



Canterbury Regional Committee of
New Zealand Bridge Inc

**MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD at 5.30pm, FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2012, 94 BROOKSIDE TCE.**

PRESENT Michael Johnstone, Chair: Helen Good, Dave Putt, Fiona Temple-
Secretary/Treasurer.

APOLOGIES Kim Prescott, Judith Calder

MINUTES Minutes from previous meetings as circulated were confirmed **CARRIED**

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Ashburton Letter: was drafted but had not been sent so it was decided that it was now too long after the event to send it. Matter is now closed.

Advanced Directors' Course: 12 people attending. Feedback sheets created for students to complete. Will require feedback from Stuart Edwards. Discussed that it would be a good idea to have regular director training maybe with directors from further a field who have a greater range of skills to offer so a wider range of topics can be covered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward and Outward as circulated, accepted

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank signatories and address changed
IP Flights, some people still to claim
Southern Trust, received \$2000 towards IP Accommodation.

GENERAL

Agreed to pay Jane Skipper \$150 for her IP training teaching.
Thanks to the Christchurch Club for use of their rooms.

IPs: Agreed that a date for the training day should go out with the application forms for the IPs. Suggestion that with the IP entry form trialists need to indicate, on entry, what tournaments or other type of practice they will undertake should they be successful in trialling as some pairs have not been practicing as much as we hoped. Agreed that once the committee has decided on the type of IP Trials for next year (e.g. Teams or Pairs, to be done following this year's Congress) that a match sub-

committee consisting of Michael and others from outside of the committee such as Daniel Skipper, should be formed to formulate the best format for the trials.

IP Certificates The Committee approved the use of the Certificates of Achievement for the IP Players. Once NZ Bridge has confirmed these are OK they will be printed out and presented. The possibility of IP badges was raised with initial costing a bit high so will make further enquiries to see if something affordable is available but general feeling was one of approval. The purpose of both the certificate and badges would be to help raise the prestige of being selected as a Canterbury Rep. and therefore encouraging more people to participate.

Youth weekend A suggestion to have a weekend day workshop to try to draw in some new youth players. Would try and get children of current players as well as their interested friends. We will work on this idea further as well as ideas for trying to get bridge into a high school.

It was noted that Timaru is trialing 2 hour bridge sessions to run along side a normal evening session. This is to cater for those who find the 10.30 finish time too late.

Rubber Bridge: The committee decided they would run the Canterbury Rubber Bridge for next year. Discussion was had around the practical running and promotion of this event. It was agreed that committee members should do their best to promote it in their clubs as well as flyers, rules etc to be sent to all clubs. The Christchurch club was to be notified of this change in running and thanked for their willingness to run it over the last few years.

It was also decided to look in to the possibility of some players occasionally being able to play their matches online so as to encourage entries from further a field areas.

IP Training Day For the Open, Women and Seniors was felt to be overall successful.

Pub Charity returns forms will need to be promptly filled in and returned following Congress.

Other Business

Inter-Club Teams

Judith felt the event could be shared around the clubs with the smaller clubs given assistance with the dealing of cards.

After this year's event it was seen that for next year a match committee should be set up to organize this event. Fiona to do a list of what needs to be organised for this tournament.

Helen to make sure the trophy is engraved with this year's winners who were Timaru A.

Regional conference

For Michael to discuss at the conference:

Issues with the IP flights re bulk booking, money not covering costs.

Good ideas from other clubs to be taken on board esp. those from Otago such as Junior/Intermediate tournament leagues and identifying our at risk clubs.

Website

Michael to send Fiona website information to get this up and running ASAP. To include links to regions club websites or a page on our site for those with no website of their own. To include clubs details including physical addresses and tournament results.

Meetings

Decided it would be good to set up two meetings. The first, for 1 or 2 reps from each club to come and meet with the committee to discuss where they are at, what we can do to help and just to bring everyone together. Second, a meeting with unaffiliated clubs to see if we can help them and what we could do to encourage them to become affiliated i.e. teaching resources.

NEXT MEETING

Skype 6.00pm Monday 8th October 2012
(Next face to face meeting Friday 9th November)