

Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: Friday 9 February 2018 19:30 via Skype.

Present:

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

Apologies: Ian Moore, Karen Martelletti.

Welcome

Rona welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday 29 October 2017 were confirmed with a couple of date corrections. Rona/Anna.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

The Allan Joseph Director Seminar took place on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 February. The Rotorua Bridge Club welcomed 13 interested players on Saturday and the Cambridge Bridge Club saw 20 players through the door, one of them being from the Auckland Region. The main message was that comparable calls are of the same, similar or more precise meaning or the same purpose. Like last year, practice situations were set up and the directors at hand had to rule on the situations. This weekend was free to all players from our region.

The annual WB Novice Pairs to be held in Matamata on Sunday 11 March currently only has 3 entries. Poster to be send out again.

Kelly Peirse needs a National Director as it is a 10A event.

Correspondence In: As distributed via email.

Of note: CDM Report from Karen Martelletti. Was discussed prior to meeting via email. Suggested to put a CDM job description in the Policy and Procedures Manual. Given Karen has the most experience in this we will ask her to draft something

Correspondence Out:

Nil.

Financial report:

Financial position per 29 December 2017

BNZ Cheque Account	\$ 4,256.66
BNZ Savings Account	\$ 6,001.75
Term Deposit with NZB	\$13,507.29
Total	\$ 23675.70

Financial Position per 31 January 2018

BNZ Cheque Account	\$3,633.25
BNZ Savings Account	\$6,002.29
Term Deposit with NZB	\$13,566.15
	<u>\$23,201.69</u>

Please note that the BNZ cheque account balance includes the Thames Festival account.

Our working cheque account is down to \$442.04. Normally we would get a quarter of Master points early January, but this hasn't happened yet.

Term Deposits status: #14. \$7539.13 @ 3.15% P/A matures 16 June 2018
 #06. \$6027.02 @ 3.00% P/A matures 29 May 2018
 We earned \$58.86 over the last term of 120 days on 29 January on #6

Thames Festival 2018

The on line payments for entries was more than last year, which is an encouraging sign and hopefully a trend for years to come.

We played with 24 teams, of which 22.5 team paid their entry fee. A house team was created to avoid having to play in a triangle, and two Thames players were playing to make up a team for a couple from Waiheke Island.

The Swiss Pairs had 44 pairs, 88 players of which 85 paid their entry fee. A stand by pair needed to play, plus Val Gardiner asked to play but didn't have a partner, so we found her one.

Waikato Bays Regional Bridge Committee - Payments			
To	Date	Amount	
J Spaans Honorarium	3 Nov	\$1,500.00	
R Driscoll Meeting Travel	3 Nov	\$130.00	
I Moore Meeting Travel	3 Nov	\$84.00	
The Stables Restaurant	3 Nov	\$156.00	
Anna Kalma Travel x 2	3 Nov	\$110.00	
K Martelletti, CDM player exp	17 Nov	\$1,800.00	
NZB Inv 354 Ips	5 Dec	\$720.00	
M Neels Intm League prize	3 Nov	\$30.00	
M Neels Waitomo Transport	17 Nov	\$60.00	
Cash - Director	10 Jan	\$500.00	
Cash - Scorer	10 Jan	\$300.00	
Cash-Tourn Manager	10 Jan	\$300.00	
Cash - Catering Manager	10 Jan	\$100.00	
Cash - Dealer	10 Jan	\$240.00	
Cash - Caddy	10 Jan	\$150.00	
Cash - Logistics Manager	10 Jan	\$100.00	
Cash - Float	10 Jan	\$250.00	
Cash - Prizes	10 Jan	\$2,550.00	
Marion Kelly - Refund	12 Jan	\$10.00	
Taur BC - Station. Inv 2469	26 Jan	\$123.10	
Carol Crowfoot - Catering	26 Jan	\$795.40	
TOTAL		\$10,008.50	

Motion: That the financial report is accepted and that the payment totaling \$10,008.50 be approved for payment.

Anna/Mike.

Interprovincials

WB Trials 2018

As was decided at the October 2017 meeting, the status quo remains, meaning Swiss Pairs format across the entire field of Open, Women and Senior players and Tauranga to remain the host club.

Should a national survey by NZB result in a different format for the IPs, we will revisit the status quo, which may include to set certain criteria for pairs to eligible to enter.

NZB IP Survey

The WBRC did a survey amongst the leading WB players two years ago. They expressed a very clear view at the time. As the IP Format has not been changed by NZB (yet) since then and we continue to see that some very good WB pairs decline to trial, we will resubmit the survey results to NZB.

2018 IPs to be held in Auckland on 24 to 26 November.

The ideal preparation would be that all players will arrive on Friday 23 November. This will ensure all players are in time for the first match and gives the group a chance for some team building. We agreed this would be encouraged but not compulsory. Therefore we will apply for a grant which covers three nights accommodation.

RBM and WBRC web site.

It was decided that a separate page will be created for Eunice Eccles on the WBRC web site, where she can publish what she likes. A banner will be added that any view or opinion expressed by the RBM may not necessarily be that of the WBRC.

Mike Neels to liaise with RBM and decide which articles may be published on the main front page of the web site.

Radio Advertising

The committee feels that the radio advertising campaign of 2017 did not get the response we thought it might get. We aim to have regional initiatives so all clubs are able to profit from the initiative. Some feedback received indicates that this aim was not entirely met. Therefore we will not repeat this in 2018. We hope that a national cinema advertising campaign under NZB will have a wider impact.

Whakatane Club request

The club to be advised that the WBRC cannot provide financial assistance to individual clubs for club specific initiatives. The committee operates for the entire region and therefore launch regional initiatives. The Allan Joseph director seminar is a recent example of such an initiative.

Huntly social event

The committee strongly encourages all clubs to use the NZB web site / tournament schedule for players to enter any tournament. It is for this reason that we do not list NZB tournaments on the WB web site anymore.

Some clubs hold charity or social events which do not feature on the NZB tournament calendar or a club does not have a web site capable of an entry process through their own web site. It is for these type of clubs/events that the WB is happy to use the WB web site.

NZB Levy / Master Points share

A revised method by NZB to distribute funds amongst the Regional Committees was discussed. As the proposed method results in a similar funding level per annum, the WBRC is happy for NZB to proceed to use it for our region.

Meeting closed at 21:15 hrs.
Next meeting: Friday 16 March 2018 19:30 via Skype.

Minutes confirmed by

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



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