



Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday May 30 2017 at the Victoria Club at 10.00 am

Present	Tony Sutich (Chair) Heather Jared, Joan Waldvogel, Paul Maxwell, Margot Davenport, Greg Whitten											
Minutes	The Committee congratulated Greg on his appointment to the Board of NZ Bridge and accepted his resignation with regret. Tony acknowledged the very worthwhile contribution that Greg had made in the short time he has been on the Committee.											
Matters arising	Tony has contacted Maureen Sheldon who responded positively to being involved with the Committee. A meeting is to be arranged with her and several of the Committee members.	Tony										
Finance	<p>Heather reported that the Committee is in a healthy financial position with total funds of over \$60,000. The recent Congress had returned a profit of \$2630 largely because the number of directors and caddies had been kept to the minimum required. The amount awarded as prize money was slightly under the recommended 30% and may need to be adjusted for next year.</p> <table> <tr> <td colspan="2">Bank Balances at 28 April 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BNZ Current Account</td> <td>\$21,953.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BNZ Savings Account</td> <td>\$21,384.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TSB Investment Accounts (27.03.17)</td> <td>\$16,746.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total (28.05.17)</td> <td><u>\$60,084.60</u></td> </tr> </table>	Bank Balances at 28 April 2017		BNZ Current Account	\$21,953.49	BNZ Savings Account	\$21,384.49	TSB Investment Accounts (27.03.17)	\$16,746.62	Total (28.05.17)	<u>\$60,084.60</u>	
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Correspondence	<p>From NZBC Rona Driscoll re tournaments Request for formal letter advising of Greg's appointment to the Committee Constitution Review IPS in Wellington 2017 Follow-up to National Conference Pam Hancox, Vivienne Cannell re Clubs Champ. Jane Stearns - update Re Conference reports etc Board Minutes 18 April 2017</p>											

<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p>Revised WBF Rules Others Various relating to IP trials, VBC expressing disappointment at cancellation of their clubrooms for IP trials Jane Stearns – update & thank you to clubs</p> <p>To Rona Driscoll re 2018 Congress dates Family of Jan Brunton (sympathy card) NZB advising of Greg's appointment to the Committee Wellington Clubs re Clubs championship, Interclub, Junior League. Rubber (Tony) Pam Hancox, Vivienne Cannell re Clubs Champ Team members of Wellington IP team Sponsors of Wellington Congress – thank you letters</p> <p>Change of venue for IP trials – The Committee will reimburse the Victoria Club for the cost of the liquor licence for the event. Rubber Bridge – 27 pairs participating. First round has been completed. Interclub – Pre-paid tickets are not valid table money for interclub. IPS – Nigel Kearney is to be approached re the position of chef de Mission. National Conference – Tony, Joan and Paul will represent Wellington Congress 2018 Dates – Joan to contact WBC re outcome of survey</p>	<p>Joan</p> <p>Joan</p> <p>Joan</p>
<p>General Business</p>	<p>National 15A Pairs Joan to follow-up request for budget with WBC</p> <p>Clubs Championship July 16 Victoria is scheduled to host this event. If all clubs participate, there will be a maximum of 18 tables. Tony to find out computer requirements for running a Cambridge Sixes format. Catering requirements can be kept to a minimum if a BYO lunch. Nibbles at end of play needed though for socialising which is an important part of the event. Karori and Hutt only clubs as yet to provide feedback about the format. Very positive. Notice re event needs to be sent to clubs by mid-June</p> <p>Rejuvenating the Region: Discussion of Jane Stearns recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting with the Clubs: This will be brought forward to later this year. Sunday, October 15. 2. Interface with clubs – all agreed that this needed to be improved. Greg suggested we ask each club to appoint someone on their committee to be a contact person and a conduit for regular communication between the club and the Committee. The Committee's approach will be: How can we help you more? This to be proposed in a letter to the clubs. 3. Regional website – Paul reported that there weren't many viewers and that it was mainly used for looking up events and club details. Before committing to a heavy workload such as fortnightly news updates the role of the website and how it relates to Club websites needed to be reviewed. 	<p>Joan</p> <p>Tony</p> <p>Joan</p>

Greg commented that there had been a big increase in the number of hits on the South Wairarapa website since they started publishing their results on it, rather than someone else's website.

4. Date of lessons. The Committee will strongly recommend to clubs that they hold lessons in the second school term as the Committee will be doing radio advertising in the first term.
5. Radio advertising – the Committee sees this as a valuable way of promoting the game and thus a worthwhile use of its funds. It will pay the bulk of the cost with a small contribution from the clubs. The quote for a month of radio advertising in the Wellington region was approximately \$2,500. Potential players will be directed to the the regional website where they will find details of the lessons available at each club.

Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

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