

Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: Friday 17 August 2018 19:30 via Zoom.

Present:

Rona Driscoll (Chair Person), Michael Neels, Alan Dick, Jan Spaans (Secretary/Treasurer).

Apologies: Anna Kalma, Karen Martelletti.

Welcome

Rona welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 22 October 2018 were confirmed.
Rona/Mike.

The minutes of the special meeting held on Saturday 11 August 2018 were confirmed.
Jan/Mike

Matters arising from previous meeting:

Nil.

Correspondence In: As distributed via email.

Correspondence Out:

Email to Alper's Lodge.

Financial report:

Financial position per 31 July 2018

BNZ Cheque Account	\$11,403.95
BNZ Savings Account	\$6,005.28
BNZ Thames Festival Cheque Account	\$1,229.12
Term Deposit with NZB	\$13,863.07
Balance	\$32,501.42

Term Deposits status:

Balance of #6 is	\$ 6086.46 @ 2.9% matures 26 September
Balance of #14 is	\$ 7776.61 @ 3.5% matures on 16 June 2019
Total Balance is	\$ 13863.07

Pub Charity Ltd Grant Application for IP Accommodation.

We were looked at favorably again by Pub Charity as received the amount we applied for, \$3469.57 on 2 August.

Waikato Bays Regional Bridge Committee - Payments to be approved			
To	Date	Amount	Date to be approved
J Spaans-WB web site paid	17 Aug	342	17 Aug 2018
Rotorua BC Dir Sem catering	17 Aug	138	17 Aug 2018
Rotorua BC Bay Teams Dir	17 Aug	120	17 Aug 2018
TOTAL		\$600.00	

Motion: That the financial report is accepted and that the payment totaling \$ 600.00
Jan/Alan.

WB Grade Trophy Final

Whakatane Intermediate team has withdrawn. Rotorua, which finished third, will now play instead.

Youth Policy

We had a Youth Policy some years ago, which was not very well used and difficult to ensure the conditions were met by any applicant. With all results of any player now on line, the conditions may be easier to check. A proposal to be drafted by the next meeting.

WB Annual Regional Conference

We asked the clubs if they felt we needed a Regional Conference held every year, if they would send a representative if we held one this year, and what would they like to see on the agenda.

Of the 23 clubs we received 5 replies. One club was positive, two clubs would send a representative if it was held, three clubs felt that a Regional Conference held every two years was sufficient.

Based on the lack of interest and failure to reply by the vast majority of the clubs, there will be no Regional Conference held in the WB Region in 2018.

Sponsorship to Congress

Despite information received that several clubs have promoted the availability of sponsorship to Congress, only one player to date of the meeting has put the name in the hat. Draw will be held after 25 August.

RBM Initiatives for 2019

Feedback by 31 August to Jane Stearns is that we would like to see the nonaffiliated clubs targeted and that the RBM collate information on lessons provided by clubs to provide better access to our players (note these are not beginner lessons, but improver lessons onwards). Additionally, even though not an official WB initiative, we would like to see X-club promoted amongst the clubs.

WB Clubs “at risk”

The WB has not received any requests of clubs needing assistance with their membership. However, Jane Stearns seems to have a list of clubs who have approached her directly.

Request from WAPs manager for financial assistance.

A request from the Waikato Area Pairs manager was received, which asked the WB to pay for all the master point costs of all clubs who host a WAP session “as the clubs don’t make any money out of it”. It was stipulated that the players “are loathe” to pay more than the current very low \$10.00 entry fee. We compared the WAPs with how the Bay Pairs was run, which has an entry fee of \$15.00 per player AND get lunch in the form of soup and buns for this.

It would appear that the amount allocated for prizes in the WAPs far exceeds this from the Bay Pairs. Therefore we feel that the WAPs needs to budget better and we are not subsidizing the WAPs at this stage.

Meeting closed at 20:35 hrs.

Next meeting: Friday 14 September 2018 19:30 via Zoom.



Minutes confirmed by

Name (*printed*):

Rona Driscoll

Role: Chairperson

Date: 14 Sep 2018