

Regional Committee Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: 17 September 2019, via Wellington Bridge Club.

Present:	Mindy Wu, Heather Jared, Paul Maxwell, Graham Cheater, Martyn Rew
In attendance:	
Apologies:	Kathy O'Halloran
Welcome:	The meeting venue was changed to the Wellington Club, Victoria being closed.
1. Minutes of previous meeting:	
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2019 were confirmed, with an amendment to the wording re Agenda item 13 (general business, Interclub reconciliations). Mindy / Graham
2. Matters arising from the previous minutes:	
	Re interclub reconciliations, Martyn will get a deposit book so he can bank moneys received, and provide reconciled information to the Treasurer.
3. Correspondence In:	
	As attached. Regarding correspondence re low entry numbers for the Victoria tournament, entries increased over the last week. Even so, the tournament was run as a combined Intermediate/Junior. This is not the Committee's preference, as the Intermediate players are often too strong for some Juniors and especially Novices new to bridge. Katherine encourages Novices to enter tournaments and they should generally play with their peers, not encountering much stronger opponents. Action point. Mindy will write a note to clubs. Allan Joseph has asked the Committee to meet costs associated with director training for Kapiti Coast clubs. The Committee are of the view that such approaches for funding from the Committee should come from clubs incurring the costs. Action point. Given where we are with this request and the timing, Heather will approach NZBridge for approval for funding the presenter costs. The other costs are within our delegation to approve. Paul will respond to Allan generally, and with the result of the enquiry. Other items are dealt with below.
4. Correspondence Out:	
	As attached.
5. Financial report:	

Financial position as at:	17 September 2019
Cheque Account:	\$180
Savings Account:	\$20,438
Term Deposit:	\$18,051 +TSB TD
TOTAL:	\$41,671

Payments to be approved for payment:		
Date	For	Amount
	The attached list of payments for August was presented to the Committee and approved.	\$3,169.77
	Moved Heather, seconded Martyn	

Comments on the Financial report:

Heather topped up the Cheque Account with \$1,000. Payments for the Club Championship were coming through. As planned, the event made a small loss. The Committee subsidises the event, given the positive impacts from clubs and participating teams coming together. Feedback was again positive. The downside is that the demanding and complex scoring arrangements are stressful for those involved. The loss would have been slightly less if all twelve clubs had entered.

Motion: The listed payments for August were approved

Agenda items and General Business

6	Items from NZ Bridge – dealt with elsewhere.
7	Initiatives supporting the Region’s Strategic Plan - dealt with elsewhere. Some youth training courses from AJ Jennings have now finished.
8	Regional Bridge Mate report. The Committee received Katherine’s written reports, submitted as she wasn’t able to make the meeting. Work with new players is continuing to be well received, with good participation rates in events and local tournaments.
9	Development of a Policy Statement to support youth players. Heather provided her draft. The NZBridge summary, including information on practices across the regions was referred to as well. Action point. Mindy will come back with a consolidated statement.
10	Tournament Schedule. The Upper Hutt club have written requesting their Open Tournament in 2020 be removed from the Schedule. They wish to try for the 2021 tournament to be set in April, May or June. The Committee agreed to this and to the other proposed tournaments in August through October 2020. Action point. Paul will advise the Tournament Secretary of the decisions.
11	Development of the Agenda for the Meeting with Clubs in October. The Committee approved five items for discussion with Clubs. (Financial report, RBM, development of new players, Interclub and Club Championship consultation.) Plus topics from the floor. Action point. Paul will prepare an agenda and send it out to clubs.
12	Progress re Interclub banking arrangements. Discussed under matters arising.
13	General business. Nil
1	Next Committee meeting – 2pm, 17 September. Action point. Paul will book this.

Meeting closed at 16:10pm. Next meeting: 2pm, 5 November 2019, via Wellington BC.

Minutes confirmed by

Name (<i>printed</i>):	Mindy Wu	Role:	Chairperson
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Attachments

Payment list, August

Income/expenditure, current financial year