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## TOP OF THE SOUTH REGION

### A Committee of New Zealand Bridge

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 17 November 2017  
at 8pm in the Westport BC

**Present:** Jenny Cooper; Helen Robinson; Wayne Smith;  
Chris Marshall (Treasurer); Robin Young (Secretary)

**In Attendance:** Ray Curnow (RBM); Pam Whitehead

**Resignation:** A letter from Rebecca Osborne was tabled; giving her resignation from the TOTS Regional Committee, and as Chef de Mission of the TOTS IP Teams.

Chris Marshall was elected as meeting chairperson; and agreed to act as the regional chair for the remainder of the TOTS Committee's present term.

Pam Whitehead agreed to accept appointment to the TOTS Committee, subject to the NZ Board approval.

Robin

**Minutes:** 20 May 2017; 29 July 2017; 10 September 2017;  
19 May 2017 (TOTS Regional Conference)

#### **Correspondence:**

- NZ Bridge: minutes; 25/5, 4/7, 7/8, 7/9, 10/6 National conference
- Ed Roggeveen: re CdeM IP teams, refund IP travel, IP accommodation
- Ed Roggeveen: re scoring TOTS Teams 2017
- NZ Bridge: minutes 070917
- Rona Driscoll: 2019 tournament schedule
- Jane Stearns & Ray Curnow: various re RBM
- Jane Stearns: IP publicity; nesting pairs
- Ray Curnow: lessons and radio advertising; RBM Newsletter
- Rebecca Osborne: letter of resignation

**General Business:**

1: 2018 TOTS 10A Teams

The Marlborough BC to be asked to provide a non-playing scorer, as per the minutes of 20 May, for the TOTS 10A Teams in January 2018. Any cost to be carried by the club.

Ask clubs to provide a list of their scorers who are able and willing to score for TOTS 10A tournaments

**Chris**

2: 2019 Tournaments

- Marlborough BC to hold the NZ 15A Teams

Either weekend of 31 Aug/1 Sept, or 8/9 Sept suggested. Ask Rona

- TOTS 10A Pairs; Westport BC 16/17 November

- Howorth; ask Motueka BC if they are willing to host it Sunday 28 July.

- TOTS Interclub; Nelson BC Sunday 18 August

- Club Tournaments: rather than confirm 2019 tournaments month by month in 2018, clubs will be asked early in 2018 to indicate their dates for 2019.

**Chris**

3: RBM

Ray gave his report on RBM activities in TOTS.

In general terms he was still getting started. There are budget limitations. The TOTS will subsidise travel costs if necessary.

General goals are :-

- retention of learners

- encourage tournament play (not needed in TOTS)

- presentation around IPs

- plans to visit all clubs early in 2018

- bring proposals to TOTS meeting end of January 2018

Radio Advertising:

Golden Bay and Marlborough BCs have said they are not interested in radio advertising; and Westport BC has already been doing it

It has worked in Waikato/Bays Region, so it was suggested that a trial with Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka clubs.

Moved that a trial be made of radio advertising in the Nelson area, with the region giving \$125 towards the costs for each club that provides \$300.

Chris/Helen

**Carried**

4: 2017 IPs

Jane Stearns' request for IP teams to wear a regional uniform, and a regional flag to be provide was discussed. Not enough time was allowed to consider this for 2017. Some members were strongly against being asked to wear a uniform – even all a region's teams having to wear the same colour.

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5: Jane Stearns

Jane Stearns' "Nesting pairs" was discussed. Look at this at the January 2018 meeting with guidance from the RBM.

Ray

6: Facebook Page

Jenny Pomeroy has been editing a TOTS page on Facebook, as part of her PR duties. She will be given a gift of appreciation for her work on Saturday, at the tournament closing ceremony .

Chris

The RBM will be asked to give a report on the Facebook page, and PR, at the January 2018 meeting.

Ray

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Next meeting the weekend 27/28 January 2018 time TBA**