



Waikato Bays

Regional Committee of NZ Bridge

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Meeting held on Saturday 21st April at 10.00am at the Matamata Bridge Clubrooms

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Ray as this was his first meeting.

Present:

Karen Martelletti (President), Judith Bishop (Secretary/Treasurer) Brett Glass, Jan Spaans, Rona Driscoll, Ray McCully & Allan Barclay (NZ Bridge board representative)

1. Previous Minutes

Having been previously circulated, taken as read.

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

Jan/Brett

2. Matters arising & Reminder List

NI Pairs - Tauranga club running this event need to appoint the match committee and advise NZ Bridge.

3. Correspondence

- Letter from NZ Bridge re last minutes
- Teaching Material for each club - Received
- Te Awamutu/Cambridge Tournaments: The final outcome was that TA asked Cambridge to take over their Open.
- The remainder of the correspondence (mostly emails) has been taken as read.

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

Rona/Brett

4. Financial Report

- Masterpoints are up by \$1000
- Allan Barclay would like to sponsor the monthly charges for the website for 2012-2013 - \$350pa
- Next year the Tournament costs will be lower due to the master points for the Waikato and Bay pairs being paid by the host clubs.

Closing Bank statements 31st March 2012

BNZ Cheque Account	\$1,423.93
BNZ Savings Account	\$5,910.61
Term Deposit with NZB	\$10,861.79
	<u>\$18,196.33</u>

Judith/Rona

5. Youth Tournament Subsidy

An enquiry was made whether this is still paid. NZ Bridge no longer pays this.

We made a policy in 2009:- To refund half the entry fee of tournaments up to \$100 per calendar year for any WB Youth players. They player must request a tournament official of the event to signed their application as proof of entry. Players must apply and could be for any tournament in New Zealand, excluding NZ Congress from January 2010.

Players are entitled to claim under the 2009 policy, up until 21 April 2012.

A discussion was held and decided that it was administratively too difficult for the benefits gained. This policy is now rescinded.

Brett/Rona

A letter to be sent to Liz & Blair advising the above.

6. Rubber Bridge

Entries are disappointing. We have only 6 pairs. An email flyer and follow up email has been sent to all clubs.

Options were discussed as to how we can increase the entries. Maybe asking the Claytons to help us promote the event.

7. Trials

Barry Jones & Jenny Millington have applied for selection in the Open team. They are unable to trial as they will be away overseas at the time.

Discussion on trials versus selection was held.

It was moved:

- We will hold trials if numbers permit
- The trials format for 2012 will be the same as 2011.
- Therefore we regretfully decline the request of Barry & Jenny for selection without trial.

Rona/Ray

Barry & Jenny are to be advised that unfortunately only those persons trialling will be included in the team, as it was difficult to make an exception, however we would welcome them to be considered as team captains.

Rona to direct the trials

Brett to work on a possible youth team.

A snail mail letter be sent to all clubs requesting names of youth players if you have not yet supplied them.

8. Novice Pairs

This event is for players with less than 3 years experience. Information is to go out in the next newsletter about this event as well as a flyer to go out now. The Committee is to highlight this to their clubs of responsibility. Rona to direct.

9. Board Dealing Costs

Policy to continue as it is - all clubs who have to buy in boards for tournaments can apply for reimbursement of costs and will be looked at on an individual basis.

10. Committee Elections

Nominations have been received from all present committee members. If no further nominations are received by the 30th April, then these are all accepted.

Club committee are Responsible for

Karen - Tauranga, Mount, Te Puke, Omokoroa
Judith - Thames, Waihi, Katikati, Te Aroha
Jan- Hamilton, Waikato, Te Awamutu, Cambridge
Rona - Taupo, Taumaranui ,Putaruru ,Tokoroa
Brett - Huntly, Matamata, Morrinsville, Waitomo
Ray - Rotorua, Whakatane, Opotiki, Kawerau

11. Junior & Intermediate Leagues

Ray enquired how this was working. A discussion followed and it was decided that this could be reviewed at the end of the year.

Jan needs text files to put the results on the net.

Otago Southland have now started running a similar event and CD may take this up also.

12. Jones Day Out

9 tables. Run Swiss style. 8 board sessions, then a discussion on each round.

Suggestion for next year, to pick out boards and provide notes for.

Matamata club provided excellent support on the day.

Entry Fees totalled \$180.00. Expenses can be covered by the coaching grant.

It was moved that we pay Barry \$130.00 for his time. He can further claim for mileage and the Hamilton club can claim for the cost of boards. Karen/Jan

Proposed date for next year - 26th May, 2013

13. Bridge Promotion - Regional Committee Meeting

Te Aroha promotion day. About 4 people were keen.

Allan provided information about what the board are planning to do in the future.

Tauranga have created a leaflet based on the Australian NSW material. Would be worth showing at the Regional Conference and ask NZB to consider as a good promotional leaflet

14. 2013 Tournament Schedule

- Cambridge request for a new 3A point tournament, 5B & 3B on the same day - Swiss pairs.
- Hamilton request for a junior tournament.
- Tauranga will take over Te Awamutu's date for 2013.
- Rona raised the point that there are only 12 open tournaments in the region. It is suggested that the region hold some further A point events. Maybe the Region take over distribution of all A Point events. To look at ideas for 2014.
- Rotorua did 5 separate flyers targeting different groups for lessons

15. Master Points System

Following on from our previous discussion on this matter, the Huntly club is seriously considering disaffiliating from NZ Bridge. The players do not like receiving C points as they are finding their gradings are not reflective of their ability. Other small clubs are also in this position.

To go on action list as a remit to the AGM.

16. Interclub Teams

Jan to organise the Waikato qualifying rounds in Hamilton and Karen to liaise with Rotorua, hosts of the BOP Interclub teams, for the BOP round.

Sunday 26th August to be the play off day. Rona will direct the final.

17. Teaching Material

The notes were delivered to Tauranga club. As these had to be delivered to all clubs in the area Karen needs to be reimbursed \$50.00 for postage for those clubs that she could not deliver to.

18. General

SFE - Rona & Brett advised that there has been spam on the SFE web site pages. Allan to check and clean up if necessary.

The next meeting is planned for Saturday 21st July.

The final meeting for the year proposed for Saturday 10th November. Kaimai Cafe to be booked for 1pm.

Karen thanked everyone for their attendance. Being no further business the meeting closed at 3.00pm