

# MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 10.30 pm  
Royle Epsom Bridge Club

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## PRESENT

Trevor Robb, Rosaleen Koch, Peter Bowyer, Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom, Richard Solomon, Angela Royle

## APOLOGIES

Graham Wakefield

## MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Patrick/Trevor

## MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented his report showing a balance of \$13,215.51. The report was tabled and seconded. Tony/Peter
- Interest rates were discussed and the Treasurer is to contact NZB to see if there is a better group interest rate available TONY

## CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Peter/Rosaleen

All inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda. Additional items received:

- Detailed information on the 2010 National Bridge Congress from Richard Solomon
- Information from Arie Geursen regarding the proposed workshop for NZ Directors

## TOURNAMENTS

### RUBBER BRIDGE

- Due to previous lack of support there will be no prize money and no entry fee
- Information to be sent to clubs in April ANGELA
- Entries to be taken by Trevor TREVOR
- Games to be held in homes or a venue to be chosen by players
- Auckland must advise NZ Bridge of the number of entries by 31<sup>st</sup> May in order to qualify for two places in the final, depending if it has the most entries
- There will be a subsidy for the winning pair for travel and accommodation to the finals at Congress in Hamilton
- Format to be decided once entries are received

### INTER-PROVINCIALS

- **Trials to be held at Auckland Club**
  - June 12/13 - Open & Intermediate
  - July 24/25 – Women's & Seniors
- IPs at Congress: With the new region Top of the South being included in the IPs, the competition will now start on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept for three days. There will be an 8 team round robin and each team will have a bye

## **2010 CLUB TEAMS COMPETITION**

- The date is confirmed as SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010
- This year there will be a play off between the new region Top of the South and Canterbury
- It was suggested for 2011 that the overall winner of the Club Teams should have automatic entry for the following year therefore the winning region could have a second team in the final competition. This would make an even number of teams competing and assist the play off situation in the South Island. This suggestion to be put to NZB

**RICHARD**

## **2010 EASTER MASTERS PAIRS & TEAMS**

- A flier has been mailed to all clubs and Tony Morcom is taking registrations
- It was questioned if the 50+ age limit should continue. If there are eager under 50 bridge players in Auckland at Easter wanting to play tournament bridge this age limit excludes them. Players to be asked at this year's events
- A basic morning tea to be provided. Committee members to liaise.

**TONY**

**ANGELA/ROSALEEN/TONY**

## **2011 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

- NZB asked the ARC and WBRC their thoughts on having a major bridge event at Easter time with an idea of possibly holding the NI Pairs and Teams (two days each) at this time
- The request from NZB did not state if their idea would be a one-off for Easter 2011 or a regular Easter event
- The committee felt the idea was not acceptable as numbers at Easter are predictably low but perhaps a trial involving 2 x one-off events with suitable A Points may be well worth considering

## **A POINT TEAMS TOURNAMENTS**

- NZ Bridge to be contacted again on this item. Item shown on previous minutes as below:
- "It is felt there is a lack of Teams tournaments within the Auckland Region. A cost comparison was made for holding Teams and Pairs tournaments. The extra cost for Teams is considerable regarding Masterpoints and prize money. NZB to be contacted to see if they will consider reviewing their Masterpoint fees so that clubs can be encouraged to host more A point Teams events"

**ANGELA**

## **REGIONAL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

- Clubs to be sent a nomination form as the term for current committee expires on 30<sup>th</sup> June
- The RC shall comprise no less than four (4) and no more than six (6) members who shall hold office for a term of two years commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> July in the year of appointment
- Current RC members may be nominated for a further term
- The Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be members of the RC
- If they are not members of the RC they shall not be counted for the purpose of a quorum and shall not have voting rights
- A quorum of a RC shall be three members
- If there are more than six nominations for the RC then clubs have a weighted voting right in an election in proportion to their Home Club membership
- Once constituted, the RC shall appoint by resolution a Regional Chairperson
- **Nominations from clubs are required to be sent to the RC Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**
- The new committee for 2010 to 2012 is required to be formed by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- The Board of NZ Bridge appoints the Regional Committee.

**ANGELA**

## HONORARIUMS

For the 2008/09 year the Secretary will receive \$1000 and the Treasurer \$500, subject to the required tax laws

## AUCKLAND REGION WEBSITE

- A vote of thanks was given to Peter Bowyer for organising an excellent website in a very short period of time. It is hoped that clubs and players will make good use of it.

## WORKSHOP FOR NZ DIRECTORS

- Arie Geursen asked if the Auckland RC would assist in hosting this workshop on the weekend of 14/15 August 2010. The committee agreed they would.
- The first task is to find a venue. Auckland Club to be approached (and is now confirmed as the venue – Arie advised)

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE – held in Auckland 6/7 February

- Trevor Robb, Tony Morcom and Angela Royle attended the Regional Conference – Trevor on the Saturday; Tony and Angela on the Sunday.
- Minutes were circulated and the main items the ARC discussed at their committee meeting were teaching and training; and national and club recorders

### TEACHING & TRAINING

- It was suggested that clubs be asked to submit to the ARC secretary their successful teaching techniques and these will be put on the ARC website **ANGELA/PETER**

### RECORDERS

- The National Recorder is Noel Woodhall
- The Auckland Region Recorder is Lynne Geursen
- Club Recorders – it was suggested that clubs may wish to consider having a club recorder. Many members may not be aware of the duties of the club recorder and how they can assist their members
- NZB will be sending information to all clubs

## YOUTH BRIDGE

Richard Solomon reported that:

- The youth bridge weekend will be held in Christchurch 6-8 August
- Auckland Grammar has an enthusiastic group of 25-30 students

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### GRADINGS

- NZ Bridge to be contacted again to see if there is a response from the Admin Committee regarding gradings for overseas players and for NZ players returning to the game **ANGELA**
- Clubs to be contacted to ensure they know the current tournament grading rules for overseas players – see NZ Bridge Manual B8 **ANGELA**

### CAMPOLI CUP

- Richard Solomon will check to see if he has the names of previous winners **RICHARD**

### **50+ EXPO**

NZ Bridge will be involved again in this Expo to be held in Auckland 8-10 October. Clubs will be contacted nearer the time and asked for their involvement

### **BOARD ELECTIONS**

Information has been sent to all clubs regarding the three nominations for the NZB Board. Clubs to be emailed and asked to ensure they send off their voting form which must be received by NZB by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Votes received after this date will not be valid. **ANGELA**

### **INTERMEDIATE TOURNAMENT WINNER SCHEME**

The committee will look at this again in September and decide whether or not it will implement it for 2011.

### **WAIHEKE TOURNAMENT MASTERPOINTS**

Waiheke to be contacted as the results for their November tournament have not been recorded. **TONY**

### **GROWN UPS WEBSITE**

This is a popular website for the 50+ age group and it was suggested that clubs place their details on the site. Email address below for clubs to advertise their club details for FREE.

[www.grownups.co.nz/community/clubs](http://www.grownups.co.nz/community/clubs)

**ANGELA**

### **CLUBS AT RISK**

This will be discussed at the next Regional meeting.

The meeting finished at 12.30 pm

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee to be held  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 10.30 am  
Venue to be advised**

Signed: President: Trevor Robb

Date: