

## Regional Committee Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: 18 July at Clubs of Marlborough Board Room at 10:20am

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| <b>Present:</b>                                      | Chris Marshall (Chair), Ed Roggeveen (Secretary), Pam Whitehead (Treasurer), Jenny Cooper, Helen Robinson, Bev Gay   |               |
| <b>In attendance:</b>                                | Ray Curnow (RBM)   |               |
| <b>Apologies:</b>                                    | None.  |               |
| <b>Welcome:</b>                                      | Chris welcomed all to the meeting  |               |
| <b>1. Minutes of previous meeting:</b>               |  |               |
|  | The minutes of the previous meetings held on 23 June and 19 May were confirmed.  | Chris / Jenny |
| <b>2. Matters arising from the previous minutes:</b> | <p>Discussion re role of clubs in hosting regional and national tournaments. Need to set a clear policy that clubs are responsible for paying the director, scorer and master points – following NZB manual. Chris to look at previous policy and consult as to what amendments are needed and then distribute to clubs once ratified.</p> <p>Pam to take responsibility for consulting with IP team to arrange a regional “uniform”.</p> <p>Internet banking to be finalized as Ed and Chris need to sign form and send to Pam.</p> <p>Clubs to advise Ray of any forthcoming lessons so he can publicize to other clubs.</p> <p>Photos of prizewinners from tournaments – there is uncertainty as to who is doing what in terms of publicity here so this needs to be clarified and we need to ensure we have a policy to allow people to opt out.</p> |               |
| <b>3. Correspondence In:</b>                         | <p>As distributed via dropbox. Discussion re number of prize divisions in tournaments and that all tournaments should have 4 (as per Chris Sutton’s correspondence). It was decided no formal policy to be set, but a guideline of 1 prize division per 10 pairs be set and Ray to publicize this to clubs in his RBM role. Rankings (seedings) should be clear to all players.</p> <p>Options re sponsorship to be reviewed in light of Jan Spaans’ information regarding Pub Charity. Pam to look at this and alternative sources such as Rata.</p>  |               |
| <b>4. Correspondence Out:</b>                        | Tournament information forwarded onto clubs as received.   |               |
| <b>5. Financial report:</b>                          | No formal report was submitted. Information from Chris (previous treasurer).   |               |

| Financial position as at: | Today              |
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| Cheque Account:           | \$ 2479.97         |
| Savings Account:          | \$ 5811.16         |
| Term Deposit:             | \$ nil             |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>             | <b>\$ 8291. 13</b> |

| Payments to be approved for payment: |                            |        |
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| Date                                 | For                        | Amount |
| 18/7                                 | Support from Bridge NZ for | \$300  |

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|      | training  |                  |
| 18/7 | Martin Oyston for assistance at Kaikoura tournament | \$80             |
|      | Jenny Pomeroy for gift to Robin Young               | \$41.50          |
|      |   | \$               |
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|      | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$ 421.50</b> |

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| <b>Comments on the Financial report:</b>   |                 |
| Move savings to term deposit once we have all income and expenditure confirmed   |                 |
| <b>Motion:</b> That the financial report is accepted and that the payments totaling \$421.50 be approved for payment.<br>Greymouth and Golden Bay's application for reimbursement from coaching grant will be paid once they submit their paperwork. | <b>Ed / Pam</b> |

### Agenda items and General Business

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| <b>6</b> | <p>Jenny Cooper – Report re Golden Bay training day with Jenny Wilkinson.</p> <p>Ann Blackie provided this for Jenny to share. 19 attendees. Based on NZB lessons on website. Excellent feedback. Jenny will do another session at this stage. Evidence of tools being used. GB thanks the TOTS Committee for their support.</p> <p>Question: Should resources not already publicly available be shared among clubs? There may be limited value in doing this.</p>  |
| <b>7</b> | <p>Chris Marshall – report from Regional Conference on 15 July.</p> <p>The power point was previously shared.</p> <p>Unfortunately, flight cancellation caused late arrival so missed the constitutional review the regional conference frequencies discussion. Tournament grading review was discussed and an alternative to the current system proposed and this is in the public forum. Chris explained further and gave examples of how it might work. Feedback continues to be sought.</p> <p>IP format was discussed. This is in the public forum and feedback has been sought and received (results were distributed recently).</p> <p>Regional feedback on RBM initiative was very mixed. Some regions have found it excellent while others reported a disconnect between the RBM and RC.</p> <p>A Zoom demonstration was held and unfortunately this didn't work. Zoom is a tool for online meetings and is a well-used and well-liked tool in business and is being used by NZB and its use will be expanded.</p> <p>There was a presentation on Congress which Chris saw little value in as it did not seem directed</p> |

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|           | <p>at all.</p> <p>Standardisation of documentation and reporting from Regions to NZB has been put in place.</p> <p>A discussion was held on how to involve non-affiliated clubs more without necessarily forcing them to affiliate.</p> <p>There was also some information about the Youth Program.</p> <p>A suggestion made that Regional Minutes be circulated among all regions.</p>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <p>Chris Marshall – review of 20A South Island Pairs held 7-8 July.</p> <p>The result of the survey by Ray was recently distributed. Issues were identified – comments were made positive and negative about the movement and the timings, but overall the event was well received and Picton were commended on their hosting. The format was difficult to manage in terms of dealing the boards.</p>  |
| <b>9</b>  | <p>Chris Marshall - Interim Report RBM Project from Jane Stearns. Discussion / Comments / Questions.</p> <p>Was distributed – no comments or questions.</p>  |
| <b>10</b> | <p>Chris Marshall – Tournament Scheduling Review.</p> <p>The tournament scheduling / allocation for the region was previously made available by Chris. The regions has ongoing issues with the bulk of our tournaments being bunched up in the middle of the year.</p> <p>All clubs to be informed that there is an issue with tournament scheduling and we are considering clearing the 2020 schedule and each club applies for their primary tournament and once they are set by the TOTS RC any other tournaments can be applied for and these will be scheduled by the RC to ensure a better spread of events throughout the calendar year. Feedback to be received from clubs and they are asked to put forward preferred number of events and times of year with justification before our next meeting. Restricted Tournaments to be encouraged. Would clubs be receptive to trialling a distributive tournament similar to the Babich Pairs? This letter to be drafted by Ed and sent to the RC and RBM for consideration and amendment before sending.</p> |
| <b>11</b> | <p>Chris Marshall - Director’s Fees and other costs for Regional Interclub events and Inter-Provincial Trials. Motion - moved Chris Marshall: “That our policy is - The host club is responsible for all costs associated with the tournament before the entry fee has been set. TOTS Regional Committee will cover the cost of Director and Scorer travel and accommodation as required”.</p> <p>Withdrawn as previously covered in section 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break for lunch taken at 12:35. Meeting reconvened at 12:55</li> </ul>  |
| <b>12</b> | <p>Ray Curnow – RBM report:</p> <p>Report distributed to the RC by email on 15 July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champions League Interim Review. There have been some teething issues and there are concerns that the money being put into it is not necessarily reflected in an increase of tournament entries. It will be reviewed / assessed towards the end of the year.</li> <li>• Tournament Attendances. Up overall but some issues, in particular Richmond numbers.</li> </ul>   |

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|           | <p>Why has this happened? Ray has spoken to Richmond committee as to their own members not playing. Perhaps they would benefit from hosting a Restricted event and ensuring their numbers are capped to that players fit comfortably into the room so players are not put off from returning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio Advertising review. Was shown in the survey of new players to not be a significant factor in attracting new players. However, in Westport it has proved to be successful.</li> <li>• Recruitment of new players. Overall picture is good. But concern raised that the larger clubs are less successful at attracting new players. Discussed how we can more effectively network and make links with like-minded clubs (eg chess) and also sports and business associations.</li> <li>• IP Trials review. Reducing the Intermediate trial to one day seems not to have been a significant factor in the increase in attendance. Shoulder-tapping shown to be the most significant factor. Issue with a pair entering that then decided they weren't available which caused a problem in selections. More flexibility needed in selection. Jenny to create a discussion paper as to how we select teams as our region is not strong enough to have our best players miss out due to factors that may be beyond their control.</li> <li>• IP Team approach – publicity etc. Pam to follow up as per number 3.</li> <li>• RBM focus clubs for 2019. Jane Stearns and Ray favour Richmond and Motueka. Nelson did not feel they needed the RBM's focus as much as other clubs this year. Further discussion as to what Ray could do to help all club committees effectively manage their clubs and be available to attend all club committee meetings.</li> <li>• Media Coverage. Each club needs to generate their own media publicity. Ray can advise but clubs need to build a model that works for them.</li> </ul> |
| <b>13</b> | <p>Pam Whitehead – Seminar for whole region. Can we look at a weekend seminar by House of Cards or similar for the whole region? How would we pay for this? User pays? Clubs pro-rata? Club committees? Pam to approach House of Cards and cost it and then find out if clubs interested for next year.</p>   |
| <b>14</b> | <p>Ed Roggeveen – Howorth Cup update and format. Just waiting for one club. Entries close this Friday. Working with Bev Gay and Steve Gray to finalise format but expected to be 8 board matches. Moving away from A and B should make it a better competition.</p>   |
| <b>15</b> | <p>Ed Roggeveen – Director seminar for region. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday 15 September at Nelson. Ed to email all clubs to sound out interest and then confirm date and venue.</p>  |
| <b>16</b> | <p>Ed Roggeveen – Regional Website. Ed has offered to set this up and administer it on the bridge-club.org domain. Concern is that we will not get buy-in from all clubs who will need to be prepared to contribute to it. Ed to cost the project and contact clubs, outlining how it will work and the benefits of having a web site and ask clubs if they are willing to contribute financially and practically to it and report back next meeting.</p>   |
|           | <p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen requested we look at the TOTS Strategic Plan Document from 2016. We discussed some of the points in it and progress made towards those goals. Chris pointed out we are supposed to have a Regional Meeting (inviting 3 from each club) every 2 years and we need to look at doing this soon. Chris, Jenny and Pam to look at this.</li> </ul>   |

- Membership numbers – Jenny queried why there are discrepancies with published numbers and actual numbers. Chris advised that club administrators are responsible for ensuring NZB has the correct information.
- Teachers’ Conference – can we run one of our own before the next NZB one? Ask Tony Hinkley if he would be prepared to do this? Ray / Jenny to investigate options.
- Bev asked if the TOTS RC recommend to clubs that they have a “Club Service” award to recognise those who might not meet the criteria for Life Membership. If we have a regional website we could have something similar to NZB’s “Volunteer of the Month”. Ray / Bev to take this on.
- Development of our top players – Ed recounted recent correspondence with another TOTS player over the poor standing of our players in the recent South Island Pairs – our so called “elite” pairs did not perform to high level. Does the RC have any ideas as to how we can improve the top level – perhaps mentoring? Psychological coaching / seminar? Sponsorship to play in other regions? Budget issues and concerns that players may not be receptive. Getting other players from Auckland etc to come and play in our events.
- Expenses for meetings – Ed clarified that people were paid travel costs to attend RC meetings and asked that he be reimbursed \$40 to cover the cost of putting his son into a Holiday Program for the day. Approved and Pam to organise payments for travel to members as needed.

Meeting closed at 2:40

Next meeting: TBA

Minutes confirmed by

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| Name ( <i>printed</i> ): | Chris Marshall  | Role: | Chairperson |
| Signed:                  |  | Date: | 20 Jul 2018 |