



TOP OF THE SOUTH REGION

A Committee of New Zealand Bridge

Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday 9 June 2013 9.02am
at the Richmond Bridge Club

Attendance: Steve Gray (chair); Dot Rapley; Phil Donaldson; Phil Rutherford;
Chris Marshall (Treasurer); Robin Young (Secretary)

Present: Jenny Cooper (Golden Bay); Joyce Allen (Picton);
Chris Farrow (Marlborough); Alan Mulligan (Motueka);
Tony Hinkley (Nelson); Ray Curnow (Westport)

Welcome:

Steve welcomed club representatives to the meeting.
He asked the meeting to stand in memory of Jim Murray.

Strategic Planning Meeting:

He then opened the Strategic Planning Meeting.
See attached report.
The meeting then discussed the Michael Green Trophy.
(see general business 2014 tournaments)

Tony Hinkley left the meeting at 12.12pm.
Steve then opened the Top of the South Regional committee meeting.

Minutes: 26 January; 20 April; 4 May; 18 May
Moved as a true and correct record, Phil R/Dot **Carried**

Matters arising:

In general business

Correspondence:

NZ Bridge: minutes: regional conference 6/2; 6/3; 13/3; 18/4
Report on teaching workshop; club membership for levies
Strategic planning and finance templates
Copy of letter from Marlborough BC to NZ Bridge
Copy of letter from L Guy to Marlborough BC

Out:

Nelson BC; dispensation for Jo Price to direct
Motueka BC; dispensation for Helen Robinson to direct

Moved that the inward correspondence be received and the outward approved. Steve/Phil R **Carried**

Finance:

Chris reported that the financial accounts for the year ending 31/3/13 had been audited; and would be released as soon as the auditor returned them

Moved that the auditor for year ending 31/3/14 be John Patterson
Chris/Phil D **Carried**

Chris tabled his financial report.

Balances @ 5 June:	Cheque a/c	1,891.66
	Call a/c	5,364.42
Expenses:	Picton BC (C Is Prs) (to be refunded from NBS)	1,000.00
Income:	NZ Bridge; masterpoint refund	572.34
	NZ Bridge; coaching grant	345.03

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Chris/Phil D **Carried**

General Business:

1: 2014 Tournaments;

- (A) Michael Green Trophy. Interclub for juniors between Nelson, Motueka, Richmond, and this year Golden Bay
These 4 clubs have agreed to make this a Regional event.
To be held at Golden Bay in 2014; date TBA
Two teams of four from each club. Players to have less than 20 master points, with emphasis on beginners. Clubs that do not have enough qualified players may borrow from another club.
Players bring their own lunch; and \$40 from each participating club.
The Region to apply for approval from NZ Bridge for a 3B event.

Phil R

- (B) IP trials; keep the status quo. Look at this later if desired.

2: 2013 IPs:

Chef de Mission – Steve Gray
Intermediate Reserve Pair – Toshiko Collinson & Sue Gibbs
Playing captains – leave till August/September
Accommodation – leave till later. After hearing from NZ Bridge

3: 2013 Centre Island Pairs Picton:

A draft budget has been prepared. An entry of 5 ½ tables to date.

4: Junior/Intermediate Training Session 16 June:

A welcome to attendees by **Chris or Robin**
Consider arranging further such training days.
Perhaps one after the Golden Bay teams, with discussion on
the previous day's hands.

5: Draft Budget for year ending 31/3/14:

Chris has prepared one.

6: Club Liaison:

Committee members were appointed to liaise with clubs, as follows:

Golden Bay:	Dot Rapley
Kaikoura	Chris Marshall and Robin Young
Marlborough	Robin Young
Motueka	Phil Donaldson
Nelson	Steve Gray
Picton	Chris Marshall
Richmond	Phil Donaldson and Steve Gray
Westport	Phil Rutherford.

7: Regional Conferences:

August 2013; Chris Marshall to represent Top of the South.
Steve Gray will make the regional report
February 2014 at Christchurch; Steve expects to be available to
Attend for Top of the South.

Top of the South Strategic Planning Day

1 Clubs at Risk:

All clubs in good heart.

Lack of communication and involvement with Kaikoura noted

Suggested attendance at a committee meeting.

Chris/Robin

2 Intermediate / Junior scorecard:

Clubs to encourage players when they are ready for tournament play.

Region to look at providing trophy for Intermediate and/or Junior players

Have a training day on the day after a Intermediate or Junior tournament

On the hands played in the tournament

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3 Funding Applications:

At present the Region has funding arrangements with Nelson Building Society and Pub Charity.

Most clubs have their own funding arrangements (some with NBS)

NZ Bridge policies constrain the Region's ability to get business sponsorship.

Talk with Gary Howard re ongoing NBS sponsorship

Phil R

Arrange bulk bidding pad deal with NBS logo for all clubs.

Ask clubs that do not bank with NBS to make an investment with it.

4 Playing Formats:

Richmond will not hold a Swiss Pairs this year. May do so in 2014.

5 Unaffiliated Clubs

Collingwood. Many Golden Bay players. Will not affiliate

Golden Bay

Greymouth. Still playing bridge since disaffiliating.

Maintain communication

Phil R/Ray Curnow

6 Director's Exams

Tournament directors all play in A Point tournaments.

Shortage of club directors, especially at some clubs.

The status quo with directing 5A tournaments is working adequately.

Encourage more directors.

Committee/clubs

7 Website Development

Website considered useless, unless well designed and kept updated.
To set up a website with Bridge NZ will cost \$2,500.
Look into having Facebook presence.

Steve

8 Coaching Grants

Coaching grants are applied to clubs, not Regions.
TOTS region has not yet spent its full annual \$1,000 grant.
Encourage clubs to apply for grants for player and director training.

9 Regional Congress

TOTS Region does not have a Regional Congress.

10 Tournament Liaison

There are complaints that the tournament calendar is congested.
Little room for movement; except perhaps keep open tournaments
Interspersed with Intermediate and Juniors.
Suggested that adjacent clubs use the same weekend, one on Saturday
and one on Sunday.
Send clubs a letter pointing out their responsibilities for tournament and
appeal committees.

Steve

11 Membership Drive

All clubs doing well with learners' lessons.
The tendency was noted of attracting the same age and social group
of existing club members. Look for ways to avoid this.

12 Club Roles

Bridge development considered to be ongoing.
Send a letter to clubs giving the recorder's role and the name of
the Regional Recorder.

Steve

13 Club Liaison

Remind clubs that they do not have individual representation on the
Regional Committee. Committee members represent all club members.
Have an annual meeting with clubs to share ideas; similar to to-day's.
Look into each committee member having responsibility for liaising
with one or two clubs.

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14 Club Packages

Noted that Otago/Southland have a club administration template.
Ask them for a copy of this
David Laing has produced a guide to the NZ Scorer. Steve has a copy
of this and will email it to committee members.

Steve

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