



Wellington Regional Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held Tuesday August 2 2011

- Date and Time:** Tuesday August 2, 2011. 2pm.
- Location:** Victoria Bridge Club 112 Tinakori Rd, Thorndon.
- Present:** Dinnie Hall, Tony Sutich, Heather Jared (Treasurer), Joan Waldvogel, Paula Jenner (Secretary).
- Apologies:** None
- Minutes:** The Minutes of July 5 2011 were moved correct by Paula Jenner / Seconded by Allan Joseph. Passed
- Finance:** Heather Jared presented a summary of the current BNZ accounts:
- May 31 cheque a/c opening balance: \$517.42. June 30 closing balance: \$4856.52. Call a/c May 31 opening balance: \$16500.83. June 30 closing balance: \$5567.23.
- July 1 cheque a/c opening balance: \$4856.52. July 31 closing balance: \$10142.21. Call a/c July 1 opening balance: \$5557.23. July 31 closing balance: \$5580.50.
- Business**
- Regional Conference:** Dinnie Hall confirmed that a Wellington Regional Report had been sent to the NZBridge Board in time for their general meeting in Wellington August 5 2011. All committee members confirmed their intention to attend the Regional Conference at Victoria Bridge Club on Saturday August 6, starting at 9.30am
- Tournament Cancellations:** The situation where clubs cancel their advertised tournaments was discussed with some concern. The general opinion was that cancellations were an extreme measure, which created ongoing damage to the club & their members, as well as the wider bridge community. It was felt that a minimum of six tables was sufficient for a fair competition & with adjustments to prize money; the club budget could still be met. Junior players, especially, need every encouragement to continue playing & be confident that advertised tournaments will proceed.
- Tournaments:** **Main Centre Pairs 10A** (October 15/16): The committee is waiting on a response from a City club to host this event.
Mini Congress (October 29/30) A match committee is to be formed with Allan Joseph, Dinnie Hall, Tony Sutich, Dave Morel & a Wellington Club committee member. The flyer is to go out by September 1st.
- Other Business:** Disappointment was expressed at the poor performance of the electronic systems in place during National Congress, both for the players who faced unreasonable delays during

events, and for those wanting timely updates on-line to follow the progress of their bridge colleagues. The number of errors, omissions & delays was felt to be unacceptable for a major national bridge event.

Club Liaison:

Dan Gifford finals: There was concern expressed over some finalists using non-no fears systems. The pair concerned was very reluctant to play anything but their own system. Joan Waldvogel has had some success in getting more support from club contacts in the Region to act as liaison. These include Marion Sillick (Paraparaumu Club) & Peter Francks (South Wairarapa). More people will be approached.

Interclub:

Tony Sutich outlined suggestions for the format of Junior & Novice teams for the final rounds. The committee will consider the options & recommend before the end of the current week.

A gift of four bottles of wine, as a token of the committees' appreciation, was presented to Tony in recognition of his time in convening many major Regional events over the past few years. (Interclub; Dan Gifford, IP Trials & Club Team Championships)

NZ Bridge Manual 2011:

The committee felt that the Regional Clubs should be alerted to the new amendments

Meeting closed at 4.00pm:

(Next Meeting to be arranged & notified to committee)