-in desk.

Publicity

The Christmas Newsletter was well received by members. We are aiming to get the next edition out in March. As advised in the Newsletter, a Facebook page has been set up for Newcastle Bridge Club. The page will be continued for at least a 4-month trial period, then reassessed.

Renewal of Membership

Renewals are on track compared with the same time last year. Members are reminded that table fees will be \$7 from the beginning of January for anyone who is unfinancial. Payment can be made before any Bridge session, as well as by EFT. The deadline to avoid ABF de-registration is 31/3/2109.

Insect Screens

Screens were made and have been installed by the Men's Shed. Under Fire Regulations we are not permitted to install a screen door.

Financial Report

YTD Table fees remain below budget but slightly favourable to last year. Expenses are mostly favourable to budget as is the profit. Our Term Deposit has been rolled over, but interest is now paid monthly. A decision was made to use the funds currently held in our online saver account to open a Term Deposit with the Greater Bank. Our insurance policies are due in January. We are currently awaiting a quote to increase the value of our Contents Insurance from \$120,000 to \$150,000.

Review of Christmas Parties

A few complaints were received about this year's format. It was agreed that if we do the same next year, it is important that each session nominates someone to coordinate their party - if they choose to have one.

Boards

There are a few issues with the current boards – they are bowing, and cards are falling out. We are replacing the older boards with new ones, but we probably need to adopt a different stacking procedure (i.e. stack the boards flat like the NSWBA does). Rosalie is working through the issue.

Next Meetings

A Strategic Plan Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 31st January.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 14th February.