



# Canterbury Regional Committee Of New Zealand Bridge Incorporated

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF NZ BRIDGE INCORPORATED HELD AT 19A TAYLORS AVENUE, CHRISTCHURCH ON Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010 AT 9.30 a.m.**

**Present:** Michael Johnstone (Chair), Judith Calder (Secretary), Joan Small, Trish Scott, Les Frater,

**Apologies:** Dave Putt

**Carried**

### **Additional Items for General Business:**

**Women's Pairs Cup  
Use of limited funds  
Top Teams Next Year  
Coaching Grant**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting Held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

**Carried**

### **Matters Arising from Minutes**

Draft Policy for Interprovincial Trial and Inter-Club Teams – continuing work of art.

Trish Scott undertook to further advance these policies and email drafts to committee members.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Inwards (including Mail/Email/Phone)**

Memo NZ Bridge re Website outage and subsequent update  
Memo NZ Bridge Planning for Regional Conference Auckland August 22nd  
Minutes NZ Bridge Board Conference Call 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Emails re updated Audited Accounts  
Email re Levy Share Payments  
Memo listing Qualified Directors as at 2 August 2010  
Email NZ Bridge re 2011 Tournament Schedule dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010  
Email NZ Bridge Flyer Club Directors' exams scheduled for 30 & 31 October 2010  
Email NZ Bridge endorsing request to move Canterbury 10A Congress from Queens  
Birthday to Easter 2011  
NZ Bridge Email attaching Agenda Regional Conference  
NZ Bridge Remit from Board regarding Constitution  
NZ Bridge Minutes of Regional Conference Auckland August 2010  
Check list for Planning Hosting Tournaments  
NZ Bridge Board Minutes August and September 2010  
NZ Bridge Memo re NZ Youth Team Australia test  
NZ Bridge re Office Hours during Congress  
NZ Bridge Notice of Meeting AGN 25 September 2010  
Various Emails ChCh Club re Directors Seminar Auckland  
Email Crockfords Club re Club Recorders  
Letter ChCh Bridge Club re Youth Bridge Weekend  
Letter ChCh Bridge Club thanks for support re Auckland Directors Seminar, Youth  
Bridge weekend and Canterbury Top Club  
Ch.Ch Bridge Club budget for hosting 2011 Inter-Provincial Trials and Inter-Club Teams.  
Crockfords Bridge Club proposal for hosting 2011 Inter-Provincial 'trials and Inter-Club  
Teams  
Email John Wignall on behalf World Bridge Federation conveying sympathy regarding  
recent earthquakes  
Email Akaroa Club re tournaments hosted by themselves  
Crockford's re tournaments hosted by themselves

## **Outwards**

Letter Timaru Club re tournament clashes  
Letter Christchurch Club re Top Club support  
Letter Christchurch Club re National Youth Bridge Weekend  
Memo re Inter-provincial Training Afternoon  
Letter Crockford's Club thanks for providing Club Rooms for training session

Inwards and Outwards Correspondence approved.

## **Matters Arising from Correspondence**

Congratulatory letter to be sent to Pieter Van der Poel on his selection to NZ Youth Team  
Australia Test team.

## **Financial Report**

Summary for six months 1 April to 30 September attached to these Minutes.

Balance available as at 30/9/2010 - \$15,324.16

Comment that Master Point income is declining and in Canterbury more so than other Regions.

Trish Scott to check with Alister Stuck Secretary NZ Bridge to ascertain if we are able to apply for grants from Charity Trusts bearing in mind we are a sub-committee of NZ Bridge.

### **2011 Tournament Schedule**

Requests from Ashburton Club and Crockfords for tournament date changes approved and forwarded to NZ Bridge for confirmation. NZ Bridge will confirm to clubs directly.

Rangiora's Club's request for change of their Open B Tournament from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> July approved. No clash with other tournaments in the region.

## **DIRECTORS SEMINAR**

### **New Directors Seminar**

Judith to liaise with David Skipper and Cliff Jones of Crockfords Club to arrange a suitable date for this course. Crockfords to host event. Course to target people wishing to commence directing or people with little directing experience. Once date arranged Judith to circulate Clubs in the Region to invite participation

### **Directors Advanced Seminar**

Les Frater and Dave Putt to liaise with David Stephen and Daniel Skipper to arrange date, venue and course material.

### **Inter-Club Teams – Crockfords Club Hosted**

Unfortunately Crockfords miscalculated catering costing for this event. Regional Committee discussed and agreed to provide a further \$220 to help defray costs. Total payment made of \$420.

Traditionally Regional Committee pays Directors directly.

Crockfords have indicated their quotation for hosting 2011 Inter-Provincials and Inter-Clubs teams will need to be revisited.

Now that Top of South region has been established and travel distance is now not so great, it has been suggested that earlier start time is now possible. 10 am mooted with a break for lunch and completion by late afternoon.

#### Interprovincials – Team Captains’ Reports

Reports received from John Hay and Dave Putt.

Overall results disappointing but Canterbury spirit to the fore in all teams.

Team Captains performed their duties very well.

General feeling that timeframe for Teams was rushed.

#### 2011 Trial Format

Format should allow Teams or Pairs Format.

If Teams format followed and less than two teams entered, Regional Committee reserve right to select the team.

Following motion proposed:

“This year’s forthcoming Inter-Provincial Trials will be run as a Teams of Four Event with a third pair to be selected by Regional Committee in consultation with the Winning Team.”

**Approved** with one vote against (Michael Johnstone requested his vote be recorded)

Joan Small further proposed:

“Propose that Senior Inter-Provincial Trials be held two weeks after the Open/Women’s/Intermediate Trial.”

**Approved**

#### Website

Michael advised domain name costs approximately \$20 per year.

Cost \$15 per month to maintain.

Establishment of page to be decided.

Site to be maintained by a committee member.

To be further progressed – Michael to attend.

### 2010 Charity Pairs

Earthquake victims to be benefactor.

Judith to investigate if Mayoral Fund is a charity, likewise Red Cross.

### 15A Events 2012 and 2013

Michael discussed with Alister Stuck.

Geographically shouldn't change. Good airports at Christchurch and Dunedin make travel easy for out of towners.

Stronger membership base in Otago and Canterbury.

Michael to contact Chair Otago Region to prepare joint approach to NZ Bridge.

### Women's Pairs Cup

Ashburton Club event

Men's Cup to be located – could be used as Mixed Pairs trophy.

### Use of limited funds

Discussion as how to best utilize limited funds available to Region.

This year \$500 spent on Top Team and \$200 on training for Interprovincial Trials.

Need to have strategy for Development of Bridge in Region. Getting people back to tournaments an issue. More prize money? More Teams Events? Back to the Future Teams or Swiss Pairs appear popular.

Sub-committee of Les Frater and Dave Putt to investigate possibilities.

### Coaching Grant

These need to be applied for before the event is held. To ensure that all Clubs have an equal excess to this fund, we will invite applications twice a year.

### Skype Meeting

Executive have been holding weekly Skype meetings – Wednesday evenings at 6pm. Other committee members are welcome to join in.

Full Regional Committee Skype monthly meeting to be instigated – first Monday of each month at 7 pm. **First meeting Monday 1 November 2010.**

Joan Small tendered her resignation from Committee, effective 31 December 2010.  
Michael Johnstone thanked Joan for her contribution over the past years.

Meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.