



## TOP OF THE SOUTH REGION

### A Committee of New Zealand Bridge

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday 12 November 2016  
at Westport Bridge Club at 10.10am

**Present:** Rebcca Osborne (chair); Helen Robinson;  
Wayne Smith; Chris Marshall (Treasurer); Robin Young (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Jenny Cooper; Phil Rutherford **Sustained**

**Minutes:** 8 October 2016  
Moved as a true and correct record. Rebecca/Chris **Carried**

#### **Matters arising:**

- letter to Motueka  
Rebecca attended Richmond and Motueka committees; and personally congratulated Motueka on Bet being volunteer of the month.

#### **Correspondence:**

- NZ Bridge: Board resignation; call for Board nomination;  
minutes 14/15 August
- Nelson BC: request to change date of Junior Pairs in 2017
- Alan Turner: re Board restructuring
- Papatoetoe BC: Shirley Newton ; Marlborough BC; Hastings BC;  
Nelson BC : re restructuring
- Jane Stearns: interested in attending the regional conference and visiting  
smaller clubs in the region.

Moved that the correspondence be received. Helen/Wayne **Carried**

#### **Finance:**

Chris presented his Treasurer's report.

The Board has again said no to making a claim for a GST refund on the Pub Charity IP accommodation grant. This means that approximately \$40 will need to be paid by each player.

Recommended that tutors travel expenses be paid to Marlborough BC for junior and intermediate improvers lessons it held.

Moved that the Treasurer's report be received. Chris/Helen **Carried**

## General Business:

### 1: Tournaments:

- Agreed to the Nelson BC's requested for a date change for its Junior Pairs in 2017. Nelson be asked to submit a request for tournament change form. **Chris**
- 2018 South Island Pairs. Marlborough to host this in conjunction with Picton
- 2018 10A Teams. Date to be changed to the last weekend in January.

2: Website: Wayne is the only person to have done any work on the website. Draft ideas to be finalised by 15 December, so they can be reviewed and a proposal presented to the Regional Conference.

3: Regional Conference: Confirmed to be at Kaikoura at the racecourse starting at 5pm; with a break for food at 7pm. Jane Stearns of Cambridge invited to address the conference; and visit the smaller regional clubs before and/or after the conference. Agreed to cover all Jane's costs if NZ Bridge doesn't pay for those it has done in the past. Rebecca to consult with Jane as to details **Rebecca**  
Ask clubs what they see as needed for promotion and development of bridge in the region.  
Send clubs a briefing paper on the items for the conference beforehand.

4: Strategic Plan: The region's strategic plan was discussed.

- Increase visibility of bridge: a website would help with this.
- Increase club attendance: generating reports on how often members play would indicate who needed encouragement. It was suggested that increase play by existing members would lead to an increase in membership.
- Development: a visit by Jane Stearns would be a help. Encourage the holding of lessons; improvers as well as learners.
- Increase tournament attendance: ideas suggested were:-
  - prepare a paper for intermediate and junior players telling them what to expect at tournaments, so they wouldn't feel overwhelmed.
  - award prizes for the best junior and intermediate pairs.
  - Encourage clubs to hold restricted open 3A and 8B pairs, so as to encourage increased attendance by lower ranked open players

5: Tournament Guidelines: The draft tournament guidelines were briefly looked at. Suggested that guidelines for 10A tournaments were also needed.

The meeting closed at 11.30am