



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 10th February 2013 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom, Trevor Robb, Brian Ashwell, Angela Royle

APOLOGIES

Arie Geursen

IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wakefield, Richard Solomon

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 25th November 2012 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Trevor/Tony

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented the Income & Expenditure report to 31st December 2012 showing a closing balance of \$13,778.46
- Also presented was the final account for the December Youth Fundraising Tournament
- \$7235.50 was raised and, after expenses, a surplus of \$2353.00 was forwarded to the NZB Foundation
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Tony/Trevor

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Angela/Tony

All inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda

TOURNAMENTS

RUBBER BRIDGE

- Information to be sent out in March
- Number of entries to Richard Solomon by 31st May

TREVOR/ANGELA

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP – Sat 8th June 2013

- Flier and costs to be discussed at the next regional meeting

2013 INTER-CLUB

Tony Morcom advised the numbers for interclub:

| | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Junior: | 16 | 19 |
| Intermediate: | 16 | 15 |
| Open: | 10 | 10 |

NORTH ISLAND 15A TEAMS – 18/19 May 2013

- Auckland Club to host the event
- ANRC pay the Masterpoint costs
- ANRC will contribute \$200 to assist with catering and also underwrite the event up to \$500 should there be a loss
- This year the Teams are not part of the NZ trials

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- Changes for the 2013 IP trials and final tournament were discussed:
- (a) For 2013 the IP tournament will move from Congress to Wellington for the weekend of Fri/Sat/Sun 29/30 Nov/1st Dec – starting at 2 pm on the Friday
- (b) Two pairs per grading will go forward to the final instead of three as in the past
- (c) There will be a playing captain – not a non-playing one
- (d) The Chef de Mission will be non-playing
- (e) The ANRC decided the April trials for Open & Intermediate were too early and, due to the complexity of the tournament schedule, the only weekend available for all trials is 3 & 4 August
- (f) Clubs to be advised of new trial date and pair trials will remain for the Open players **ANGELA**

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS & TEAMS – 20/21 July 2013

- Hibiscus Coast to host the event – ARNC to confirm this to the club **ANGELA**
- Julie Atkinson has offered to assist HBC with budgets and any queries they may have
- ANRC pays the Masterpoints
- ANRC to give \$200 towards catering costs and underwrite the event to \$500 should there be a loss

TOURNAMENT B POINT AWARDS

On a trial basis from 30th Sept 2012 to 29th Sept 2013, NZB is awarding “1” B point to the highest placed Intermediate/Intermediate Pair or Intermediate/Junior Pair AND the highest placed Junior/Junior pair who finish outside the placings where overall Masterpoints are awarded. **Clubs have to apply separately for these extra B points as they are not automatically shown on the computer system**

DIRECTING OF 15A TOURNAMENTS

- The committee learned at the meeting an email had been sent to National Directors asking if they were available to direct at 15A tournaments around the country. Patrick Carter and Julie Atkinson were not asked. The committee felt this was unacceptable
- An email to be sent to Arie Geursen **PETER**

YOUTH BRIDGE

Richard Solomon gave a report on youth bridge:

- A youth group will start at Auckland University in March
- A large group has started at Macleans College
- Other schools starting soon are Ormiston College, Kings College, Auckland Boys Grammar, Pakuranga College and Parnell College
- Papatoetoe Club is actively bringing bridge to the schools in their area
- Bridge is also being taught in the Home Schooling network
- It is likely more schools will offer bridge to students, mainly during their lunchtime
- Susan Humphries' Sunday afternoon sessions have restarted at Auckland Club
- The inter-school competition will take place again this year, sponsored by the ANRC

BRIDGE OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR/SUMMER

- An email was received from bridge player Ann Grounds re bridge sessions available over the Christmas/summer period
- To keep players informed of what holiday bridge is available, it was agreed in November clubs would be contacted asking for details of their holiday bridge; this info would be posted on the ANRC's website

ANGELA

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- Peter Bowyer attended the Regional Conference held in Wellington on Wednesday 6th February
- The main items discussed relating to the Regions were the change of the Inter-Provincial dates; the new grading criteria; and the proposed announcement of the 1NT and 1C opening bids – the latter will be officially introduced after the NZB Board meet on 13th March
- Auckland Club sent a letter to NZB expressing their dissatisfaction re the new grading parameters – Graham Wakefield advised he was making a presentation to Auckland club at 6.45 pm on Tuesday 12 February on this item
- Papakura Club sent an email to the ANRC expressing their dissatisfaction with the changes
- *(Since the ANRC meeting comprehensive minutes from the Regional Conference were sent to clubs and are also available on the NZB and ANRC websites)*

GENERAL BUSINESS

- It was with regret the ANRC accepted the resignation of Patrick Carter. Patrick has been an integral part of the committee for several years and his work on the complexities of the tournament schedule and his knowledge of bridge will be missed
- It was decided to ask Susan Humphries to join the committee. *(Susan has since agreed to do so.)*
- Directing seminar – to be discussed at the next committee meeting

The meeting finished at 11.45 am

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 17th March 2013 – St Patrick's Day
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Please wear green or bring freshly baked GREEN scones for morning tea!

Signed: Chairman:

Date: