

Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: **Sunday 19 October 2014** 12:30 at Cambridge.

Present:

Karen Martelletti (President), Rona Driscoll, Brett Glass, Michael Neels, Ray McCully & Jan Spaans (Secretary/Treasurer).

Apologies: None.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 29 August 2014 were confirmed.
Jan/Brett

Matters Arising:

Feedback was received from NZ Bridge that our suggestion in regards of the "No Rank" status, was forwarded to the Tournament Review Committee, headed by Alan Turner.

Correspondence In:

As distributed to the committee members.

Two items were of note:

1.



advised us that we were successful with our grant application.

2.

A letter from Linda Sloan of the Te Awamutu Bridge Club, expressing her disappointment about the fact that no WB representative was present at the last event of the Junior League.
Linda's letter was discussed. Jan to reply to Linda.

Correspondence Out:

As discussed.

Financial report:

The financial status per 19 October 2014 circulated to the committee members prior to the meeting, was approved. Income since last meeting: \$4545.01. Payments since last meeting: \$1230.05
Jan / Karen.

Payments to be approved this meeting

NZ Bridge June Hagan	5	Sept	\$190.00	19 Oct 2014
NZ Bridge Rosalind Phillips	5	Sept	\$190.00	19 Oct 2014
Hamilton BC Top Teams	12	Sept	\$604.00	19 Oct 2014
Iclay Media	20	Aug	\$33.75	19 Oct 2014
Iclay Media	22	Sept	\$33.75	19 Oct 2014
Cash Out Junior Intm Prizes	13	Oct	\$730.00	19 Oct 2014
Jan Spaans Trophies	15	Oct	\$60.00	19 Oct 2014
K Martelletti Mtg Travel	19	Oct	\$70.00	19 Oct 2014
Brett Glass Mtg Travel	19	Oct	\$58.00	19 Oct 2014
Rona Driscoll Mtg Travel	19	Oct	\$137.00	19 Oct 2014
Ray McCully Mtg Travel	19	Oct	\$86.00	19 Oct 2014
Iclay Media	20	Oct	\$33.75	19 Oct 2014

Accounts totaling \$2226.25 were approved for payment. Ray / Rona.

Our Current position as at 30 September 2014

BNZ Cheque Account	3606.02
BNZ Savings Account	7548.08
Term Deposit with NZB	\$12041.15
	<u>\$23,195.25</u>

Bridge Development in Region Policy

The committee discussed a letter from Jane Stearns and her request to the committee for support in travel costs. The committee acknowledges and appreciates the amount of work Jane has done on a voluntary basis, and celebrates her achievements, which is measurable by the increase in membership and increased patronage.

The committee agreed to partially support Jane financially to the amount of \$1000.00.

Karen/Brett.

In order for the committee being able to consider any future requests, we decided to create a Bridge Development Policy for our Region, which will guide us to budget more accurately.

Rona/Brett

Interprovincial Teams 2014

We were successful in obtaining a generous grant of \$2530.00 of **Pub Charity** to accommodate our



representatives.

An adjustment to the original booking had to be made in order to accommodate all players in a mutually comfortable manner. This means that the generous grant of Pub Charity falls somewhat short.

All players and Chef de Mission Alan Turner will be staying as a group at the Off Broadway Motel at approximately 2.5 Km distance from the Auckland Bridge Club.

The committee agreed to the spending of an additional \$2610.00 to cater for 5 extra rooms, Continental Breakfast at the Off Broadway Motel and buffet dinner for two days kindly provided by the Auckland Bridge Club.

Jan/Rona.

Junior League 2015.

A discussion was held in regards of the current trial by NZ Bridge of single session Junior Pairs events. We noted that we were not notified by the Te Awamutu Bridge Club that they were changing to a one session event this year.

The committee decided that if a club wishes to be part of the Junior League in 2015, they must play a 2 session Junior tournament.

Jan/Karen.

Congress Sponsorship

The committee received letters from Rosalind Phillips and June Hagan, the winners of the 2014 Sponsorship, expressing their thanks to the committee. They both stated that if it wasn't for the sponsorship, they wouldn't have played at Congress this year.

The committee agreed for 2015 Congress to sponsor three players for the Thursday to Saturday package. The draw will be open to all players who are a member of a Waikato Bays affiliated bridge club, who have played at least 5 tournaments the last year (excluding single session Junior, Novice or Mini Moo events) at a Waikato Bays club and who have never been to Congress. More specific rules will be published early 2015.

Waikato Bays Regional Conference

This conference is scheduled to be held on 2 November 2014 at the Matamata Bridge Club.

Top Club event 2015

As the 2014 National Top Club event only had 5 regions plus the winning team from last year playing, and the fact that Hamilton struggled to field an Open team, the committee intends to hold a survey amongst the clubs in regards of actual interest amongst the clubs to participate.

The fact that the Top Club event held at Congress is not an A point tournament appears to be a reason why top players choose to play in a 15A or 10A point event which is held at the same time.

WBRC Policies

Several policies are being developed to guide us, and future committees, in the decision making process. Ray McCully is the driving force behind this initiative. Ray to make a short presentation at the Regional Congress

Rubber Bridge 2015

After the successful "Rubber Ducky Day" of this year, where Christine and Jenna Gibbons explained about Rubber Bridge, a repeat for 2015 is penciled in for 12 April at the Matamata Bridge Club. Pairs may choose to play round 1 on the same day there.

Junior and Intermediate League

These events will continue under the current conditions, with the exception that Junior events must be played over two sessions.

Rumor of disaffiliation of two clubs

Jan to approach both clubs and offer assistance if required.

Prize giving Intermediate League.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Karen, Mike and Jan attended the prize giving for the Intermediate League winners at the Cambridge Bridge Club.

The complete final standings of both Junior and Intermediate Leagues are available on the WBBC web site.

Meeting closed 16:30.

Next meeting: Friday 30 January 2015 19:30 via Skype.

Minutes confirmed by

Name (*printed*): Karen Martelletti

Role: President

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