



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 22nd March 2015 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Arie Geursen, Richard Solomon, Graham Wakefield

APOLOGIES

Susan Humphries, Anthony Hopkins

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 18th January had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and confirmed: Sue/Tony

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Susan was absent so circulated her report prior to the meeting. The ANRC account shows a balance of \$13,526.01 as at 20th March 2015
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Trevor/Tony

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 – Saturday 6th June

- Preliminary flier to all clubs ANGELA
- Smaller clubs to be reminded they can combine with another club as long as the total membership of the two clubs does not exceed 200 (give or take a few members)
- Auckland Club has an automatic place in the finals at Congress as they won last year
- Advise Auckland Club this is the case ANGELA

INTER-CLUB

- Supper at the February session was very disappointing. Email to Auckland Club to see what was decided at their recent committee meeting ANGELA

NATIONAL 15A TOURNAMENT – Sat/Sun 21st/22nd November

- This is an NZB tournament and they will decide the format
- Auckland Club to host the event on behalf of NZB and ANRC

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS/TEAMS - 25/26 July

- Whangarei Club is hosting the event
- 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

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- Auckland trials the weekend of 15/16 August
- Finals to be in Christchurch: Sat/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 November
- 2016 Trials to be held on the same weekend throughout the country – 14/15 May. It was discussed that perhaps ANRC could go back to the original format of having the Open and Intermediates on one weekend and Seniors and Women's on another. This would depend on finding a suitable date that did not clash with A point tournaments in our area and also the Waikato/Bays area

TONY

EASTER TOURNAMENTS

- Tony Morcom will be the ANRC representative on the match committee
- Check with ABC that they have the catering in hand

ANGELA

RUBBER BRIDGE

- Richard Solomon offered to visit clubs and assist with their rubber bridge if clubs could find four or more pairs to play. So far Dargaville, Whangarei, Howick and Papatoetoe have requested Richard to visit their clubs
- Fliers to be sent to clubs. Trevor to decide the format.

TREVOR/ANGELA

NORTH ISLAND PAIRS

- In Wellington in 2015 1st/2nd August
- No ANRC involvement (*it is a regular item on the ANRC agenda so it is not forgotten*)

REGIONAL CONFERENCE/MARKETING MEETING

- The Regional Conference was held on Sunday 1st February 2015 with an attendance of 56
- All 19 clubs in the Auckland/Northland region were represented
- Email clubs to enquire what has been implemented since the conference; what items in particular have been of assistance to them; any feedback from delegates via their club

ANGELA

RON KLINGER WORKSHOP

- Kerikeri Club has been proactive and made preliminary enquiries about the possibility of Ron Klinger travelling to NZ for a workshop/s in Northland.
- Ron has agreed and advised available dates and costs
- This could happen early November and ANRC was asked if there was any possibility of subsidising the cost
- Discussion then ensued in the form of asking Ron to give additional workshops in Auckland and perhaps the Waikato/Bays region. If this happened it could help reduce the initial costs
- Sue Brown will follow up with Ron to see if he is available prior to the suggested November dates. (*Ron has now confirmed he is available the weekend of 6/8 November and the week prior to.*)

YOUTH BRIDGE

- Richard advised there are enthusiastic teachers at Macleans College and Auckland Grammar
- Macleans has two 7 am sessions a week; lunchtime play; and Sunday mornings for teaching. Approx 24 players
- Grammar has two lunchtime sessions with 20-25 players

DIRECTING WORKSHOP

- Allan Joseph has confirmed he is available for the Club directors and a Tournament directors workshop at Howick Club on the weekend of 27/28 June
- To date 10 people have registered
- Directing exam dates are 4/5 July & 31Oct/1 Nov

GENERAL BUSINESS

SYSTEM CARDS

- It was noted system cards are not being used at tournaments. Clubs need to be reminded of this and could advise players when taking their entries **ANGELA**
- Clubs could be asked to write a short bye-line on all tournament fliers **ANGELA**
- There was also the suggestion that Directors could remind players prior to the start of the tournament

FAREWELL & THANK YOU

- After the meeting, it was realised Graham Wakefield was stepping down from the NZB Management Board and would no longer be attending ANRC meetings. Graham has been present at virtually all meetings and his advice and knowledge has been very much appreciated. Thank you Graham... you will be missed at our future meetings and we think at the NZB meetings too.

The meeting finished at 11.15 am

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee – Sunday 14th June 2015
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: