

Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: Friday 10 February 2017 19:30 via Skype.

Present:

Rona Driscoll (Chair Person), Michael Neels, Anna Kalma, Ian Moore, Jan Spaans (Secretary/Treasurer).

Apologies: None.

Welcome

Rona welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday 30 October 2016 were confirmed.

Jan/Mike.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

Jones Day Out – put on hold for now, as Barry has opened up his Friday evening improver lessons at Hamilton to anyone. Please refer to Hamilton BC web site.

Also Clare Coles is running improver lessons at Cambridge on Thursday evenings, which are open to all as well. Please refer to Cambridge BC web site.

Correspondence In:

Jenny Millington – CDM report about the IPs 2016.

Action: Policy of web site publication of reports received by WBRC to include checking back with the author of a report about publication.

Correspondence Out:

Email to Jenny.

Financial report:

Financial position per 31 January 2017

BNZ Cheque Account	\$8,338.94
BNZ Savings Account	\$8,933.99
Term Deposit with NZB	\$13,153.97
	<u>\$30,426.90</u>
Balance	\$29,275.78

Please note that the cheque account balance includes the Thames Festival account, from which several bills have yet to be paid.

Born in admiration of similar series in Wellington and Auckland, The Waikato Inter-Club Teams (TWITs) came into being at a meeting facilitated by Clare Coles on 16th December 2016 at the Cambridge clubrooms. Attended by interested parties from Hamilton, Waikato, Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Cambridge to explore the viability of getting an inter-club teams series off the ground, the meeting grew more and more enthusiastic as ideas started flowing. As with all things unknown some tentative plans were laid in full anticipation that they would be adapted as time rolled on. Initially, after some discussion, it was proposed:

- Three grades (sections) initially
- To base all rounds at the Hamilton club - because of the room and location
- Heavy emphasis on encouraging Novice, Junior, and Intermediates to take part
- Keeping it light-hearted and user-friendly
- Entry fee initially set at \$7pp to cover food, wine, tea/coffee, cost of masterpoints etc
- Multiple entries from clubs .. even composite or mixed-grade ones to make up to (ideally) even numbers in each section
- Round-robin in each grade, meeting two other teams in 10-12 board matches per night

Another meeting of interested parties is proposed for early February to finalise details.

The WBRC was approached to enquire if we could assist with funding trophies.
Resolved: that the WBRC will initially pay \$100.00 towards trophies. Rona/Ian.

Radio Advertising

Several clubs have taken up the offer to jointly fund an advertising campaign on radio stations as was so successfully done by Hamilton last year.

On the Waikato side: each participating club contributes \$200 + GST, the WBRC chips in with \$400 + GST. The participating clubs are: Cambridge, Matamata, Huntly, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha, Waikato, Hamilton, Morrinsville. Rona/Anna

On the Bay side, Tauranga and Mt Maunganui have combined already to advertise. WBRC funding here too is \$400 + GST.

Action: Anna to organize / drive this.

Morris-Henry consultation meetings

Allan Morris took the time to visit the Rotorua and Cambridge clubs on Sunday 22 January.
As reported by Rona on the WBRC website

At Rotorua there were 10 members from 5 clubs (Rotorua, Whakatane, Taupo, Katikati and Waihi) At Cambridge there were 23 members from 10 clubs (Cambridge, Huntly, Hamilton, Putaruru, Te Aroha, Tauranga, Te Awamutu, Morrinsville, Matamata and Taupo)

Allan summarised the current situation, including the themes from the 54 letters written to the Board about this (48 clubs, 2 regional committees and 4 individuals), and listened to our views. I for one found the meetings did clarify some of the issues, and provided another opportunity for clubs and interested bridge players to make their views known

Meeting closed at 20:55 hrs.

Next meeting: Friday 17 March 2017 19:30 via Skype.

Minutes confirmed by

Name (*printed*): Rona Driscoll Role: Chairperson



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