



## **Wellington Regional Bridge Committee**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Victoria Bridge Club  
Tuesday 19 May 2015**

### **Present:**

Dinnie Hall (Chair), Heather Jared (Treasurer), Tony Sutich, Paul Maxwell,  
Anthea Black (Secretary)

### **Action:**

### **Apologies:**

Janet McMenamin

### **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held 31 March 2015:**

Moved Tony/Seconded Heather – that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on  
31 March were taken as read and confirmed - agreed

### **Matters arising:**

- Secretary to circulate draft Minutes of Congress to the Committee for comment Anthea
- hand records and results of Congress to be posted on website Heather (?)
- as the lack of system cards is still causing problems at tournament's Directors will Allan  
be asked again to remind players of the importance of having a system card and  
that a basic one already completed is available on the National Bridge website
- noted the remit put to NZB from the Huntly Club re masterpoints will be good in that  
it will stop C points being awarded to those playing when low numbers mean they  
are automatically awarded no matter the quality of play. It is anticipated a more  
simplistic approach to the remit will be adopted at the NZB Conference in  
Wellington
- previous edition of website to be reviewed by Committee Members for material that Committee  
should be archived ie past Committee Membership etc
- date to be set for the Committee to meet at Wellington Bridge Club to go through B/forward  
old hard copies of WRBC files stored at the club
- previous edition of website to be reviewed by Committee Members Committee
- key to cupboard WRBC files stored in at Wellington Bridge Club required Dinnie
- David McDonald to be asked what type/length of time financial records should be Heather  
kept for archival purposes

**Finance:**

|                          |           |                 |             |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Working (cheque account) | 27 Feb 15 | Opening balance | \$ 4,808.61 |
|                          | 31 Mar 15 | Closing         | \$ 7,008.21 |
|                          | 30 Apr 15 | Closing         | \$16,245.82 |
| Savings                  | 27 Feb 15 | Opening balance | \$26,671.29 |
|                          | 31 Mar 15 | Closing         | \$26,736.76 |
|                          | 30 Apr 15 | Closing         | \$26,798.29 |

The Committee discussed the overstatement in profits to the end of the financial year due to the early receipt of Congress money. Heather has discussed with David McDonald the possible accrual of congress receipts to overcome any overstatement to the end of a financial period. David to discuss with Alister Stuck.

The Committee noted the Congress raffle returned a profit of \$379

Moved Heather/Seconded Paul that the financial report be accepted – agreed

Moved Heather/Seconded Tony that \$5,000 be invested in a long term account - Heather  
agreed

**Correspondence:****To:**

- Junior League Points Table (Tony 3x)
- Rubber bridge players – Draw (Tony)
- Peter Farley (Waikanae) re rubber bridge (Tony)
- NZB – Change in committee membership
- Gary Hanna re rubber bridge (Alan)
- Clubs – notification of new secretary/ 2016 tournament schedule
- NZB – notification of new secretary
- Sponsorship letters/TSB/Maher Travel/George Masters/Shott/Regional Wines/New World Thorndon/Regional Wine & Spirits/Midnight Espresso Café/Cafe Laz/Carello del Gelato Sahara Café/Maranui Café/BridgeNZ, Keith St, Whanganui
- WR Clubs Main Centre Teams flyer
- WR Clubs Club Champs flyer

**From:**

- NZB update of teaching resources/masterpoint cutoff/New Grandmasters/Ranks Report/Planning National Conference 2015/Coaching Grant Returns/Flier Chch Congress
- Rona Driscoll – National Tournament Schedule folder in dropbox
- Murray Kennett Ppumu BC invoice for advertising
- J Hermann re congress start times
- Howick BC - tournament flyer
- Gary Hanna re rubber bridge
- OS Region – Congress flier
- Rona Driscoll – discussion in regards to Wellington Bridge Club Open 5A tournament clash with New Plymouth
- NZBridge – Minutes of Meeting 5 May 2015

The Committee noted the correspondence between Rona Driscoll and the Wellington Bridge Club and supported the Club's request to hold its Open Tournament on 28 August 2016.

The Committee discussed correspondence from David Morel to the Chair in relation to the various approaches for funding when applying to Pub Charity.

It was noted that the application to Pub Charity is likely to be for funding to cover the cost of renting the Wellington Bridge Club as the venue for Congress. Dinnie to discuss the funding application with David. Dinnie

Moved Heather/Seconded Tony – to apply to Pub Charity for a donation towards the costs of holding Congress in 2016 - agreed.

Moved Anthea/Seconded Tony - that the correspondence as listed by accepted - agreed

### **Tournaments:**

- It was noted that the Club Championships does not receive much interest from junior players but it is expected that five or more teams will compete this year. There was discussion on the amount of subsidy and who should receive the subsidy. It was generally accepted any subsidy should be agreed on a case by case basis based on the number of entries received the previous year and that the winning club should receive the subsidy to distribute to the players as it feels appropriate.
- Arrangements for the Main Centre Teams to be held at the Hutt Bridge Club 11/12 July in hand
- A flyer to be sent to clubs in the region advising IP trials to be on 4 and 5 July at the Victoria Club. As agreed at a previous Committee Meeting trials to be in a team's format. There was discussion on the low number of women's teams that compete in Interclub and other events. To help increase the number of entries from women **it was agreed** that teams or pair entries be accepted but flier to advertise if teams of four are played pairs will be matched to other pair entries. Open and Seniors to be advised that trials may be combined depending on entries and that Intermediates will play Butler Pairs over a minimum of three sessions.

### **General Business:**

- A June/July Newsletter to Clubs to be compiled and circulated for approval
- There was discussion on the Junior League players and the large discrepancy in points between the top places and those on the bottom of the table. It was thought that a prize for a player, or players, that were not in the position of winning may increase interest. Moved Tony/Seconded Heather – to award a consolation prize of \$25 to the player at the midpoint of the table (ie with the 99 players it would be the 50<sup>th</sup> position) - agreed
- There was discussion of whether or not to financially support the Wellington Bridge Club to buy two or three overhead data projectors along with the cost to have them fixed to walls or ceiling. It was noted that the Club hosts the Regional Congress as well as Interclub and other major advents in the area so the projectors would be an asset not only to the Club but also to the Committee. There was general agreement that the Committee should support the Club by contributing 50% of costs of three overhead data projectors along with the costs of installation. As the Club may not be in agreement with this the Chair to discuss the matter with the Wellington Bridge Club.

Anthea

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 June 2015 (subject to confirmation)**

