

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday, February 11th 2018, 2pm
McDonald's conference room, Green Lane**

PRESENT

Sue Brown (Chair), Tony Morcom, Bianca van Rangelrooy, Neil Beckett

Welcome

Allan Morris, Jan France

APOLOGIES

Richard Solomon

Trevor Robb

Acknowledged by Sue ; the passing of Trevor's Partner Robyn

MINUTES

Sue: Minutes amended and approved

Marketing

Jan France: Radio and cinema Campaign

Advertising started 12th February

Each club has a web page, with club sessions, details and lessons.

Teaching of Acol throughout all the clubs

Lessons are given at different times; there is a link to Jane Stearns lessons online.

Sue: secretaries are often not following up on information given

Jan: Most clubs have followed given times and structure

A questionnaire will be sent out on completion of the campaign.

Sue: Has the ANRC paid toward the costs, as it fits with our aims and objectives.

Retention at clubs and advertising subsidies discussed

Allan: Junior players need mentoring

Bianca: in terms of retention, ensure new members have partners

Jan: October 2018 Waitamata club will be taken on as part of the Bridge mates scheme

Discussion on the questionnaire regarding quality of experience whilst playing tournaments

Sue: it could have had more bridge related questions i.e. quality of Directors

Allan: rethink the questions, resend to Anne Barraclough, as the Auckland Bridge club Manager; Deb felt the questionnaire inappropriate.

Think how to increase participation.

Neil: Email addresses are visible on the NZ Bridge Tournament entry page. Can one access these? How is the NZ data base being used?

Jan: will help finding Billets for the IP's

Jan leaves the meeting

Question asked, does NZ Bridge provide the necessary information to the Chef de Missions prior to the IPS, whose role is it?

Sue: clearer policies need to set in place regarding IP sponsorship. ANRC ended up paying travel costs for 2 pairs that pulled out

Allan: The entire Waikato team was funded by pub charity

ANRC could put forward an application for funding

Annual conference is to be held in June, the IPs will be up for discussion

IP trials; all sections will play in sync. The field is too big to allow people to trial for the various sections .i.e. do not make Open, try instead for seniors.

MATTERS ARISING

Draft Minutes to go out earlier and sent to committee

Sue: asked Neil to give an update on the ANRC Website

Neil: hasn't occurred as yet, will happen before tomorrow

The rotation of photographs will increase amenity, as will a logo on the front page.

It is a basic website with limitations.

Sue: could club Tournament notices go onto it?

Neil: there is already a proliferation of information; Fliers could be put on the tournament page

Sue: what do we want on our site?

Neil: Photos taken at tournaments

Allan: A/N region still bound to have Regional Conference every 2 years, bound by the current constitution set by NZ Bridge.

ANRC to convene a date, send out notice, set an Agenda and ask for a RSVP before March.

Suggested speakers Karen, Matt Brown, regarding his International experience, Jan France, as a bridge mate and Jane Stearns.

Playing of Bridge in the afternoon, with a prize draw.

Tournaments

Whangarei's turn to host the Regional Teams event (3 year rotation)

ANRC responsibility

IP trials held in May and the IP's to be held in Nov, early December

ANRC to supply boards

Hosting of Club Teams, 26th May, prelim notice to go out prior

Secretary to email East Coast Bays, Franklin, Orewa and Howick to ask if ANRC could use their club rooms

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

Four Youth players asking for travel subsidies to attend the South Island Tournament. An email was sent to Richard Soloman regarding his take on the request.

Outwards

No outwards

Financials

\$11,000.00 sent to us, deposited in account Friday

November –January account in deficit

Levy and Master Points

IPs cost ANRC \$7,700.00.

Sue: There is an annual training grant how does one go about applying

Allan: there has been is a change in methodology to paying Levy share. There will be an increase from \$2.00 per home club member per annum to \$6.00.money is to be paid in advance.

Sue: Resolution that the ANRC agrees with the new format of paying Levy share, Secretary to write Alister, of the resolution,

Sue: In future the financial report should go out with the minutes

Neil: ANRC money should go into a term deposit, Allan to check with Alister as to the legality.

Sue moves that the ANRC put \$15,000 into a term deposit with the approval of NZ Bridge. Tony seconds, passed

Allan: Put \$10,000 into a 3 month term deposit and the rest into another account, Sue to contact Alister

The meeting finished at 4.15pm

Next meeting of the ANRC 8th April

Signed: Chair:

Date:

