

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 4th September at 10 am
at Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom, Rosaleen Koch, Trevor Robb, Graham Wakefield, Angela Royle

APOLOGIES

Arie Geursen. Richard Solomon

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 12th June 2011 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Patrick/Rosaleen

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 April to 31st July 2011 which showed a closing balance of \$8480.74.
- The Treasurer advised the Masterpoint refund had not been paid to the ANRC by NZB as Papatoetoe Club has not paid their annual levies. Follow up required. **TONY**
- There was a query with expenses relating to the Coaching Grant. The Treasurer will follow up with NZB **TONY**
- 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
- Currently, if Auckland/Northland clubs claim for advertising expenses for beginner lessons, the ANRC will pay a maximum of \$150 per club per year
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Tony/Trevor

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Rosaleen/Tony

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

TOURNAMENTS

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- There will be an entry increase for 2012 to \$30 per trial except for the Intermediates if play is over just one day
- Gary Chen's NPC report is still outstanding. Follow up required **TONY**

RUBBER BRIDGE

- Advice to clubs regarding the 2012 event will be sent early 2012

2013 MAIN CENTRE PAIRS & TEAMS

Franklin has advised they do not wish to host this event. Auckland will now be the host club

BABICH NEW ZEALAND-WIDE PAIRS – Friday 4th November

- NZB has send information to all clubs
- Known non-affiliated clubs have been contacted in the hope they will participate and perhaps at a later date become affiliated

CLUB TEAMS COMPETITION

This year seven clubs participated in the Auckland event and only five regions competed at Congress. Canterbury and Top of the South did not

WORLD TV COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TOURNAMENT – Sun 19 June

22 teams participated. Patrick was interviewed by WTV who were happy with the running of the event. Hopefully it will take place again next year

2012 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Patrick to liaise with Waitemata Club to clarify the grading of their 2012 tournaments **PATRICK**

FRANKLIN SUMMER PAIRS TOURNAMENT

Franklin asked for their weekday tournament to be changed to a weekend. The only weekend available is around Waitangi Day. This was accepted by Franklin and the ANRC agreed but with the exception that if Waitangi Day is on a Saturday or Sunday then Franklin tournament will revert back to a week day for that year. This will happen twice during the next seven years

INTER-CLUB TEAMS

The last evening for the year is Friday 11 November. Chairman Peter will be there to present trophies to the winning teams. Wine to be bought for the team players. **ANGELA/TONY**

NORTH ISLAND PAIRS

Due to RWC matches, high airfares and lack of accommodation, the date has been changed from October to 19/20 November. Auckland's Wes Dodd tournament will now be on Saturday 8 October.

WEBSITES

- There was much discussion about club websites...the lack of them...and the lack of clubs up-dating their site. Some club websites have not seen an update for over two years. This does not look inviting for interested people wanting to learn the game or wanting to visit a club in their area.
- All ANRC clubs will be sent an email regarding updating their websites and if they do not have one, they can contact Peter Bowyer who is able to give them three possible website developers

PETER/ANGELA

- Board Member Graham Wakefield will discuss with the NZB Board the feasibility of mandatory websites for all affiliated clubs plus assistance with costs for those with 100 or less members

GRAHAM

YOUTH BRIDGE

Richard Solomon is overseas so no update on Youth bridge

REPORT FROM THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- Rosaleen Koch attended the August Regional Conference and presented a written summary of the conference
- Items of interest were:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RETURNS

- Unfortunately not all clubs filed a return with NZB and it was felt at the regional conference that some clubs were not honest with the correct number of paid up members at their club. NZB are working through the known delinquent clubs
- The annual membership return is useful as they currently provide statistics regarding the number of beginner lessons clubs hold throughout the year; number of people taking the lessons; the conversion numbers to become members; and the retention of members
- There is also other information that may be required for future annual returns

CHANGE OF NAME

- NZB agreed to change the name of the Auckland Regional Committee to AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE thus better describing the geographical location
- With the name change, it was expressed that representation from Northland at the Regional meetings would be welcomed
- Northland has always been entitled to send a nomination for the committee but in recent years has not done so. As the current committee is a good working one, if they decide in the future to do so, then they would need to guarantee their nominated person, or proxy, would attend the majority of meetings and not send in an apology each time
- Northland Clubs are always sent a copy of the minutes but in future a copy of the agenda and also the minutes will be sent to Northland Board Member Patsy Walters

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The ANRC agreed not to charge the Royle Epsom club for 8 sets of boards for their 24 hour charity bridge marathon to be held from 6 pm Friday 30th September to 6 pm Saturday 1st October. Joy Morcom will be paid for making up the boards. The money raised will go to Alzheimers Auckland.

The meeting finished at 11.25 am

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee Sunday 13th November 2011
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: