



# Waikato Bays

## Regional Committee of NZ Bridge

Meeting held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 10.00 am  
At the Matamata Bridge Clubrooms

Karen welcomed board member Alan Turner to the meeting.

### Present

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

### Apologies

Allan Barclay

It was moved that the apology be accepted.

Bishop/Driscoll

### (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:

Seeing it was so late in the year to organize and Barry has been away, this was deferred until early next year.

Directing:

This has been removed from the action list as the change in the manual has made the requirements quite clear,

Non payment from Vision Papamoa.

As already advised via email, this was not followed up. They do not wish to continue and they have not received accounts payment will not be made.

Psyches – Judith reported from regional conference that there will be a change to the 2012 manual. Our recommendation in the meantime is that we suggest all directors advise that Psyches must be reported.

Payment of masterpoints for Waikato and Bay Pairs.

This is now resolved. Stephen Searle is running the bay pairs, which has been reduced to four days only and Ed Rogroveen is running the Waikato pairs.

Interclub teams trials

It was decided that two trials be played, one each at Tauranga and Hamilton for the clubs in each area.

It was moved that we play a final between the two top teams from Waikato and Bay of Plenty .

Driscoll/Bishop

30<sup>th</sup> June will be the Waikato round in Hamilton – Bay date to be decided

Final will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> August comprising 3 x 16 board matches

Active Directors:

The current directors for the area to be listed in the newsletter.

2013 Tournament Schedule:

NZ Bridge have not yet come to a resolution over what is to happen.- see general business for a report from Alan Turner on proposed changes

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### **(3) Correspondence**

Letter of resignation received from Rosemary Ritchie. Karen has responded. The committee now has a further vacancy. An approach to be made to the Rotorua club to see if they have someone who would like to fill this.

Karen will take over the web site management.

Until a new person is elected club responsibilities will remain as they are.

Rona suggested that one person be responsible for liaison with clubs, Judith suggested that we retain individual clubs and endeavour to visit them all yearly.

Regional committee to pay mileage. We will draw up a working document of information that we should convey to clubs about the regional committee's role.

All correspondence is electronic and on retained on Gmail it was taken as read.

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

Bishop/Glass

### **(3) Finance Report**

A financial report for year to date was tabled along with notes as to present and expected expenditure for the year against received and expected income. It would appear that we will be in about a break even situation.

It was moved that accounts as paid be approved along with \$24.50 to NZ Bridge for a copy of the manual for the secretary.

Bishop/Spaans

Bank Account signatories:

It was moved that Brett Glass replace Rosemary Ritchie as signatory for the bank accounts.

Bishop/Driscoll

Judith temporarily left the meeting.

Karen moved that the secretary/treasurer receive \$1500 honorarium.

Martelletti/Spaans

Judith returned to the meeting.

#### **(4) Regional Conference Report**

Judith spoke to her report of the conference which had been previously circulated.

Archiving Project:

Jan to be co-coordinator for the area, secretary to contact Evelyn Hurley to ascertain exactly what is needed from the area. ie Tauranga's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee and Thames Festival.

15A Events:

Alan Turner spoke to this and provided an overview on what is likely to happen with this events. NZ Bridge will take over the running of them.

#### **(5) Assistance for smaller clubs**

Letters have been received from Te Aroha and Thames clubs seeking assistance. Te Aroha only has 17 members, Thames has an issue with insufficient people to form a committee and falling table numbers.

Hermann Hemmes joined the meeting on behalf of Te Aroha club, but also representing Matamata club.

Alan Turner made a suggestion that Matamata and Morrinsville be asked to assist Te Aroha through a three way partnership for lessons. If each club were able to get two tables (or more) of learners, then the lessons would be run for two nights at each club. The learners tables would move around all three clubs.

Alan has volunteered to do the lessons at Matamata club.

Te Aroha being a very financial club could provide a door prize of petrol vouchers each night for the group to assist with costs.

Flyers to be sent out in Te Aroha and Paeroa advertising these lessons.

Te Aroha would need to change their playing night to accommodate the 'lessons' night between all 3 clubs.

Hermann to discuss this proposal with the clubs concerned.

It was suggested that Thames may need to pay a club manager to take care of their secretary/treasurer/masterpoints etc duties if the members were not prepared to take on the role.

It was also suggested that they reduce costs for the night session.

The seniors to perhaps form teams with juniors for a teams events to assist them rather than always playing among themselves.

The handicaps be reviewed so that the senior players are handicapped out of winning anything.

#### **(6) IP Teams Trials Format**

Seeing that the trials worked reasonably well for the open, seniors and woman the same format is to be used for 2012.

For the intermediates it was moved that the team be selected based on the results of the intermediate championship league.

This was amended to if there insufficient pairs for a trail then the pairs will be selected based on the intermediate pairs championship league and other tournament results up until 6<sup>th</sup> August.

It was also decided to apply for funding as other regional committees to, to pub charities for funding to assist with teams travel & accommodation and for matches and coaching for the teams.

**(7) Novice Tournament**

Ed Rogroveen, director of the tournament asked if it could be held in Hamilton as he felt more Hamilton players would attend without the need for travel. This has always been held in Matamata as it is central for the whole region.

The tournament has struggled in recent years for numbers, it was dropped from 5 years experience to 3 to try and encourage more beginners to attend.

It was recommended that we need to be more proactive in getting players to attend.

**(8) Electronic Scoring**

Alan Turner advised that the NZ Bridge board was still debating this issue. Jan has requested confirmation from secretary Alister Stuck that the current wording in the manual only applies to tournaments.

**(9) Youth Team and Teaching in Schools**

This was deferred until the next meeting.

**(10) 2012 Tournament Schedule**

Te Puke requested a change in their Christmas tournament date to the same date as Te Awamutu. This was declined. If they want to move their tournament closer to Christmas they will have to have it on a Sunday.

Waikato have also requested a change – however their date was incorrect as it was the Sunday.

**(11) General Business**

Championship League – Brett asked where this was going and was it achieving what it was set up to do. Deferred until next meeting.

Masterpoints:

A discussion was held on the issue of players achieving open status mostly through club play and achieving C points. This in turn could be affecting tournament numbers. Small clubs in particular are effected. Alan Turner provided some insight as to discussions that the board were having around the issue.

Brett brought up a solution of using D points for club play, which would be used when calculating your rank, but only A, B & C points can only be used towards your grade.

Brett to put something together to sent around to all committees for comment before submitting to NZB.

**Qualifying Tournaments:**

Brett suggested that their be a minimum level of competence before you can play in certain tournaments.

Alan Turner spoke to this and advised that at National level they were looking to introduce a life master event.

The next meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Being no further business the meeting closed at .3.40 p.m.

**Confirmed** .....

**Date** .....

\* **Waikato Bays Action List**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Completed By</b>
1	Jones Day Out	Fix date & organize for 2012, Contact John Wignall	All	Ongoing
2	Archiving Project	Contact Alister/Evelyn Hurley re requirements	Judith/Jan	Next Meeting
3	Pub Charities Funding	Apply for funding for IP expenses	Judith	June 2012
4	Masterpoints	Proposal to other areas	Brett/Judith	Next Meeting
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## Waikato Bays Regional Committee Reminder List

	Item	Reminder		Date
1	Agenda	Next meeting – How the committee functions		
2	Agenda	Youth Team		
3	Agenda	Teaching in Schools		
4	Agenda	Championship League		
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