



## Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

### Minutes of Meeting

Held on 15 August 2017 at Victoria Bridge Club at 10.00am	
<b>Present</b>	Tony Sutich (Chair), Heather Jared, Margot Davenport, Paul Maxwell
<b>Apologies</b>	Joan Waldvogel, Greg Whitten (ex-officio)
<b>Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the meeting of 11 July were taken as read and confirmed. Moved Heather and Tony that Minutes be approved.
<b>Matters arising</b>	None
<b>Finance</b>	Bank Balances at 31 July 2017 BNZ Current Account   \$13,249.61 BNZ Savings Account   \$21,392.99 Total, including TSB Term Deposits   \$51,389.22 Moved Margot and Paul that the Financial Report be approved.
<b>Correspondence</b>	The Committee agreed with the Upper Hutt club's recommendation to shift their Multigrade Tournament in 2018. Joan to write to Rona, confirming this.

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**General Business**

**Feedback on proposed NZBC Strategy 2017-2020 and Regional Bridge Mates.**

The Committee considered that the term Regional Development Officers would be a better title for the proposed Bridge Mates. This could be done if the word "National" was put before Richard Solomon's job title. In regard to the funding of the positions, the Committee were concerned that many clubs might be reluctant to or can't afford the proposed levy. There is a need to demonstrate success with this approach before imposing a significant burden on struggling clubs. Our suggestion to NZBridge is that NZBridge fund a year's trial. If this is not acceptable, Regional Committees, where they can, would also be able to subsidise or pay the club contributions. The Wellington Regional Committee would be prepared to help fund the trial in the Wellington Region that way.

Regarding the request from New Zealand Bridge to respond by 18th August whether this Committee was prepared to contribute \$3,500 over a two year period, The Committee agreed to this, and NZBridge is to be advised accordingly.

In line with obtaining better information about all our local clubs' responses to the Bridge Mates approach, Tony is to write to clubs seeking their views, where these are not already known to the Committee.

**Radio Advertising and Timing of Lessons.**

Some clubs are prepared to adjust the timing of their lessons. The Committee needs to present proposals for clubs to consider prior to the Wellington Regional Clubs' meeting in October. Tony will set out the costing options and timings and circulate to the clubs. The Committee is prepared to fund this initiative.

The meeting closed at 11:50.

**Next Meeting**

TBA