

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 13th September 2015 at 10 am Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Arie Geursen, Anthony Hopkins, Brian Ashwell

APOLOGIES

Richard Solomon

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 5th July had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and confirmed: Susan & Trevor

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 \$15,267.90
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded

Susan/Sue

CORRESPONDENCE Received & Approved: Angela/Sue 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

- Congratulations to Mt Albert...the victors
- Auckland Club was last year's winner so has automatic entry into this year's event
- The two clubs will each receive \$300 to assist with expenses

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
- Auckland Club has designed the flier and it has been emailed to clubs

INTERCLUB

- The last session is on Friday evening, 13th November
- Prizes: Top two Junior & Intermediates teams; one for top Open; plus the wonderful Directors

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- The trials were held the weekend of 15/16 August
- Finals to be in Christchurch: Sat/Sun/Mon 28/29/30 November
- Carol Richardson has been appointed Chef de Mission
- All finalists have been emailed with relevant information
- Further information to come from Murray Wiggins and/or Richard Solomon

RUBBER BRIDGE

• The final is between pairs from Whangarei and Auckland clubs

RON KLINGER WORKSHOP

- Sue Brown has done a great job in organising the travel plans and workshops for Ron Klinger
- To date Ron has workshops in Auckland (5), Kerikeri, Wellington and Waikato/Bays
- Auckland Club to host the five workshops in Auckland and design a flier
- The flier to be sent to clubs in the region
- Accommodation/billeting in Auckland still to be organised

ANGELA SUE

YOUTH BRIDGE

Youth tournament – this is the fourth year of the ANRC youth tournament held at Howick Club. This year it's on 13th September and Chairman Peter was leaving the meeting to present the trophy and prizes to the winners

Sunday Youth Group

- This continues every other Sunday at Auckland Club from 2-5 pm
- ANRC pay for the refreshments

GENERAL BUSINESS

Directing Workshop – it was suggested, and agreed that Allan Joseph be asked to give a Directing Workshop to the Northland Clubs in 2016 PETER

Bridge Club Council Leases – Anthony Hopkins advised that Councils are under increasing pressure to improve their yield on assets, including recreational facilities. Many bridge clubs lease buildings, land or both from such entities. The ANRC cannot offer anything other than general pointers but, in summary, clubs should be prepared. Councils are becoming more commercial with regard to lease renewals, even on shared premises. Clubs should be aware of their leases, especially if they are coming up for renewal as the Council may seek to increase the responsibilities of clubs in areas such as maintenance, insurance and rentals

Accumulating Tournament Points

Northland and Waikato/Bays have a system whereby players accumulate points for the number of tournaments they enter over the year and how well they do. The system to be investigated further and whether it would be feasible to use within the Auckland region **SUSAN**

Tournament Schedule – Arie advised NZB has appointed a task force to look into the revamping of the tournament schedule. The earliest anything would be put into effect would be 2017.

Papatoetoe Donation – The two pairs going to Congress courtesy of the money donated by Papatoetoe club are S & B Humphrey from Kerikeri Club and M & C Diggins from Royle Epsom. Next year ANRC would consider a change in format to enable four people new to Congress to go even if their bridge partners have played at Congress before.

The meeting finished at 11.40 am

Next meeting of the Regional Committee – <u>Sunday 15th November 2015</u> 10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club