

# Minutes Wellington Region Clubs meeting held Sun 6 Nov 2022

## Attendees:

Annette Henry	Wgtn Regional Committee
Peter Newell	Wellington Club President
Bridget	Wellington Club Manager
Graham Cheater	Waikanae (also Wgtn RC)
Martyn Rew	Karori Club Manager (also Wgtn RC)
Sharleen Grounds	Karori Club President (also Wgtn RC)
Jill Herman	Hutt (also NZB online bridge Think Tank)
Martin Connelly	South Wairarapa
Trevor Gane	Masterton
Katherine Gough	South Wairarapa (also employed by NZB)
Kevin Stacey	Kapi-Mana Club President
Tracey Shields	Kapi-Mana
Caroline Strachan	Upper Hutt
Robyn Green	Victoria Club President
Mary Scott	Kairangi

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Apologies for holding this meeting on Sunday – Saturday is best as no tournaments held
2. Tracey (Kapi-Mana) wanted Committee (RC) to consider an online meeting in future
3. Aim of the RC is to work together with member clubs
4. RC members will visit clubs in the region
5. Levies and masterpoints go to NZ Bridge, the RC has a surplus of funds
6. RC members are all volunteers
7. The financial report as at Oct 31 2022 report was tabled

## **BUSINESS**

1. Clubs can apply to RC for \$500 per club per year towards lessons expenses – receipts will not be required for printing costs
2. Tournament Scheduling
  - a. Request by Annette for clubs to confirm their tournaments annually in advance and not month by month
  - b. Noted that it is not an easy process to rearrange the schedule
  - c. Junior tournaments – prefer these as ½ day tournaments
3. Cancelling Tournaments
  - a. Talk to the RC before cancelling as another club may be able to assist
  - b. Robyn (Victoria) – said it's a lot of work running a tournament with volunteers
  - c. Players should be encouraged to enter earlier – entry close off day/date needs to be on the tournament notice - it should be some days before the event
  - d. Caroline (upper Hutt) questioned whether there are too many tournaments
  - e. The 2023 Tournament is now set
  - f. RC will look at the schedule to see if any improvements can be made for 2024
4. 3 + 1 ('Play with a Pro' event)
  - a. Nan Wehipehana is keen to sponsor any club(s) that want to host a 3 + 1 event
  - b. Stick to 18 boards not 24 so there is time at the end to discuss hands and bidding
  - c. Event could be open to any players who want to improve as well - not just juniors

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5. Interclub
  - a. Numbers very reduced 2022
  - b. Hybrid system of online & face to face suggested – logistics need to be worked out
    - i. Table money difference between online & face to face – this is under review
    - ii. Directors for face to face matches are difficult to find
    - iii. Administration of the event is under review
  - c. Clubs to be canvassed as to what they prefer – face to face or online matches?
  - d. Interclub needs to be promoted at each club
6. Bridge Directors Course
  - a. Allan Joseph has started Directors' training – either face to face or online
  - b. Funded by RC
  - c. Exams are in Feb 2023
  - d. Martin Connelly mentioned that the pass rate is very low
  - e. How do we keep directors was discussed – no easy solution
  - f. Bad behaviour by players needs to be addressed so that people want to direct
  - g. Issues with bad behaviour need to be discussed with the club's or Region's recorder – clubs need to be proactive with poor player behaviour
7. Trophies and Awards
  - a. Regional trophies from 2021 winners need to be collected
  - b. Winners need to be confirmed for 2023
  - c. Engraving and cleaning of trophies required
  - d. Paul Maxwell is helping with this process
  - e. Katherine Gough is in charge of the Junior League winner
8. Rubber Bridge
  - a. Numbers have reduced
  - b. Graham Cheater asked for all clubs to reach out to members to take part
  - c. Peter Newell suggested we have an online session on how to play and score RB
  - d. Caroline suggested Graham include a short "why we should play RB"
  - e. Anyone can win RB – good players are not always the winners
  - f. The Rules for RB should be included in the online session
  - g. Graham will prepare a one pager to promote RB
9. How can RC help clubs?
  - a. If clubs want something relevant to promote bridge – send a proposal to the committee for consideration
  - b. Sharleen would like to know from clubs anything that could be added to the website
    - i. Mary (Kairangi) would like their programme book to be online
    - ii. Is there a privacy issue?
    - iii. Can NZ Bridge help with their Tournament registration system?
  - c. With online bridge can clubs share directors?
    - i. There is a willingness for collaboration within the clubs for online playing
10. NZ Bridge Strategy (Peter Newell)
  - a. Interprovincials will be online as it saves money
  - b. Major tournaments will be in a main centre – Akld, Wgtn, Christchurch or online
  - c. Bridge lessons belong to clubs
  - d. NZ Bridge want to review the Tournament Schedule – a work in progress
  - e. Will there be a Junior League?

Katherine Gough was passionate about "Super Sundays" and how they work
  - f. There may be a National Interclub Competition

*The meeting closed at 4:30pm*