



Canterbury Regional Committee of New Zealand Bridge Inc.

MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Saturday 15th April 2017 at 7pm at 21 Nova Place, Chch.

PRESENT Giles Hancock (Secretary), Mary Buckland, Laura Stephen, Peter van Leeuwen, and Tony Biddington.

APOLOGIES Nil.

MINUTES Minutes from the previous meeting as circulated were confirmed by email CARRIED.

MATTERS ARISING Clarification of the current method of online payments and cheque signatories.

CORRESPONDENCE **January - March 2017**

NZ Bridge Board elections - clarification of rules
NZ Bridge - A Turner nomination
NZ Bridge - Board election results
Report from A Morris and S Henry
NZ Bridge - Board minutes 19/1/17
NZ Bridge - draft minutes AGM 2016
NZ Bridge - NZ Teams 2017 announced
NZ Bridge - Youth Bridge Weekend, August 2017
NZ Bridge - March levy share

Waikato-Bays radio advert

Various tournament flyers
Tournament results, Geraldine, Timaru, Ashburton
Diamond Harbour - welcome, a few queries
Amberley issue with opening hands on dealt boards
Christchurch Bridge Club - AGM election results
Rangiora 50th Anniversary - dinner invitation, card

Teacher's Conference follow-up, information shared

Tournament Entry Function retired.

Confirmation, introduction of M Buckland to CRC
New vacancy on CRC circulated to clubs and players.

Rubber Bridge - various - entries, payments, results etc

Inter-provincial Trials - entries open; entries, queries

Application for Congress Sponsorship

Discussion on release of 2017 Laws.

NZ Bridge - Director exam dates 2017

Emails re : announcing 1C and 1NT openings at club level.

Invoices paid -

Avatar, MJ gift, J Stearns travel, Canty Women's Pairs trophy engraving

TREASURER'S REPORT

			Cheque	Deposit	Total
Balance as at 28/2/2017	Credit	Debit	532.31	17126.97	17659.28
NZ Bridge Levy	903.50				
Rubber Entry Fees	63.00				
Travel J Stearns Regional Conf		330.00			
Farewell Gift		120.00			
Engraving		23.00			
Interest				5.05	
Balance as at 31/3/2017			1025.81	17132.02	18157.83

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

It was agreed that Mary and Giles would attend the National Conference in Wellington on 10th June. Air tickets have been booked and paid for.

Canterbury clubs will be canvassed on issues to gain an understanding of the Canterbury positions that we represent.

INTERPROVINCIAL TRIALS

We are content that the format is the same as 2016.

There is no prize-money, the players gain A points and honour.

There is a feeling that the IPs are losing their lustre and we could do more to recognise the event and the representative Team.

We would like to make the prize-giving more formal, bring back the Intermediate Team for a group photograph, award certificates and possibly other gifts. We will invite the Chef de Mission to present the prizes.

We discussed expanding the Chef de Mission role into a Team Captain role, working with the team from after the trials up to the finals.

-> Giles to draw up a draft job description for Team Captain.

More training needs to be organised, especially for the Intermediates. We envisage a training day with 12-16 invited Intermediates. In future we would like to build in more requirements of the Team for training and match practice.

Promote the 2017 trials in the next few weeks at our clubs, emails, particularly to Intermediates and Juniors. Emphasize that the Intermediate trials is a separate event from the O/W/S trials.

We questioned whether the trials masterpoints can be upgraded as an incentive to participate. -> Giles to check with Alister Stuck.

The match committee will be Mary Buckland, Tony Biddington, Craig Shanahan, and a representative from the host club, Rangiora.

A budget will need to be completed once entries close.

Boards will need to be dealt, possibly with help from other clubs.

TOURNAMENT BUDGETS

A discussion was held about how budgets for regional tournaments are created. There were some issues with the Easter Congress budget.

DIAMOND HARBOUR

Diamond Harbour have requested our help with beginners lessons starting in June. We have a few suggestions, the main idea being that we will send a teacher out from Christchurch for a day to help them with the structure and process.

HONORARIUM

Discussion on distributing the \$1500 annual honorarium amongst the committee depending on workload.

CHAIRPERSON

Mary Buckland has agreed to be our Treasurer.

We did not decide at this stage on a new Chair-person. We also have a vacancy to fill and will need to progress both positions.

Meeting Closed 9.15pm