



Canterbury Regional Committee of  
New Zealand Bridge Inc

**MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD at the Rangiora Bridge Club on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**PRESENT**                    **5.30pm** Michael Johnstone - Chair, Helen Good, Judith Calder, Dave Putt, Giles Hancock, Fiona Temple - Secretary/Treasurer, Shirley Newton – NZBridge Board  
**From 6.30pm** Rangiora Committee - Nikki Luisetti - President, Steve Noad, Jenny Hassall and Dawn Simpson- Secretary.

**APOLOGIES**                **None**

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

**OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

**IP Trials**

Organisation complete. Noted that next year the Intermediates should be told that a systems card is required at the tournament (although most already have one). Also from next year will post all systems cards on the website prior to the tournament.

**Diamond Harbour disaffiliation**

Helen and Dave reported back on their visit to Diamond Harbour. Main feedback is that DH gets no real benefit from being affiliated and paying levies etc. Any members who want 'C' points also play at other clubs. This led to a general discussion regarding the possibility of other small clubs disaffiliating due to cost issues and what the NZBridge and Regional Committees can do to help fundraise and help clubs have a continuity of information as their committees change. Waimate was identified as a probable club at risk and Michael will visit and make contact.

**Badges**

Fiona reported that a high resolution JPG file has been made of the logo so the badges can be completed.

**Trophies**

Michael will get the Women's Pairs trophy altered in Timaru. The Intermediate and Junior trophies have been ordered (and now received)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Inward and outward as circulated, accepted

**CARRIED**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Auditor has been contacted and Fiona will collate and send in accounts to him this month.

### Summary for 28 March 2013

Interest		24.76	
Expenses	0		
Deposits		0	
<b>Balance available</b>			<b>21930.19</b>
Bank Statements No.46			

## GENERAL

- **Queens Birthday Tournament reallocation:**  
Crockfords have agreed to hold the Saturday pairs and Rangiora the Sunday teams. The CRC is grateful to both clubs for stepping in at the last minute.
- **IP finals subs to be made from Wellington Pairs:** there is some disquiet about this decision. The committee will discuss at a later date possible alternatives to put to NZBridge such as organizing our own reserve pairs etc. There is general disappointment that NZBridge didn't clearly address this issue before deciding to change the format of the IP finals. If subs have to be made from Wellington then this undermines the Ips and we feel NZBridge should be supporting this premier event properly. Shirley is to ask NZBridge why there is no Junior grade at the Ips.
- **South Island teams Format**  
It was acknowledged that the format for this years teams was too short due to various circumstances. CRC hopes to see an early allocation of directors for major tournaments for 2014.
- **Giles – Report on Akaroa lessons**  
Giles reported on the success of 3 separate days of lessons taught by Max Morrison. The lessons were generally well attended and the content and practice hands were well received. The club was pleased to have a Grand Master support them.
- **Timaru Directors course**  
Alan Joseph sent his thanks for the hospitality from Timaru. CRC agreed to organize further workshops with Alan, perhaps a whole weekend. Informal feedback has been extremely positive. Feedback sheets will be sent out to those who participated.
- **Website Tournament entry**  
Have had positive feedback from: Rangiora, Akaroa, United and Crockfords. We will try and see if we can have the site generating computer numbers and rating points in the entry system as well as clubs being able to download an excel file of their entries.
- **Intermediate Systems cards**  
It has become apparent that a number of players at Junior and Intermediate level have difficulty in filling out a full systems card. It was agreed that once the new systems card are in use that we will run a seminar in how to fill out systems cards aimed at Intermediates and Juniors who play tournaments.
- **2014 Tournament Schedule**  
Crockfords wishes to change the date of one of their tournaments. Will advise them of possible alternatives. It was agreed to shift the IP trials to the same date as the Otago IP

Trials and therefore move the Main Centre pairs (date to be confirmed). Rangiora is to be allocated their own 5A.

- **Rangiora**

Rangiora expressed an interest in running improvers lessons and various options and ideas were discussed. As above it was discussed and agreed that Rangiora should have their own 5A tournament.

They were unaware of the teaching manual and BRI files available so Shirley explained what was available.

We discussed how well they had managed to take on all the tournaments that Christchurch has been unable to run and we thanked them for this. We also had general discussion about their club and where it was headed in the future.

Next meeting will be by Skype on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 6pm.

Next face-to-face meeting on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm at Crockfords Club (if agreed)