

OVERVIEW: NEWCASTLE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 9TH JANUARY 2020

(See Club notices display for the complete Minutes)

CORRESPONDENCE

2020 Hunter Interclub

Hawks Nest Bridge Club will host the third event for the year on Sunday 6th September.

NSWBA application for a grant for 2020 Seniors' Week Festival

We have been advised that the application was unsuccessful.

Bridge for Brains

The event will be held during the first week of May. We will participate (Wednesday session).

ABF Bushfire Fund Raising

ABF will waive masterpoint fees for Clubs that hold fundraising events to support victims of the bushfires. In the past we have taken the view that members will make their own decisions about donations to disaster appeals. We have therefore decided not to participate.

CARRY-OVER ITEMS

Beginners lessons

Only 4 people have registered so far for the lessons (due to start 3rd February). Promotion has been by announcements before Bridge sessions, flyers left at shopping centres and other locations, and Facebook. An email has been sent to members asking for their help to spread the word. We will also approach local MP's to suggest they promote the lessons in their newsletters.

A report was submitted by Wayne Morgan on the Beginners Lessons he conducted during 2019.

Improvement lessons

Lessons will commence in March and will be conducted by Paul Rooms. Details will be advised shortly. The full 2020 schedule for lessons will soon be posted on the website.

Computer Replacement

We are waiting for a second quote before making a decision.

Handicap Prize System for 3-week Pairs Events

It was agreed that the handicap prize for 3-week Pairs will be awarded to the pair with the highest aggregate percentage (over the 3 sessions based on Match Points) AND who both have a handicap of less than 50%. The change will be implemented for the first 3-week event of 2020 (February Pairs both Monday sessions starting 3rd February). An email has been sent to members.

FINANCE

Tony advised that he had found some errors in the budget figures and has adjusted the November to June figures accordingly. Reporting will be against these figures for the balance of the year. The revision, inclusive of the unbudgeted \$5750 spend to replace the kitchen bench, shows a surplus of \$6654 for the full year.

Table fee revenue is now close to YTD budget and 7.4% above last year. Expenses for the first half were in line with budget overall and 4.2% higher than last year. Insurances are now due.

NEW BUSINESS

Rookie Row – Wednesday session

A "Rookie Row", restricted to players with up to 20 Masterpoints, will be trialled for 2 months on the Wednesday session, starting 4th March. Stand-by volunteer players are being sought so that members without a partner can participate. The trial will be terminated if it fails to attract less than 4 tables.

2020 Club Events

Events will be promoted on the notice board in the same calendar format as last year. Thank you Caroline Carey!

NSWBA Congress Disciplinary & Ethics Committee

Peter Peterson has been re-elected to this committee for a further 3 years after serving on it for the 12 months since its inception. Congratulations Peter!

Carpet Cleaning

The carpet will be cleaned on Friday 24th January. The chairs (which are not being cleaned) and tables will need to be moved after the morning Bridge session.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 13th February at 1:20pm.