



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 12th October 2014 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Susan Humphries, Sue Brown, Trevor Robb, Tony Morcom, Angela Royle

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Ashwell, Richard Solomon, Graham Wakefield (part)

WELCOME

Committee member Sue Brown from Northland was welcomed to her first regional meeting

APOLOGIES

Arie Geursen

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 24th August 2014 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and confirmed: Sue/Susan

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Susan circulated a comprehensive report showing a balance of \$11,720.12 as at 9th October 2014
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Susan/Trevor

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved:

Angela/Trevor

All inward correspondence from NZB was circulated to the committee as it arrived and other inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda

TOURNAMENTS

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

- Congratulations to Auckland Club, the overall winners at Congress
- Email of congratulations to be sent to Auckland Club ANGELA
- Numbers for the Auckland/Northland trial were low this year. It is suggested that Akarana with virtually all open players could combine with some of the other clubs in the area. Currently Akarana has 114 members. There are 8 clubs in the area with under 100 members

INTER-CLUB

- Final night is Friday 21st November.
 - Prizes to be organised with a 1st and 2nd prize for the Junior teams due to the large number of teams who entered this year
- ANGELA**

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS/TEAMS

- Whangarei Club has agreed to host the 2015 event (25/26 July)
 - Host club needs to be changed on tournament schedule
 - Sue Brown to assist with the organising on behalf of the ANRC
 - ANRC to give \$250 towards catering
 - Club can claim for 50% of the Masterpoint charges
- TONY**

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- Final dates are: Sat/Sun/Mon from 11 am on 29 Nov to 2.30 pm on Mon 1st Dec.
 - Saturday 5 matches; Sunday 6; Monday 3; for Intermediate, Senior, Women, Open
 - Auckland Club has confirmed dinner at the club on the Saturday and Sunday. ANRC will pay for both dinners for the Auckland/Northland finalists and the Chef de Mission
 - The eligibility of an Intermediate Trial IP player is being questioned. Murray Wiggins National Director will consult with Arie Geursen and advise us of their decision. Follow up required.
 - If the Intermediate player in question is not eligible then the 4th placed Intermediate pair will be asked to participate in the IP finals
 - It was agreed to use Vugraph for one match per round. Susan H to organise.
- TONY**
- SUSAN**

YOUTH FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT 2014 – Saturday 13th December 2014

- It will be a 5A Pairs tournament
 - It needs to be shown on the Tournament Schedule
 - Flier to be emailed to clubs
- TONY**
- SUSAN**

RUBBER BRIDGE - Change of concept for 2015

- Elimination rounds at club level
 - The quarter/semi/final to be on a specific date
 - Information to be sent early 2015
 - Tony M to check the tournament schedule for a suitable date
- TREVOR/ANGELA**
- TONY**

BABICH NZ WIDE PAIRS – Friday 31st October 7.30 pm

- 61 clubs registered to date
 - Richard S asked for the tournament to be promoted through the Yahoo! Group email
- PETER**

REGIONAL CONFERENCE/MARKETING MEETING

- This meeting is on Sunday 1st February 2015 at Orewa Club
 - Orewa Club has kindly agreed to host the event and will charge \$16 per person for morning and afternoon teas plus beer and wine
 - Richard Solomon to facilitate
 - The ANRC will pay for three attendees from each club
 - Club Presidents, Teachers and other motivated club members will be encouraged to participate
 - The number of attendees from each club is not necessarily limited to three
 - The Marketing, Membership & Media Resources Kit will be discussed at the meeting and sent out prior to 1st February
 - Clubs will be invited to submit any issues for discussion
 - Clubs will be asked for a commitment by 30th November preferably with names and email addresses
 - Richard is part of the Waikato/Bays forum being held at the end of the month and will report back on the event.
 - Waikato/Bays Regional Secretary Jan Spaans to be contacted for helpful hints and flier info
- SUSAN**
- RICHARD**
- ANGELA**

YOUTH BRIDGE

- Over the last two months there has been two events held at Howick, a pairs event and the Auckland/Northland teams won by Auckland Grammar School
- Richard Solomon thanked Howick for supporting the two youth events
- Lance Bowden a bridge player and teacher at Macleans College, is introducing mini bridge this term to Bucklands Beach Intermediate

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Howick Club has organised for Andy Braithwaite to give a workshop in November on "The Killer Lead". Peter advised fliers will be emailed to all clubs inviting them to attend
- It was suggested an Intermediate Improver Lesson workshop be held in 2015. Further discussion in 2015
- Waiheke Club has asked about a Directing workshop. The organising of such a session will be discussed in 2015. It was also suggested that those interested should join the Google Directors group. Angela to respond **ANGELA**
- Efforts continue to have all Auckland/Northland Clubs with a website. There are only two clubs without websites – Dargaville and Whangarei

The meeting finished at 11.25 am

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 18th January 2015
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: