



Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Wellington Bridge Club Tuesday 29 March 2016

Present:

Dinnie Hall (Chair), Heather Jared (Treasurer), Tony Sutich, Paul Maxwell, Anthea Black (Secretary), Allan Joseph and Arie Geursen (Chair NZBridge)

<p>Apologies: Janet McMnamin</p> <p>Dinnie welcomed Arie Geursen to the meeting. Arie said he was present as the Chair of NZBridge Board to address the Committee on governance matters. Some of the matters he raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The attendance of a Board member at a committee meeting is not mandatory - All committees are committees of the Board - The recently commissed Baraclough report identified that committee members do not feel valued. 	
<p>Minutes of last Meeting:</p> <p>Moved Paul/Seconded Tony – that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 1 March 2016 be approved – agreed</p>	
<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>From Meeting held 19 May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review previous edition of website for archival material such as winners of tournaments. Heather advised that Chris is unable to download information onto a data stick but advice from Alister is that financial records must be kept for 10 years but it is not necessary to keep other paper records. - during the summer months Committee to meet at Wellington Bridge Club to go through old hard copies of WRBC files stored at the club <p>From Meeting held 16 June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work towards supporting a club holding a three day event in 2017- the Committee agreed to notify NZBridge of its intention to hold a Metropolitan event over Labour weekend in 2017 <p>From Meeting held 1 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated Tournament Guidelines to be distributed to clubs - Howell movement with four tables to be emailed to the Committee 	<p>Tony</p> <p>Committee</p> <p>Committee</p> <p>Anthea</p> <p>Dinnie</p>

<p>Finance:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Working (cheque account)</td> <td>29 Jan</td> <td>Opening Balance</td> <td>\$ 5,693.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>29 Feb</td> <td>Closing</td> <td>\$ 5,897.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Savings</td> <td>29 Jan</td> <td>Opening Balance</td> <td>\$21,225.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>29 Feb</td> <td>Closing</td> <td>\$21,249.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>TSB accounts total</td> <td>\$16,275.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Total of accounts</td> <td>\$43,421.34</td> </tr> </table> <p>Moved Heather seconded Tony: that the financial reports be accepted – carried</p>	Working (cheque account)	29 Jan	Opening Balance	\$ 5,693.31		29 Feb	Closing	\$ 5,897.06	Savings	29 Jan	Opening Balance	\$21,225.94		29 Feb	Closing	\$21,249.06			TSB accounts total	\$16,275.22			Total of accounts	\$43,421.34	
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<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>To: Clubs in the region; - IPs entry form/tournaments/nominations to the Committee</p> <p>From: NZBridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board Minutes of 6 January 2016 - Directors exam schedule for July - Board Election results/statistics - Regional Committee elections <p>Moved Anthea/Seconded Paul: with the amendment of the Board Minutes to 6 January that the correspondence report be accepted - carried</p>																									
<p>Tournaments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congress – Secretary to invoice Tommy Real Estate and Maher Travel for sponsorship and send thank you letters to all sponsors of Congress 2016 - Brenda Doddridge Mixed Sex Pairs – noted the name change will be actioned in 2017 	Anthea																								
<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arie advised that in the Board’s opinion the Committee had exceeded its delegated authority in the purchase of the projector and saw it as gifting to one club over others in the region. Although the Board accepts that the breach was unintentional there is a responsibility to record what had transpired. The Committee explained the background to its decision but Arie commented the Board understands the circumstances leading up to the purchase but there is a need to resolve the matter and move forward. He advised that NZBridge regulations excludes the purchase of capital items over \$3,000 so ownership must be established as there are issues around insurance/maintenance and liability. In an effort to resolve the matter various options were suggested. Moved Tony seconded Dinnie that NZBridge make a decision in regards to ownership of the projector – agreed - Training for the Women and Intermediate IP Teams – agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting. - Club Nominations to the Committee – Clubs to be sent nomination forms <p>Cinema advertising – Tony advised that clubs have not taken up the offer possibly</p>	Anthea																								

partially due to there are only two cinema's in Wellington City that belong to Scree Vista. A correction re the minutes for this morning's meeting:

The Hutt Bridge Club took up the offer of cinema advertising and in fact took up their second offer as well, which NZB made due to so little uptake from clubs.

For information: I was requested by Shirley Newton from the NZ Bridge Board to refund the Hutt Club 50% of their costs. This was then reimbursed to me from NZ Bridge.

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- Rubber Bridge – in hand
- Interclub – in hand
- Tony mention that following a Kairangi Club Committee meeting he was approached as a WRBC Committee Members to bring to the Committee's attention that law changes to be introduced on 1 April impact on employer liability around health and safety issues.

It was agreed that this matter be brought to the attention of NZBridge and that its position, guidance and advice be requested in regards to (1) what constitutes an employee in regard to a Regional Committee and (2) as Clubs are separate bodies from NZBridge/Regional Committees do they need to make their own provisions

- Junior League – in hand
- The Committee discussed the Wellington Bridge Club email asking that the Committee consider a special subsidy for Margaret Curnow as she is attending the Teachers Training at Franklin in her capacity as a presenter as well as an attendee. The Committee agreed that as they have advised Clubs they will supplement one person to attend it would not be appropriate to fund Margaret to attend.
- The Committee agreed that the Waikanae Bridge Club request to increase its 3A Open Tournament rating to a 5A and that its Intermediate/Junior Tournament held as two separate events on the same day be rated as 5B and 3B tournament

Arie questioned the Committee's involvement in the tournament as any tournament below a 10A is delegated to clubs to organise and run and anything 10A or above is the Regional Committee's responsibility. When a matter is in dispute Clubs refer the matter to its Dispute Committee and Regional Committee's to the NZBridge Disputes Committee.

- The committee discussed Maureen Pratchett's request for a subsidy of \$10 to go towards each Tournament Director in the region to purchase a NZBridge Manual. A there was no seconder the proposal to subsidise Tournament Directors \$10 to go towards the purchase of a NZBridge manual was lost.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm

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