Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 28 January at the Victoria Club at 2.00pm

		Follow-up
Present	Dinnie Hall (Chair), Heather Jared (Treasurer),Tony Sutich, Allan Joseph, Joan Waldvogel, Paula Jenner	
Apologies		
Minutes	The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2013 were taken as read and confirmed. Heather/Tony	
Matters arising	**Vil Gravis Lessons-** Regional Committee did not need to subsidise these as they had attracted good numbers. Feedback from the attendees has mainly been very positive. Vil is planning to run a further development series. **Wellington Congress Issue**- NZB has credited A Grant's team with the appropriate A points and they have received their prize money. NZB has introduced a supplementary regulation so that in future any appeals from the last session of a major teams event will only be held after play if they could affect the first placing. Otherwise they will be held later. Because the outcome of such an appeal could affect the award of prize money, it was suggested that the Committee reserve the right to delay the payment of prize money until such appeals have been heard.	
Finance	Heather reported that the accounts are in a healthy situation. Cheque a/c opening balance 31.10.13 $2,844,32 closing balance 20.11.13. $2,895.82 31.12.13 $1,913.21 Savings a/c opening balance 31.10.13 $25,672,61 closing balance 29.11.13 $25,725,64 31.12.13 $25,784.28 Income Nov-13 $1,339.00 Dec -13 $0.00 Expenditure Nov- 13 $1,287.50 Dec– 13 $982.61 Moved (Heather, Seconded Tony/Paula) that the financial report be accepted.	
Corres-pondence	**From** Vil Gravis re development series (via Heather) NZB List of Directors/Masterpoint refunds/ Appointment of directors for national tournaments Elizabeth Cornford re rubber bridge Claudia Duncan re Feb. meeting with clubs SWBC (Jill Baker) – thanks for contribution to advertising Vivienne Cannell – request for fare subsidy to Teachers Conference WBC re IP trials	

General Business	**To** Alan Grant re WRC appeal/ Knock-out teams Masterton BC re request for donation for bridge pads NZB re WRC late appeal WBC re IP trials Wellington Bridge Clubs re meeting with the clubs/Interclub2014 **1. *Meeting with the clubs* –** Allan tabled and spoke to two discussion documents: a. Electronic scoring protocol b. The Training of Tournament Directors in the use of scoring programmes and electronic scoring devices. These will be sent out to the clubs before the meeting for discussion at the meeting. The aim will be to develop a regional consensus on protocols and get feedback on how best to train directors. **2. *Regional Congress*** – Dinnie tabled a **Congress budget** to be finalised by herself and Tony. The entry fee for all three events is likely to be set at $130.00. To encourage early payment there will be an Early Bird Discount. Mindy's quote for the **catering is** accepted. Catering to be provided for 180 people and to include the caddies, directors and other congress personnel. This covers the provision of lunches on all three days and snacks on Sunday afternoon. Nuts and chippies only will be served after play. **Session Times:** Saturday Pairs **–** 10.00am – 1.00pm 1.45pm – 4.45pm 7.15pm – 10.15pm Sunday Teams 9.30am – 12.45pm 1.15pm – 4.15pm 4.35pm – 7.35pm Monday S. Pairs 9.00am – 12.15 1.00pm – 4.15pm 4.30pm Prize-giving The teams qualifying format will be 6x12 board matches. The Swiss Pairs format will be 6x8 board matches. **Dealing –** David Morel will be approached re dealing the boards and acting as floor manager. Flyers will be posted as soon as possible to all local clubs and to the major NZ bridge clubs and, if possible, bookmarks advertising the Congress printed for placing on tables at major tournaments before the Congress. **Parking** – As Monday is a working day, attempts will be made to find additional parking at a local school. **Congress Manager**: As Heather will be playing in the Monday event, a replacement will need to be found for her on that day. **3. *Rubber Bridge* –** Clubs will be encouraged to combine to run the first round in their local area. This will be followed by a random draw. The suggested fee is $5.00 per pairs for those who play the first round at a local club. **4. *Knock-out Teams* –** This is similar to rubber bridge in that teams of four play in each other's homes. Tony to approach Alan Grant re acting as convenor for this. **5. *IP Trials*** – Carried forward to the next meeting. **6. *Tournament Schedule for 2015* –** This is to be sent out to the clubs for discussion at the February 9 meeting. We will ask for the IP trials to be moved forward to July.	Joan Dinnie/Tony Tony Joan Joan Tony Tony Joan

	Other Business Directors' Training Course – Alan will be running another course for trainee directors. ***Kapimana Intermediate Junior tournament* –** The flyer has created some confusion over how this tournament is to be run. Tony to discuss with Kapimana. **Next Meeting –** Tuesday 18 February 2014 10.00am**.** The meeting concluded at 4.20pm	Allan Tony