



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 5th July 2015 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Trevor Robb, Tony Morcom, Susan Humphries, Angela Royle

IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Ashwell (part)

APOLOGIES

Sue Brown, Richard Solomon, Arie Geursen

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 22nd March had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and confirmed: Trevor/Tony

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Susan presented her report. The ANRC account has a balance of \$19,596.25 showing a surplus of \$4906.45; however, outstanding items amount to \$5034.77. Susan was asked if it is possible to have a 2014/15 column for comparison **SUSAN**
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Susan/Trevor

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 (held Saturday 6th June)

- Congratulations to Mt Albert...the victors
- Only four clubs played in the event – very disappointing indeed
- Auckland Club was last year's winner so has automatic entry into this year's event
- Three Regions have pulled out of the event
- A flier promoting the event was circulated to all teams playing at May interclub but did not attract any further entries
- ANRC will give \$300 to Mt Albert Club & \$300 to Auckland Club to assist with the teams' Congress registration and accommodation

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*)

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
- Angela to check with Deborah from ABC regarding the flier and organising the event **ANGELA**

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
- Richard Bland to be asked to be part of the Match Committee which would comprise of Tony Morcom, Director, Sue Brown ANRC and Richard Bland Whangarei Club (*Richard has since agreed.*) **ANGELA**

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- Auckland trials the weekend of 15/16 August
- Finals to be in Christchurch: Sat/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 November
- Flier to be sent to all clubs
- Morning tea to be organised **ANGELA
BRIAN/ANGELA**

RUBBER BRIDGE

- 24 pairs competed within the region. Not all matches have been played

SWISS PAIRS/TEAMS/PAIRS

- There was debate on the number of tournaments held in the region each year and the lack of Swiss Pairs and Teams events
- Susan Humphries advised that 87% of 5A tournaments and below are Pairs and there is a need to give players the opportunity to play in Swiss Pairs and Teams events
- Club to be asked if they would consider changing any of their tournaments for 2016 from Pairs to Swiss Pairs and Teams. **ANGELA**
- They will NOT be asked to hold an additional tournament but asked if they would consider changing at least one of their tournaments to a different format. This would not affect the 2016 tournament calendar as the dates for their tournaments are already set

RON KLINGER WORKSHOP

- ANRC member Sue Brown was unable to attend the regional meeting but sent an in depth report on Ron's itinerary
- Ron's visit to NZ is confirmed from 31st October to 7th November 2015.
- To date there are workshops in Kerikeri, Cambridge, Tauranga, Hamilton and Rotorua; Auckland area is yet to be confirmed
- Dates currently not booked are: Sat 31st Oct; Thur 5th Nov; Fri 6th Nov
- Sue will advise the most popular requested topics and whether or not a projector is required for Ron's presentations **SUE**
- Accommodation/billeting is still to be organised, mainly in the Auckland area

REGIONAL CONFERENCE/MARKETING MEETING

- Richard Solomon advised in an email that NZ Bridge require all regions to hold an annual Regional Conference and to advise Richard of the date and agenda if available
- The Auckland/Northland region anticipate holding their 2016 conference around May/June
- Orewa to be asked if they will again host the event **ANGELA**
- For info...clubs were contacted two months after the February 2015 Northland/Auckland Regional Conference and asked for feedback regarding any ideas they had implemented that came from the conference. Only one club out of nineteen responded.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN WELLINGTON

Peter Bowyer attended the conference on behalf of the Auckland/Northland region and gave a brief outline of the Business Plan presented at the Conference. A copy of the business plan is available to clubs if they wish to contact NZ Bridge.

Some of the topics discussed:

- Redesign the website to make it more user friendly and provide weekly news items, articles, forums and club results
- Work with the Regions and clubs to make good use the marketing package
- Maintain and update teaching manuals
- Have a national advertising campaign early in the year
- Visits to clubs by board members.
- Continuing concern over falling membership
- Ensure regions hold an annual conference
- Concern in the fall of players entering Junior and/or Intermediate tournaments
- The rank of No Rank is to be changed to the more friendly name of Novice
- Regions should make use of their funds by enhancing aspects of bridge ie directing workshops; bridge seminars
- No plans at present to increase the Masterpoints levy

DIRECTING WORKSHOP

- Allan Joseph gave an exceptionally good workshop on the weekend of 27/28 June
- Allan to be thanked for his presentation and time ; Howick Club to be thanked for hosting the event; and Mary Wood for billeting Allan **ANGELA**
- 25 eager learners attended on Saturday (Club Directors) and 5 on the Sunday (Tournament Directors)

DONATIONS BY PAPATOETOE CLUB

Papatoetoe contacted the ANRC and offered \$2000 to the region and \$2000 to Youth Bridge. Papatoetoe stated their aims within the bridge world and asked the ANRC to let them know how they would use the money if it was donated to them:

\$2000 to Youth Bridge – this would help send youth players to Canberra for Youth week (bridge and coaching) – 9/16 January 2016

\$2000 to ANRC – part would be used to allow two pairs from the region to attend National Congress.

- The pairs could be any grade but it must be their first time to Congress. This is the only restriction
- \$500 per pair would be given for registration and assistance with accommodation
- A flier would be sent to all affiliated clubs and players could then apply
- The names would be 'pulled out of the hat' before the end of August

ALLAN BARCLAY

It was a sad day for the New Zealand bridge world when Allan Barclay recently passed away. The ANRC will send a card to Denise and also a donation to the Thames Cancer Group who helped Allan and Denise through a very sad time. **SUSAN/ANGELA**

HONORARIUMS

It was decided to give the same honorariums as last year to the ANRC's Treasurer and Secretary

SYSTEM CARDS

- Clubs to be reminded AGAIN about adding a bye line on their tournament fliers advising a System Card is required for the tournament
- Directors could remind players prior to the start of a tournament **ANGELA**

YOUTH BRIDGE

Richard Solomon was unable to attend the committee meeting so emailed his report. Highlights include:

Youth weekend – 7th to 9th August in Wellington. To date 40 attendees have registered with 12 from Macleans College Pakuranga plus one other from the Auckland area. There may be some from Auckland Grammar

Sunday Youth Group – recently started at Auckland Club from 2-5 pm every two weeks. First two sessions saw 23 and 13 attend. The smaller numbers for the second session were due to Auckland Grammar exams. Senior youth players supported the sessions. ANRC is paying for the refreshments

Schools Bridge

1. Going well especially in the Howick-Pakuranga area. Lance Bowden had 24 attend the 10 week beginner sessions on Sunday mornings. Lance also has two lunchtime sessions as well as an early morning session. 8-10 Macleans College students are attending the Sunday youth group and four have joined Howick Club. Lance is hoping to start an on-line Friday evening group.

2. Neil Beckett and Kaye Main are running groups at Bucklands Beach Intermediate, the feeder school for Macleans. 12 older students are learning bridge and 25 play mini bridge at lunchtime, once a week

3. NZ Youth Teams at Congress – at the present time, Macleans College has committed three teams and Auckland Grammar one team

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the upset at the Club Teams Champs trial and it is hoped that the two clubs and team members involved have liaised and sorted out any bad feelings

The meeting finished at 12 noon

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee – Sunday 13th September 2015
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: