

Minutes of Wellington Regional Bridge Committee Held Wednesday 2nd February 2022 commencing 4:50pm

PARTICIPATING: Mindy Wu (Chair), John Wilkinson, Paul Maxwell, Graham Cheater, Martyn Rew

APOLOGIES: Nebojsa Djorovic

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 14 November 2021 were confirmed (Graham, Mindy).

MATTERS ARISING

John will produce a draft newsletter to clubs, and will include material on specific topics. The website should be developed to have background information on it, as well as this type of update, as raised by some of the club representatives at the earlier meeting with clubs. Mindy is to meet with Dennis McKinley and report back.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming correspondence was noted. Director training was discussed under Other Business.

FINANCE

No significant transactions since the last meeting. All the TSB term deposits have ended and the funds are in the BNZ current account. NZBridge has made no progress with BNZ authorisations.

RUBBER BRIDGE

Graham noted that only 5 of the 12 clubs participated last year. Graham will prepare a paper inviting players and ask clubs to pass it on to each member, rather than merely place it on the club notice board. We will organise training sessions towards the third week of March.

INTERCLUB 2022

The process for face-to-face Interclub was sent out to clubs late last year. It is very possible that some evenings over the year won't be able to go ahead physically under Covid restrictions. Mindy will check with Alister whether RealBridge could be used in those situations. Martyn is not able to run Interclub online. Mindy advised that Nesa was willing to organise Interclub online. Martyn will start off the Interclub team recruitment process, assuming a face-to-face approach. However, we will have to ask teams to indicate whether they are able to play online if required, and be able to switch modes to RealBridge, depending on the evolving situation.

IP TRIALS

Given the finals are to be played on RealBridge, the Committee decided to appoint a selection committee to select teams. We will ask for nominations from established pairs, entered as pairs. The selection committee will consist of experienced local players. Committee members will not select teams in grades where they have nominated themselves, or otherwise are considered to have a conflict of interest. The possible membership of the Committee will be developed for consideration by the Regional Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. DIRECTOR TRAINING

The low number of passes in Director examinations across New Zealand was raised. Paul will contact Allan Joseph to invite him to the next meeting to discuss training options and provide estimates of their costs.

2. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING 2023

Confirmation of January and February 2023 is underway. Paul will work through the spreadsheet, checking with clubs to confirm dates, as we go through the year. Upper Hutt will be asked to confirm no Junior tournament in March 2023.

Next Meeting : 4:45pm, Wednesday 9 March, at Wellington Bridge Club, after the Congress meeting.