

NZ BRIDGE WELLINGTON REGIONAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING 22 AUGUST 2022

Present:

Annette Henry; John Patterson; Graham Cheater; Martyn Rew; Sharleen Grounds; Margie Michael

Apology: Katherine Gough

Previous Minutes: Moved Martyn, seconded John

Matters Arising

Visibility of Regional Committee

After some discussion it was decided:

1. Have meeting with all clubs as soon as possible, and to have 2 meetings with clubs annually rather than just the one as mandated by NZBridge.
2. Write to all clubs and ask if they would copy to the Regional Committee any newsletters they may write to their members.
3. Write an update on the Committee's activities after each meeting and send this to all clubs to publish in their newsletters if desired.
4. To place accepted Committee Minutes onto the Regional Committee's website.

Tournaments

Annette reported that agreement had been reached on the tournaments from July-December 2022. Planning needed to begin soon for the Wellington Congress held over Anzac weekend. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

NZB Online Bridge Strategy Submission

This was completed and sent to NZ Bridge, a copy of our response will be circulated to Committee.

Website

Sharleen reported that she had tidied up the website and made some updates. She asked for advice as to what the committee would like to go on the website. There was some discussion on eventually replacing the website, but until then Sharleen will continue to update it.

Rubber Bridge

Derek Snelling and Isobel Ross are to play Joan Waldvogel and Joan McCarthy in the final.

Correspondence

- Newsletter from NZ Bridge
- Email report from Katherine Gough (*employed part-time by NZ Bridge in the Wgtn Region*)

Finance

Budget running as expected, but it is noted that Budgets were set in the unknown Covid climate and may not be accurate. Financially the committee is in a healthy position.

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General Business

Activity Plan

Margie circulated an Activity Plan for discussion and feedback. There was some discussion and broad agreement that this was the general direction the committee should be taking. Further feedback was to be sent to Margie so the Activity Plan could be progressed.

Youth Bridge

Annette and Margie updated the committee on progressing this. There was general, although not unanimous, agreement that some action on this would be further investigated.

Directors' Lessons

It was agreed that we should support Allan Joseph's plan for online training, and that the Committee would financially support any players in the Wellington region who wished to take part.

Tournaments

There are two major tournaments coming up that are sponsored by the Wellington Region: Christmas Cheer in December, and Wellington Regional Congress around the Anzac public holiday. Both are held at the Wellington Bridge Club and we are dependent, not only on goodwill but also for assisting with a large part of the organisation. Annette (*Wellington Regional Committee Chair*) and Margie (*Wellington Regional Committee Secretary*) will meet with Bridget (*Wellington Bridge Club Manager*) after NZ Congress, to start the planning.

Regional Bridge Support

Katherine Gough's report was tabled and there will be further discussions with her at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 7.30pm.

The next meeting was set down for 10 October, however, after some confusion it will now be held on 17 October, 5.30pm at Wellington Bridge Club.

Post meeting, agreement was reached by majority for a further \$500 to be contributed to Wellington Bridge Club to advertise and support their Youth Bridge School Holiday Programme.