



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 13th November at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom, Rosaleen Koch, Trevor Robb, Angela Royle, Julie Atkinson (part attendance), Russell Watt (part attendance)

WELCOME

Chairman Peter welcomed Auckland Club representatives Julie Atkinson and Russell Watt

APOLOGIES

Arie Geursen, Richard Solomon, Graham Wakefield

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 4th September 2011 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Trevor/Patrick

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented the Income & Expenditure report for 1st August to 31st October 2011 which showed a closing balance of \$14,851.33. This is a considerable increase from the previous report due to the payment of Levies and the Masterpoints Refund
- The Treasurer reiterated that as from 1st July 2011 NZB has advised that only clubs with a membership of 100 or less can claim for expenses for beginner lessons
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Tony/Rosaleen

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Rosaleen/Tony

All inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda.

TOURNAMENTS

INTER-PROVINCIALS - 2012

- Trial dates for the Intermediate & Open pairs – Saturday/Sunday 21/22 April
- Trial dates for the Seniors & Women – Saturday/Sunday 4/5 August
- The entry fee will increase to \$30 per trial except for the Intermediates if play is over just one day
- Patrick expressed concern over the Seniors/Women's date as it clashes with the Kerikeri Open 5A tournament and they have organised substantial sponsorship for their tournament
- The tournament calendar is exceptionally full for 2012 and currently there is no alternative date for the Seniors/Women's trials

RUBBER BRIDGE

Information for clubs to be sent in February

TREVOR/ANGELA

2011 INTERCLUB

- Chairman Peter was present at the final session of Interclub and presented the trophies and bottles of wine to the winning teams plus wine for the Director and organiser Tony Morcom. The winning teams were:
 - Junior - Waitemata
 - Intermediate – Royle Epsom
 - Open - Auckland

Peter thanked Tony for organising and directing the event over the last year and to Auckland Club for being a great host club

WORLD TV COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TOURNAMENT

- This event is yet to be confirmed but Saturday 23rd June has been set aside on the tournament calendar
- Once confirmed the ANRC will apply to NZ Bridge for 10A status
- This is definitely an Auckland based event – WTV is not interested in holding the tournament elsewhere

2012 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

This year ANRC has not emailed the schedule to clubs as it is readily available on-line on the NZB website...and updated regularly

MASTERPOINTS FOR 10A & 15A TOURNAMENTS

- Julie Atkinson and Russell Watt took part in the discussion on this topic
- These tournaments are usually hosted by Auckland Bridge Club on behalf of the ANRC. Russell advised that ABC is happy to continue hosting these events
- ANRC agreed for them to continue to do so
- In the past the ANRC has paid for the Masterpoint charges and it was agreed at the meeting they will continue to do so. This will assist in keeping the registration fee at an acceptable level
- It was thought Whangarei Club may not be aware that ANRC pay for the Masterpoints for these events and, by way of these minutes, they should forward their 10A/15A MP charges to the ANRC

WEBSITES

- Clubs with no website were contacted over the last two months with an exceptionally good offer from website designer Chris Noldus
- There were two enquiries but nothing confirmed
- If clubs decide in the future they would like a website and require assistance, Peter Bowyer is willing to help. His email is bowyerpn@gmail.com
- Chris Noldus to be contacted and thanked for his offer

PETER

BRIDGE WORKSHOP

- The ANRC is holding a bridge workshop on Sat 31 March & Sun 1st April at Howick Club
- Richard Solomon is the facilitator
- A sub-committee has been organised - Rosaleen Koch and Angela Royle and a representative from Howick club
- Peter to ask a Howick committee member to be the liaison contact with the sub-committee PETER
- The workshop is aimed at Intermediates and keen Juniors and will be similar to the one held at Orewa earlier this year

YOUTH BRIDGE

- Richard Solomon advised via email that in late November he will introduce bridge to approximately thirty 3rd and 4th formers at Auckland Boys Grammar
- Currently there are groups playing at ABG and Parnell College and there is hope that an Auckland University group will start next year

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Franklin submitted an account for \$481.56 for reimbursement of lessons costs. They were advised their entitlement was \$88.73 for advertising costs only. A cheque for this amount to be sent **TONY**
- The ANRC received an email from Franklin regarding clubs holding charity/club tournaments on the same day as NZB tournaments and sending out fliers to other clubs advising of the event. They felt this can be detrimental to the number of players attending the NZB tournaments. There was discussion on this and it was decided that:
 - No action would be taken by the ANRC
 - One recent event received good publicity in two of the local papers which was a definite boost for bridge
- . Franklin to be advised

ANGELA

The meeting finished at 11 am (one hour only...a record!)

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 5th February 2012
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: