



Top of the South

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOP OF THE SOUTH REGIONAL COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE OF NZ BRIDGE INC) on 9 March 2019 at 5.35pm at Nelson Club

Meeting opened 5.35pm

1) Present: Chris Marshall [Chair], Pam Whitehead [Treasurer], Bev Gay, Helen Robinson, Jenny Cooper [Scribe]

2) Apologies: Bev arrived apologised for lateness- otherwise engaged as Tournament Director. Apologies from Ray Curnow as TOPS Regional Bridge mate.

3) Minutes of previous meeting. Held 26th of January 2019. Held at Marlborough club. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and accepted as a "True and accurate record". All in Favour. Carried.

Matters Arising: Listed in our Agenda for the meeting.

4) Correspondence: NZ Bridge Regional conference. Date: 9th June 2019

Steve Gray: Ongoing I.P Participation and rules.

Ed Roggeveen: Resignation of Ed Roggeveen as Secretary of Top of the South Regional committee. Dated 1st of February 2019.

Ed Roggeveen: Saturday 16th February 2019. Request for support to become a National Director. Value of support requested: \$300.

This was discussed and there was great support his application to become a National Director. With proviso there is some expectation he will give on going contribution to the region. He has done a fantastic role in teaching and mentoring the club Directors in Marlborough and Westport sessions.

Inwards: Ray Curnow: On behalf of Hokitika Group- Request for Training support for a newly formed group that may affiliate as a NZ Bridge Club eventually - from Hokitika.

Outwards: Chris Marshall: Asked NZ Bridge: Alister Stuck for guidance on this Hokitika training support issue.

Inwards: Alister Stuck: Approved in principal supporting Hokitika with training grant once received. [Date: 26th February 2019]

5) Financial Report. Payments Made and Pending for Approval. See Report.

The Financial report presented and circulated prior to the meeting.

Pam Whitehead moved that the financial report be accepted as a True and accurate report.

Financial Report from Pam Whitehead, Treasurer TOTS, 9 th March 2019.

Balance of accounts at last Regional Committee Meeting.

Prepared 22nd January 2019 for Meeting 27th January 2019

Accounts	
Cheque \$2,275.82	
Call \$5,814.11	
TOTAL	\$8,089.93
Financial Position 8th March 2019	
Cheque \$2,009.98	
Call \$5,815.05	
Total	\$7,825.03
DEPOSITS	Harcourt's Kaikoura \$85
	Harcourt's Greymouth \$85
	Call Interest \$1.66
TOTAL	\$171.66
PAYMENTS IP Director flights: TOTAL	\$436.56

Payments to be approved for payment: Note: Upcoming: Incoming requests from TOPS Clubs for New beginner Bridge lessons for 2019 are starting March/April and May.

Chris Marshall seconded. All in favour. Carried.

Chris Marshall advised Regional committee conference is to be held in Wellington on 9th June 2019. Request to approve funding of flights for the conference. Moved Jenny Cooper. Seconded Pam Whitehead. All in favour. Carried. Chris to purchase air Tickets.

6) Agenda Items:

- 1.Regional conference: Date: Sunday 23nd June 2019. Location to be confirmed.
 - a. Helen to ask Richmond to host on the Sunday after their Richmond Open pairs 22nd June.
 - b. Venue?
 - c. Themes & Topics and Invitations to clubs:
Potential Theme "Future TOPS Bridge developmental strategies and consultation with clubs"
...Detail To be confirmed

Helen has offered to approach Richmond to host the Regional Conference event. She will be meeting with them on the 20th of March to discuss.

7). Pam whitehead: IPS: Accommodation update.

Re accommodation info for Clubs querying Christchurch Accommodation for I. P's 2019

This year 2-bedroom apartments have been booked, to encourage team camaraderie. Each of the 2 bedrooms will have 2 beds in them. The idea is the whole team can stay together and talk over any concerns while staying together in a space much bigger than normal size hotel rooms. It is only for 2 nights, we adapt. The area is next to Casino and Victoria St for restaurants etc. They could Lime Scooter to the Bridge Club!!! Hold that thought.

We are mindful that if the Pub Charity application was not successful, the cost of this sort of accommodation will be a lot cheaper than individual accommodation to each member of the team.

While there is only 1 bathroom, this can be easily managed with discussion, there will always be people that get up earlier than others. There is always the hotel bathroom to use as well.

The Chef de Mission will have a 2-bedroom apartment, so flexibility to host another person there may be due to snoring or Male/female team member problem sharing same room.

We are also happy if anyone wants to be in a room elsewhere by themselves, or a favoured hotel, or being a smoker etc, book their own accommodation, but funding will not be available for it if approved.

Change is difficult for some people to accept, but I would be real happy staying at this accommodation. It is also quite difficult to get accommodation in central ChCh post-earthquake.

8.) Uniform IP uniform review 2018.

See attached report.

Discuss on the feedback. Vests as an option for the TOPS Team is the most popular option discussed. Colour: Navy Blue with red embroidery branding was meet with approval.

Dated for the year. The Team IP representatives can keep the uniform as a memento of their participation and achievements. Further consultation to be sent to 2018 IP representatives.

