



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 22nd September 2013 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Tony Morcom, Susan Humphries, Brian Ashwell, Angela Royle

IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wakefield, Richard Solomon

APOLOGIES

Trevor Robb, Arie Geursen

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 28th July 2013 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and confirmed: Tony/Peter

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Susan circulated a comprehensive report showing a balance of \$10,003.02 as at 20th September 2013. The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Tony/Angela
- Susan advised internet banking has been set up and is working effectively and all subsidies for the various tournaments have been paid

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Brian/Tony

All inward correspondence from NZB was circulated to the committee as it arrived and other inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda

TOURNAMENTS

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

- It was decided the 2014 ANRC entry fee would be \$15 per person ie \$60 per team; the subsidies would remain the same

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- Denis Humphries agreed to be the Chef de Mission
- All those playing in the tournament have booked their airfares and forwarded receipts to Treasurer Susan
- NZB has reimbursed the airfares
- No decision has been made re the 2014 IPs

YOUTH IPs AT HAMILTON CONGRESS

- Auckland/Northland has entered a youth team and three players from Auckland are part of the Central Districts team

RUBBER BRIDGE

- There was a good increase in players entering this year's event from the Auckland/Northland region and two Auckland pairs qualified to play at Congress

INTERCLUB

- The last interclub evening is Friday 18th November. The ANRC Chairman will present the prizes
- Prizes to be bought and the return of trophies to be followed up **ANGELA**

FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH PLAYERS GOING TO OZ

- Last year Susan Humphries organised a fundraising tournament mid December. There was a wonderful response. As Susan is on holiday from mid December and with no suitable dates before her departure, it was suggested that two fundraisers be held on two Friday evenings...yet to be decided.
- Auckland Club has offered their rooms at no charge and Patrick Carter is happy to direct, at no charge
- There will be further discussion on this at the November ANRC meeting

CONGRESS

- Richard advised registrations are down at the time of the meeting but expected a flurry during the 10 days prior to Congress
- Full registrations are down but more players have entered for a shorter period of time

SYSTEM CARDS

- The new system card is required for all tournaments
- When downloading the system card you need to read and follow the instructions. If you don't do this you will have problem!

YOUTH BRIDGE

- Thanks to Peter Bowyer and Howick club for hosting the schools tournament in September
- Auckland Grammar was victorious over Macleans College and McAuley College
- The students appeared to have a good time and were keen for the tournament to be held again next year

AUGUST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- Chairman Peter attended the August meeting held in Wellington
- It was decided that, in the future, Regions would pay the expenses for their delegates to attend
- Peter gave an overview of the meeting with the most relevant items being the increase in the affiliation fee to \$23 per member and an increase in tournament masterpoints to \$1 per person per session
- Clubs can either absorb the extra costs or change their annual subscription and tournament fees
- As most clubs in the region charge \$25 for a regular tournament it was thought players would not be happy with an increase
- The \$2 levy per member NZB gives to the regions will stay the same
- From 1st April 2014 clubs will be billed four times a year for their affiliation fees. This will increase the workload of the NZB secretary but will bring in extra dollars for members who join a club during the year
- All sessions must give Masterpoints including social events. If clubs have a special event they can apply to NZB for dispensation.

MASTERPOINT CHARGES

- It was reconfirmed that from 2014 clubs are to pay the masterpoint charges when hosting a tournament on behalf of the Auckland/Northland Region and but can then claim a 50% refund from the region

DIRECTING SEMINAR

- Due to the success of the June Directing Seminar, it was decided one will be held prior to the May/June 2014 director exams. The facilitator and date yet to be decided

GENERAL BUSINESS

WEBSITES

- The ANRC website is now operational and will be hosted and maintained by ClubHub
- The website is www.anrcbridge.org.nz
- A big thank you to Chairman Peter who obtained sponsorship from Metlifecare for the annual maintenance cost of the site
- A thank you letter and account to be sent to Metlifecare **SUSAN/ANGELA**
- ClubHub is offering advice, support and hosting to Auckland/Northland region clubs that need to establish or update existing websites

BRIDGE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP – Weekend of Feb 1st & 2nd 2014 in CHCH

- NZB has emailed clubs the details. At the meeting ANRC decided clubs should pay the airfares for their delegate/s attending from the Auckland/Northland region. (This year the Region paid the airfares for those attending the workshop held earlier this year.)

AUCKLAND CLUB

- Julie Atkinson left as Manager in mid September and no permanent replacement has been announced
- At the August Interclub session ANRC presented Julie with wine and flowers as a thank for her work and support over the years

COACHING GRANT

- The ANRC's 2013/2014 coaching grant has been fully used and will not be topped up until 1st April 2014
- Three clubs received \$150 towards their beginner lessons with the remainder of the grant covering the Directing Seminar costs

MEMBERSHIP

- Graham Wakefield advised membership had declined by 700 and Christchurch lost 129 members while the new premises were being built. Hopefully many of these members will return
- Social media will become an integral part of NZB, especially Facebook

YAHOO! GROUP

- The NZB financial statements and annual report to be emailed to all members of the Yahoo! Group
PETER

WORKSHOP ON THE SCORING PROGRAMME AND BRIDGE PADS

- Bridge NZ asked if the ANRC was interested in holding a workshop re the above on behalf of clubs
- The committee decided against and that Pat or Martin should contact clubs directly
ANGELA

XMAS & HOLIDAY TIME SESSIONS

- Clubs to be contacted for their session times over the holiday season. These will be placed on the ANRC website.
ANGELA/PETER

The meeting finished at 11.45 pm

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 17th November 2013
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: