

Minutes of the CD Regional Committee Meeting held on Friday 26 October 2012

Present: D. Nightingale, A. Doddridge, E. Hurley, D. Mackay & J. Bennett (on skype).

<u>Apologies</u>: Bryan Green & Val Gardiner, moved A. Doddridge seconded E. Hurley, accepted

<u>Minutes</u>: Taken as read, moved J. Bennett seconded E. Hurley, accepted

Matters Arising: Letter to be sent to Steven Blackstock, re IP training day.

Balance of NPC reports to be chased up and emailed to committee members. Reports to be discussed at next meeting.

Letter to be sent to Mairi Fitzsimmons, thanking her for her work with the youth team.

<u>Secretary:</u> Hastings BC late request for a 5B tournament. This was discussed and approved in this instance but a letter to be sent re the correct protocol for applying for tournaments.

<u>Correspondence</u>: The list attached to the agenda was accepted. Moved J. Bennett and seconded A. Doddridge.

<u>Finance</u>: The following cheques were presented for payment, The IP and rubber bridge costs itemised on a separate sheet \$10 894.94 Website annual subscription \$108.70, Blake Meekhan \$50, D. Mackay \$184.99, D. Nightingale \$11.79 and A. Doddridge \$288.70. Moved E. Hurley seconded A. Doddridge Internet banking at this time is not able to be implemented. The committee then discussed the cost of running regional events.

<u>Rubber Bridge</u>. There was discussion about how to finance this event. It was agreed that instead of implementing an entry fee the travel subsidy would be abolished except if there was a need to have an east/west play off for the top pair in the region. Moved D. Nightingale seconded J. Bennett, carried.

The IP trials more or less broke even.

The Club championship expenses were of concern. It is expected that clubs would endeavour to run these at a minimum cost. Although the entry fee in 2012 was \$120 per club \$100 of this fee is required to be passed on to NZBridge. It was moved by A. Doddridge and seconded by D. Nightingale that the entry fee for the club championships be increased to \$150 for 2013 and that clubs be encouraged to keep costs to a minimum. Carried. Discussion also involved the format of the club championships and it was decided that the current east/west play offs would not be altered at present.

The 4 Hawkes Bay clubs would be asked to express an interest in hosting the club championships for 2013 with the expectation that they will organise billets for the Gisborne players. Wanganui to be approached to hold the club play offs in the western area.

The club championships will be on Sunday 5 May. Later than this year, having taken into account a request to hold them later by New Plymouth.

Other Business: IP Trial format was discussed as per the suggestions put forward by Evelyn and Don. It was decided that number 4 would not be considered for 2013. Suggestions 1 to 3 would be considered at the next meeting when all committee members would hopefully be present.

<u>Rubber Bridge</u> dates in 2013 to be similar to deadlines in 2012.

<u>Sub committees</u> as circulated previously were confirmed. Moved D. Nightingale and seconded A. Doddridge. Carried

A. Doddridge reported back from the <u>Regional meeting</u> held in Blenheim. NZBridge to have a new website up and running by the end of the year. Club Championships were a topic of conversation with many regions concerned about the funding expenses in running this event. There is a move to review this event. Graeme Wakefield spoke about the national breakdown of numbers with 75% Juniors, 17% Intermediate and 8%Open and the gender breakdown 70% female/30% male. D. Nightingale thanked A. Doddridge for attending on behalf of the committee,

The next Regional Meeting is to be in Wellington on Wednesday 6 February.

Youth Bridge: D. Mackay to liaise with Mairi Fitzsimmons re support for Youth bridge and approaching NZBridge for financial assistance re training.

Letter to be sent to the PN club congratulating them on their success at Hamilton.

<u>Coaching grant</u>: Some of the expenses for IP training to be charged against the coaching grant as discussed at last meeting. E. Hurley moved and A. Doddridge seconded Levin's application for 3 coaching sessions to be held in February and March 2013. Carried.

Zelda Morris: The committee has been approached as to the costing of this 10A Event at \$45 for 3 sessions. This cost is higher than other comparable 10A and 15A events.

<u>GST.</u> Any clubs which are not registered for GST will find their affiliation fee increased by 15%.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Next meeting 6 Dec in PN. (I still to check this date!!)

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