

Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: **Friday 20 March 2015** at 19:30 via Skype.

Present:

Karen Martelletti (Chair Person), 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 6 February 2015 were confirmed, after changing the last meeting date from 19 October 2015 to Sunday 1 November 2015.

Jan/Karen

Matters arising from previous meeting:

The matters arising are all agenda items.

Correspondence In:

As distributed to the committee members.

- Email from NZ Bridge Foundation advising us of \$2500.00 donation towards Asset purchases to be used for coaching purposes.
- Letter from Pub Charity, reminding us to submit a Donation Accountability Report.

Correspondence Out:

As discussed.

Thank you letter (Email) to Susan Humphries of NZ Bridge Foundation.

Donation Accountability Report to Pub Charity.

Financial report:

The financial status per 28 February 2015, circulated to the committee members prior to the meeting, was approved. Jan / Karen.

Budget 2015. The draft budget was tabled by Karen and accepted. Jan/Brett

Our current position as per 28 February 2015

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| BNZ Cheque Account: | \$ 5316.36 | This includes the NZ Bridge Foundation donation. |
| BNZ On Call Account: | \$ 6736.48 | |
| NZ Bridge Term Deposit: | \$12041.15 | |
| Total | \$24093.99 | |

Payments detailed below totaling \$2460.38 were approved for payment. Jan / Brett.

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| Iclay Media | 20 | Feb | \$33.75 |
| Amanda Smith Reg Conf | 20 | Mar | \$54.00 |
| Jane Stearns Assett Purch | 23 | Mar | \$1,963.88 |
| Jan Spaans | 23 | Mar | \$375.00 |
| Iclay Media | 20 | Mar | \$33.75 |

Interprovincial Teams 2015

Contrary to previous years, when the IPs were held either in Hamilton or Auckland, this year we are facing an accommodation expense of about \$10,000. This is a huge one off expense to the region, which has an impact on what we can do financially this year and possibly next year. Therefore we decided on the following motion:

Motion:

That we apply to Pub Charity for a donation of \$10,149.00 to cover the accommodation costs for the Waikato Bays Inter Provincial Teams attending the 2015 Interprovincial Teams Competition in Christchurch. Jan/Rona.



Top Club event 2015

The draft survey for the clubs was discussed. After some minor alterations it was approved for distribution to the clubs.

Rubber Bridge 2016

Matamata has advised that they are unable to host the 2016 Rubber Ducky Day. Alternative reasonably centrally located clubs were tabled. Rona to follow up.

13 June 2015 National Conference in Wellington

Rona has been invited by NZ Bridge to attend as the National Tournament Organiser. The Region to send and fund Brett to attend on behalf of the WBRC and speak towards the Huntly Masterpoint Proposal.

Huntly Masterpoint Proposal

The committee agreed on supporting the Huntly Masterpoint proposal. Brett/Karen. This can now be send to Alister to be placed on the agenda for the National Conference and for distribution to the Regions. Brett to write to other Regions well prior to the National Conference and seek their endorsement, which may lead to a remit for the AGM.

NZ Bridge Board Elections March 2015

Alan Turner (re-elected) and Karen Martelletti (both of the Tauranga Bridge Club) were the successful candidates.

Karen's election to the Board means that she will have to resign her role on the WBRC.

It was agreed that Rona will take over the role of Chair Person of the WBRC. Jan/Ray.

The committee thanked Karen for her many years of invaluable input in the WBBC and WBRC and the manner in which she conducted her roles on the committee. We wish her all the best on the NZ Board. Karen's shoes will be hard to fill but we are confident Rona will do a good job.

Accounts Reviewer

Karen advised that Gail McIntosh is prepared to review our accounts for the year 20145 – 2015.

Signatories to BNZ Bank Account and Internet Banking.

The committee decided that Jan Spaans and Michael Neels remain signatories (unchanged from current status) and that Rona Driscoll takes over from Karen Martelletti as signatory and will be the second person authorizing the BNZ Internet banking (together with Jan Spaans). Karen/ Ray.

WBRC Website

Karen suggested that the current web site is getting on a bit, hard to work with in regards of updating info. The committee agreed to investigate what else is available. Michael to drive this project.

Policy and Procedure Manual

Ray gave us an update about his progress. He's still on track to have this project completed by the end of June. His draft version is likely to be ready by May and to be send out to other Regions for their feedback also.

Allan Barclay

The committee received notification that WBBC pioneer and ex NZ Bridge Board member Allan Barclay is suffering from a terminal illness. The committee acknowledges and celebrates Allan's numerous contributions to bridge in NZ in general, the innovations he brought to our region, several are copied by other regions and the manner in which he always looked for a positive way forward. The committee wishes Allan, Denise and the rest of the family all the best for the times ahead.

Meeting closed at 21:40 hrs.

Next meeting: Friday 1 May 2015 19:30 via Skype.

Minutes confirmed by

Name *(printed)*:

Role: Chairperson.....

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