

NZ BRIDGE: WELLINGTON REGIONAL COMMITTEE.

MINUTES: MEETING 17 OCTOBER 2022

Present: Annette Henry; John Patterson; Martyn Rew; Margie Michael.

Apology: Graham Cheater; Sharleen Grounds.

Welcome: Nan Wehipeihana was welcomed and invited to speak about the very successful trial of 3+1 Teams event run at the Hawkes Bay Congress in June. Nan explained that she wanted to support the growth of the game of Bridge, and she saw sponsoring further tournaments was a way of doing this. The committee was very supportive of this and would be encouraging Clubs in the Wellington Region to consider running such events with Nan's sponsorship. The Committee was interested in assisting clubs to run their own tournaments and in considering running there own if interest supported this. The committee thanked Nan for her generosity in supporting Junior Bridge in such a way.

The President spoke on the way she would like the meetings to be structured in future with committee members preparing a bulleted-up-date of their areas of responsibility being circulated to fellow committee members a week prior to the meeting, thus dealing with business-as-usual matters and allowing time for discussion on other business.

Previous Minutes: Accepted with proviso of inclusion of decision of donation to Wellington Bridge Club for assistance for holiday programme. Moved Margie, seconded Annette.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising as they were dealt with by the individual up-dates

circulated prior to the meeting.

Correspondence: Emailed update from Katherine Gough

Letter from Sammy Scott, a participant in Wellington Bridge Club's Holiday programme.

Request from Wellington Club requesting a change in the date of the 2024 Wellington Region Bridge Congress.

Letter of thanks from the South Wairarapa Bridge Club thanking the committee for the update.

Financial: Budget running as expected, but it is to be noted that Budgets were set in the unknown covid climate and may not be accurate. Financially the committee is in a healthy position. John tabled a transaction report, attached, and committee acknowledged payment of these accounts.

General Business: Updates from President, Treasurer, Secretary, Graham, and Sharleen had been circulated.

Youth Bridge: Discussion was had as to whether or not financial support for Youth Bridge in general, and Wellington Club's Holiday Programme in particular would continue. This is becoming an interesting topic for the committee, with some members supporting the concept even although the rewards, that is increasing club membership, may be in the future rather than having immediate returns for Bridge as a whole, and other members considering that financial and energy

should be expended on events which would show more immediate increase in the number of bridge players. The decision was made that Wellington Club should be asked to prepare a plan for their ongoing support of youth bridge, and the costings for such a strategy to be considered by the committee.

Agenda for Regional Meeting: The Committee was asked to send any topics they wish to bring up at this meeting to Margie by Friday 27/10/22 so it can be circulated to clubs before the end of the month.

Items already on Agenda are:

- Process for cancelling tournaments.
- Interclub: Costs; Face to face matches and/or real Bridge.
- 3+1 tournaments.

Formalising Meeting Dates: The committee will meet the second Monday of each month excepting January.

Interclub: There was discussion as to whether Interclub in 2023 should be on-line or face-to-face. It was decided to discuss with Kevin Walker and Nebojsa Djorovic as to whether or not a dual system would be possible. If it is this option would be offered to Otaki and the Wairarapa only, all other clubs would play face-to-face. The committee is still trying to understand the rationale for the increase in table money.

Directors' Training: The committee agreed last month to fully cover Allan's cost for all attendees from the Wellington Region. For attendees from other regions, a pro rata cost will be charged to their respective Regional Committees. We will ask all Wellington clubs to cover the costs of their attendees' materials, where possible. If that is not possible the Regional Committee will provide the materials.

National Congress: The committee has asked all members who attended would provide any feed-back (positive or negative) to Margie, and she will forward a report to New Zealand Bridge.

Process for Cancelling Tournaments: Margie to send an email to all clubs informing them of the correct process for cancelling tournaments.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

The next meeting was set down for November 7 @ 5.30pm @ Wellington Bridge Club, and future meetings will be on the first Monday of each month.

