

Minutes of Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Held Wednesday 9th March 2022 via Zoom, commencing 4:10pm

PARTICIPATING: Mindy Wu (Chair), Paul Maxwell, Graham Cheater, Martyn Rew, Nebojsa Djorovic, John Wilkinson from 4:30pm

ATTENDING: Katherine Gough, until 5pm

INTERCLUB 2022

There are currently 4 Open, 5 Open Restricted, 22 Intermediate, 9 Junior and 3 Novice teams entered. With some possible extra entries in the Open grades, this will enable a good competition in each grade. We will have a practice run on Saturday 12th. RealBridge won't provide a handicap approach for Novices playing Juniors, so this will be adjusted afterwards. (10 or 12 IMPS per match is fair, last year 20 was too much.) Martyn will do the draw over the weekend and pass by Nesa and Kevin to check it can work online.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 2 February 2022 were confirmed with one amendment. (Graham, Mindy).

MATTERS ARISING

The Newsletter will be sent out, including information on Interclub and Rubber Bridge. Paul will contact Allan Joseph re progressing Director training, for after we move down the Covid traffic light settings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming correspondence was noted. A funding application and a tournament transfer are covered below.

FINANCE

John provided updated financial reports. We are tracking well, eg projected loss on Inter-Regionals didn't occur as the finals were online. Interclub entries, to be collected once for the whole year, will be journaled in the next financial year.

FUNDING APPLICATION

Re correspondence from Dennis McKinley seeking funding support of \$1600 for a targeted media campaign for online lessons for young players during the school holidays. Mindy had been in contact with Dennis during the development, following on from discussions at the meeting with clubs. The Committee approved the expenditure, subject to receiving a feedback report on the project outcomes. Mindy will advise Dennis.

RUBBER BRIDGE

Graham has sent out several communications. It is important that clubs email members, rather than just post on notice boards. This will be a constant theme in our comms. We currently have 16 pairs.

IP TRIALS

We can run either trials or a selection. The timing is the same. Mindy is working on setting up a selection panel, she and Martyn will be the Committee representatives on the panel. Entries will be as pairs.

OTHER BUSINESS - Mixed Sex Pairs

Karori Bridge Club have asked if we could transfer this tournament, set for Easter Monday, 18 April, to another club able to run it as an online tournament. It was proposed that the Hutt Club might be prepared to run it. Paul will contact Hutt, and if they agree, seek approval from NZBridge.

Next Meeting : Wednesday 13 April, via Zoom, after the Congress meeting.