



Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Victoria Bridge Club Tuesday 15 September 2015

Present:

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

Apologies:

Janet Macmanamin

Approval of Minutes of Meeting

Moved Tony/Seconded Paul – that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 23 July 2015 be taken as read and confirmed – agreed

Matters arising:

- the lack of system cards causing problems at tournament's – Allan advised that some Directors are taking the initiative of advising players systems cards are required Actioned
- review previous edition of website for archival material such as winners of tournaments Tony
- during the summer months Committee to meet at Wellington Bridge Club to go through old hard copies of WRBC files stored at the club Committee
- David McDonald has advised that financial records should be kept for four years Actioned
- Heather advised that the money has gone back into the account (in regards to accruing congress receipts to overcome any overstatement to the end of a financial period) Actioned
- sponsorship logo's will be up on website by the end of September. Actioned

From Meeting held 16 June

- introduce a code of conduct and participation for players to sign when representing the region (deferred to 2016). A system card prior to participation will also be required. Dinnie
- 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. Tony/
Anthea

From Meeting held 23 July

- Send Anthea a copy of an invoice to forward to Sponsors prior to 2016 Congress Heather/
Anthea

- Check when NZBridge intend to hold the next National Teachers – Dinnie advised that this is likely to be held in 2016 so, due to lack of interest, a Regional Teachers Meeting will be deferred until 2017

Completed

Finance:

Working (cheque account)	30 June 15	Opening Balance	\$ 7,990.97
	30 July	Closing	\$ 4,845.87
	31 Aug	Closing	\$ 127.30

Savings	30 June	Opening balance	\$26,923.58
	30 July	Closing	\$26,982.04
	31 Aug	Closing	\$27,038.30

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

The Committee noted the Auditor has agreed to accrue April 2015 Congress Fees received in advance of the financial year ending 31 March 2015.

Moved Heather/Seconded Paul – that Anthea become a signatory for the BNZ account and Tony a signatory for the TSB account – agreed

A finalised Audit to 31 March 2015 was tabled. An operating surplus of \$4,584 was noted.

Moved Dinnie/Seconded Tony – The WRBC will underwrite any loss the Wellington Bridge Club may incur if the attendance at the Ron Klinger workshop on Thursday 5 November 2015 does not meet the required numbers to break even - agreed

Correspondence:

To:

Regional Clubs (Waiheke tournament)
Paula Jenner (Point Cups 4x)
Annette Henry (IP information)
Regional Clubs (Zelda Morris tournament 2x)
Richard Solomon (IP systems)
Regional Clubs (Regional Newsletter)
Regional Clubs (Gisborne Open)
Regional Clubs (Hastings Open)
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Kathy Nijman and Diana Dobbinson

From:

Sue Brown and Karori Bridge Club (Ron Klingers workshop)
NZ Bridge (Jane Stearns presentations)
NZ Bridge (Annual report – to be supplied to delegates attending AGM)
NZ Bridge (Club Directors exams)
NZ Bridge (Waiheke tournament)
Paula Jenner (Point cups 8x)

Tony Sutich (junior/intermediate tournaments)
NZ Bridge (levy workings)
NZ Bridge (June levy)
NZ Bridge (Masterpoints and levy 2x)
Tony Sutich (tournament schedule)
Tony Sutich (Junior league 3x)
NZ Bridge (Zelda Morris tournament 2x)
NZ Bridge (World Wide Pairs)
NZ Bridge (recently qualified directors)
NZ Bridge (International sections for 2016)
NZ Bridge (copy of July Board Minutes)
NZ Bridge (minor changes to manual)
NZ Bridge (June levy)
NZ Bridge (National Teams selection events)
Isobel Ross (re structure of IP's play off)
NZ Bridge (expressions of interest – National Directors)
Paul Maxwell (Regional Newsletter)
NZ Bridge (preliminary notice of AGM)
NZ Bridge (Gisborne Open)
Tony Sutich (teachers Notes)
NZ Bridge (business plan)
NZ Bridge (Hasting Open)
Rona Driscoll (regional congresses in tournament schedule)
Tony Sutich (Interclub results)
Tony Sutich (Rubber bridge winners)
Tony Sutich (Junior League update)
NZ Bridge (National Swiss Pairs)

Following discussion it was agreed only correspondence relating to the management of the committee needs to be recorded.

Moved Anthea/Seconded Paul - that the correspondence as listed be accepted - agreed

The Committee discussed comments received from some Junior Grade players that they do not compete in tournaments unless they only play against other junior players. It was agreed:

- it is important to take steps to encourage junior players to compete in tournaments
- all clubs should be encouraged to separate Intermediate from Junior tournaments
- Tony's letter to the Waikanae Bridge club to be followed up and support provided if required so they are able to hold two separate competitions at the same time
- this matter to be discussed at the Regional Meeting in February 2016.

Tournaments:

- IP's – it was noted that Annette Henry has agreed to be Chef de Mission and will be accompanied and supported by her husband. Dinnie advised that

Annette is aware that she is only eligible to be reimbursed for her personal expenses.

General Business:

- The Committee noted that Dinnie will be overseas from 24 September to 26 October. It was moved Dinnie/Seconded Heather – that over this period of time Tony be appointed interim Chair - agreed
- The Committee discussed Isobel Ross' email of 13 August noting her statement that the "lack of entries reflects a wider problem with the NZ ranking system" and her suggestion that the introduction of a restricted grade would encourage more open players to enter the trails. The Committee agreed to support this suggestion noted that in 2014 NZ Bridge introduced a separate Open restricted grade competition to National Congress and that the Restricted grade in the Wellington Region Interclub competition attracts as many teams as the Open grade. Paul/
Anthea
- Junior League table – Tony advised this is working well with two more treatments to be held this year
- Teachers Meeting – deferred until 2017
- Regional Meeting – it was noted that on behalf of NZBridge Allan Turner and Allan Joseph will attend but Heather will be overseas. November Regional Newsletter to request that all clubs send up to three delegates to the meeting (to be held Sunday 21 February 2016). Paul
- Congress 2016 – a meeting to discuss the format of the next Congress to be held Tuesday 10 November. All Committee members to be advised Dinnie/
Anthea
- Paula Jenner has now passed on to Anthea information and current standing in the Points Cup.
- The Committee was disappointed that there no one was interested in applying for the subsidy to support an Intermediate player to this year's Congress.

There was In Committee discussion. The meeting closed at 12.30pm