

# Waikato Bays

## Regional Committee of NZ Bridge

meeting held on Sunday 27 November 2011 at 10.00 am  
at the Matamata Bridge Clubrooms

Karen welcomed Allan Barclay, NZ Bridge board member to the meeting

### Present

Karen Martelletti, (President) Judith Bishop (Secretary/Treasurer) Brett Glass & Jan Spaans

### Apologies

Rona Driscoll

It was moved that the apology be accepted.

Martelletti/Spaans

### (1) Previous Minutes

Having been previously circulated were taken as read.

It was moved that the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Carried.

Bishop/Spaans

### (2) Matters Arising & Action List

Jones Day Out:

Proposed dates Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March or Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Cost \$10.00 per player which will include membership to SFE

Archiving Project:

Jan has spoken with Evelyn Hurley and commenced scanning and forwarding material.

Information to clubs to be included in the newsletter

### (3) Correspondence

As all correspondence is electronic and on retained on gmail it was taken as read.

It was requested that a list of major correspondence be attached to the minutes.

It was moved that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence approved

Bishop/Spaans

**(3) Finance Report**

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting

It was moved that accounts as paid be approved along with \$25.99 to the Mount Bridge Club for engraving of the interclub cup. Bishop/Martelletti

**(4) Masterpoints Scheme**

It was moved that the following proposal be sent to NZ Bridge for consideration:

Proposed Change to the Masterpoint Scheme:

Rationale:

To protect the club based players and some players moving through the ranks too quickly.

Proposal:

C points do not get converted to B points.

Only A&B Points are used for the purpose of Gradings.

A, B, & C points are used for the calculation of Rankings.

Junior and intermediate gradings would have to be reviewed - ie lowered.

Glass/Bishop

**(5) Te Aroha & Other Small Clubs**

A centralized secretarial/treasurer service was discussed, while the idea has some merit it was thought that the logistics would be too challenging. Judith to continue to look into it and talk to clubs who are struggling with admin issues and see what assistance can be provided.

Big day out type days on a weekend – particularly in Te Aroha.

Discussion on bridge teaching, Judith advised that NZ Bridge president has still not come through with the teaching material for schools as promised.

Hermann joined the meeting regarding discussion on the suggested club shared lessons as raised at the last meeting. She advised that this has fallen flat as neither Morrinsville or Matamata clubs are not prepared to travel.

The committee have pledged their support to assist with an open night at Te Aroha. Hermann left the meeting.

**(6) SFE**

The online forum is not being used. Neither NZ Bridge board or other regional committees are interested.

The Jones Day Out drives SFE and this was not held this year.

Mentoring is available but again is not being used.

The Leagues: To be looked at as a separate issue.  
Web Site:- This is costing \$360 per year.  
It was moved that this be offered free to all of our clubs.

Martelletti/Glass

Allan will prepare a notice regarding the web site to go out with the next newsletter.

## **(7) Championship Leagues**

Registrations were an issue, people were not registering.  
The leagues were set up to promote participation. The present format is now not working. The original strategy was to promote pairs for the IP teams  
The trophy for the intermediate pairs – suggestion to be discussed with Jane.  
Jan is to look at setting up a ladder type result in compass, It will be for only pairs events, not teams. Prize money to be \$50 each for winners only, overall position points to be given.

Martelletti/Glass

## **(8) Youth Players**

Half of the clubs have not bothered to answer Brett's request for information regarding any youth players that they may have.  
We will put a request in the newsletter for all clubs to register their youth members and to provide a date of birth.  
Secretary to ask NZ Bridge secretary who maintains the youth register and if the DOB's are registered along and home clubs maintained.

## **(9) Club Visits**

Work In progress. Until we have another committee member and know where they are based this cannot be finalised.

## **(10) Allan Barclay's report from the NZ Bridge Board.**

Allan Barclay briefed the committee on the following items from the Board's latest telephone conference:

Announcing: Which is when partner announces the strength of partner's no trump opening, can be played at clubs if organising committees so choose; but not at tournaments until spelled out in the NZ Bridge manual.

Electronic scoring: Arie explained scores are not permitted to be shown on electronic score units because of security issues. It was possible for players to move away from the tables without closing down the scores from their rounds.

NZ Wide Pairs Follow up: This is going to be raised at the next board meeting. 6 non-affiliated clubs participated. Our own Whangamata club was one and Allan is keen to see if he can get them affiliated.

Revamp of Website: NZ Bridge is revamping the present website, Allan has offered our very successful entry software.

**(11) Nescafe Sponsorship**

Nescafe have offered to sponsor, via Richard Solomon mini congresses and the Thames Bridge Festival and similar events. This will probably be in the form of coffee sachets such as used at National Congress and a cash donation. It would appear that no approach has been made to clubs.

**(12) Bridge Teachers Forum**

A request was made for a forum in the region to discuss teacher's resources and advice. This could possibly be added to SFE. Allan to look into and was asked to remind Kay Nicholas about her undertaking to supply Waikato Bays with teaching notes she showed delegates at the Wellington regional conference.

The next meeting will be held via a tele conference call on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 1.05 p.m.

**Confirmed** .....

**Date** .....