



Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

*Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Victoria Bridge Club
Tuesday 16 June 2015*

Present:

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

Action:

Apologies:

There were no apologies

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held 19 May 2015

Moved Paul/Seconded Heather – that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 19 May 2015 be taken as read and confirmed – agreed

The Minutes of the Congress De-brief Meeting held 13 May 2015 to be confirmed at the next meeting of the Congress Committee.

Agenda's to be distributed no later than 24 hours prior to a meeting.

Matters arising:

- as the lack of system cards is still causing problems at tournament's Directors will 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 Allan
- Committee yet to review previous edition of website for archival material Committee B/fwd
- date to be set for the Committee to meet at Wellington Bridge Club to go through old hard copies of WRBC files stored at the club
- key to cupboard WRBC files stored in at Wellington Bridge Club required Dinnie
- Heather advised that she has not yet had a response from David McDonald in regards to the type/length of time financial records should be kept for archival purposes. Heather
- the possibility of accruing congress receipts to overcome any overstatement to the end of a financial period yet to be resolved (David to discuss with Alister Stuck). Heather
- investigate the possibility of putting sponsorship logo's up on website. Anthea

Finance:

Working (cheque account)	30 Apr 15	Opening Balance	\$16,245.82
	29 May	Closing	\$ 7,056.69
Savings	30 Apr	Opening balance	\$26,798.29
	29 May	Closing	\$26,857.91

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

It was noted that there is no record of any Congress master points payment.

Heather advised that it appears sponsorship money from George Masters, Tommy's and Maher Travel has not yet been received. The Chair to discuss this matter with Joan Waldvogel and if necessary the parties to receive a letter in regards to payment.

Dinnie

To overcome problems with payment in future an invoice plus a photocopied page of sponsorship acknowledgments to be mailed to all sponsors prior to Congress.

Anthea

Correspondence:

To:

WRClubs Team Champs flyer
NZB – Chairs Annual Report
WRClubs request for team names for the Team Champs
WRClubs South Island Pairs flyer
WRClubs Otago Tournament
WRClubs Hasting Tournament
Committee NZB Conference papers (2)

From:

Rona Driscoll – 2016 tournament schedule (3)
Rona Driscoll – discussion on 2016 tournament structure
NZBridge – 2015 Annual Returns
Committee IP trial fliers – committee discussion
Tony Sutich Junior League Points update (refer to agenda item under General)
Tony Sutich Interclub results Of 22 May
NZBridge Levies (x2)
Tony Sutich Team Champs (2)
NZB South Island Pairs
Otago Tournament - Teams 11 July, Open and Intermediate Pairs 12 July 2015
Hasting Tournament – Open Teams 4 July and Intermediate Teams 26 July 2015
NZB Conference papers (2)

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

Tournaments:

– Club Championships

The Chair advised the Committee that at the recent National Conference she advised there has been some concern raised that clubs in the Wellington region do not enter the Club Championship's as they believe they have little or no chance to compete against the clubs entering with strong open players. Members of the National Committee did not see this as a problem noting that it can be the Intermediate and Junior players that can win the competition for their club. Having all competitors sign a declaration to play in the finals should they win the trial was discussed.

– IP trials

The Committee noted to date two Intermediate pairs have entered the competition. Teams v pairs competition was discussed noting that some regions attending the National Conference advised that they now run the competition as a pairs event. It was agreed to consider introducing a code of conduct and participation for players to sign. Dinnie to consider if the code used by the Christchurch Club is applicable and/or can be adapted for the Wellington Region.

Dinnie

General Business:

– New date for Teachers Meeting – Lorraine to check her diary but a Saturday in early September or sometime in October seems most likely

Dinnie

- Date for Regional Meeting with Clubs – to be set at a later time
- Strategy for NZBridge to meet with clubs in the region - deferred
- Junior League – Tony commented that the Junior League is working well with number up on those expected.

B/Fwd

Moved Tony/seconded Heather - to award the “midpoint” consolation prize to the higher position of two players should there be an even number of players - agreed.

It was noted that 11 Junior Tournament have been held up to June but only four scheduled for the rest of the year. The Committee agreed that it would be better to have a more even spread of Junior Tournament throughout the year and to review the tournament schedule to see what changes can be made. Secretary to email the latest tournament schedule to the Committee. It was noted that it is difficult for the National Tournament Organiser to programme in additional tournaments, or to make changes, and that the schedule for 2016 will be finalised by NZBridge at the end of June.

Anthea

- Promoting bridge - Ways to increase participating in tournaments at all levels was discussed. Noting that teams events are popular the Committee discussed how it could encourage Clubs to hold more 5A team events. Holding tournaments over three sessions and/or consecutive nights was considered.

Moved Tony/Seconded Heather – consider holding a teams event over the three days/evenings of Labour weekend – agreed.

Tony

- The Chair noted the following points from the NZBridge Conference held Saturday 13 June 2015:
 - NZBridge to sponsor youth under 30 to congress
 - The remit regarding C point changes was lost
 - There is to be a new process for recorders
 - complaints will be accumulative so that a pattern of misconduct may become apparent and action taken
 - the person making a complaint is not to be kept confidential
 - changes to the constitution will allow for a player to be banned from a tournament (clubs can do this of right)
 - They are looking at cinema advertising

- It was agreed that Paul produce the newsletter to clubs with Anthea’s assistance.

Paul

Articles for newsletter to clubs to include:

- Date for Teachers Meeting
- Article advising 54% of bridge players are juniors – how to retain
- Revised Code of Conduct for NZBridge that affiliated clubs may choose to adopt
- Sponsorship - Janet announced that Bob Cijffers of ABC Accounting has offered \$500 to \$600 to sponsor the three top placings in 2016 Congress Junior Pars if the WRBC website provides a link to the ABC website in acknowledgement of this sponsorship. The Committee agreed this was a very generous offer and could see no difficulties with providing a website link. Mr Cijffers to be thanked for his offer.
- It was agreed where possible to hold WRBC meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month

Dinnie
(refer
above)
Anthea

The meeting closed at noon.