9.) IP selection Policy Documents. * See attachment Below: Given the robust discussion on IP Selection, Criteria and uniform issues. We thought it required a policy document, so we have a working policy Document. J Cooper drafted a structure to the policy document. She will share with the committee and co-opt Phil Rutherford and Chris Marshall as fellow Selectors. The bring it to the committee for approval.

10.) Chef de mission nominations: Chris Marshall has advised he is unavailable for Chef De Mission role in 2019. The regional committee to reflect and think of possible options. It was pointed out that it depends also on the makeup of the selected IP Team.

11.) –Training Application: for funding for Training:

Kaikoura: For Karen Martelletti lessons. On Sunday 19th May after their Tournament on 18th May.

Plus, beginner lesson classes: Kaikoura and Golden Bay. Applications are being submitted.

Plus note the incoming: Hokitika request [notified by email]

Training application: Golden Bay 2019 lessons. Advised by Jenny Cooper.

Aside: advice from Ray Curnow: Greymouth is also submitting a request for funding for 2019 lessons. Chris advised we do support the smaller clubs for Training.

General business:

1. Training for open players: GeO Tislevoll: Ray be asked to send email to clubs reminding them of this opportunity. Some players will need to be shoulder tapped if we are o support this initiative and get good participation from achieving “continuous improvement” in TOPS open players. We need to confirm back with GeO by the end of March. It was proposed to start in April.


Helen Robinson asked whether there was any funding for people to travel to a central place...rather than a “remote” learning experience. The group sessions and learning experiences gets “discussion” going. Chris advised that GeO consults to players in Norway his teaching and mentoring has achieved positive results for players who have embraced this way of learning.

2.Re: Secretary Vacancy on Regional committee: Jenny Cooper has agreed to be scribe. Ray Curnow will be our TOPS communications secretary until further notice.

3. Junior and Intermediate League: Sponsored by Harcourts. Thankyou so much to Bev Gay for taking this project on and finding a suitable sponsor. See the poster on the club noticeboard and use them when you produce your poster for Tournaments when appropriate. Jenny Cooper to follow-up with Motueka and Golden Bay Harcourts agencies.

Committee members please promotes on other community noticeboards e.g.: Supermarket community to support our sponsor and help get “maybe” bridge players to join up and take up the lessons on offer in our region.

Meeting closed 6.07pm

Minutes confirmed by Name (printed): Chris Marshall	Role: Chairperson
Signed: 	Date: 16 March 2019

2018 IPs Uniform feedback Report

Date: 5th March 2019

I spoke with 12 team players, and the Chef de Mission. Pam had already talked to Jenny and Peter Storey, and Wayne and Stuart. Some new ideas were put forward during the survey, and as these were not all discussed with everyone, I've added these for further thought.

Other teams – more than 50% of all teams had uniforms – some seemed more stylish, some Teams allowed their players to keep theirs, while at least one Team took back the uniforms.

Overall comments about **wearing a uniform** – mostly okay. Some liked having a uniform to define their team and their team mates; some accepted wearing the uniform because they had been asked to. Generally, if the uniform is just the shirt, and the fabric and sizing are comfortable, then all would wear it.

Desirable improvements for the Polo shirt –

Discreet **logo** on front of shirt, e.g. “Top of the South” (no date, for possible re-use another year) ;

Colour - ok, maybe just one colour.

Suggestions of using Makos colours – red and navy blue – though Makos' territory does not include West Coast. Perhaps navy blue as 2018, with the Logo in Makos red (which is quite a bright red)?

Fabric - seemed a bit “plastic-y”. A thicker, woven fabric would be preferable.

Style - Polo shirt is seen as generally ok, though suggestions of a more fitting/styled blouse for women, and a button-through shirt for men.

Sizing - many were too small. Suggest use a NZ firm that sources overseas, and who have already sorted out sizing for Europeans. Suggestion that once the main decisions are made on what is wanted, we approach a NZ firm for a “good deal”.

Washing – few were washed overnight. Several took similar coloured shirts from home to wear on some days, or even every day. A “laundry run” each night was considered possible by some, and not favoured by others. Suggested each player has at least two shirts...

Warmth – The 2018 version was not warm enough on its own for some, who wore something underneath, or on top;

Suggestion about **returning** the shirt/s to TOPS...

Many happy to hand it back, suggesting TOPS keep a supply of sizes and replenish as needed. This could be good economy and may allow a better quality of fabric and style. One or two were happy to keep theirs and to wear it. Suggested that players have the option of keeping their shirt or returning it to TOPS.

Other suggestions that came out during the survey:

How about a **mascot** – to sit on the team table, as some teams had. If so, what is the mascot?...

How about one of those signs/**banners** on stands seen outside a retail shop, that tell you a place is “Open”, or is a “Café” Such a banner to stand beside the team table.

Some suggested that players **pay** for their own shirt/uniform ...

How about a **vest** as the uniform garment - sleeveless, zip in front, collar, logo - to be worn over one’s own navy-blue shirt/blouse ...?

How about a beret – navy blue, logo optional ...

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[Draft OUTLINE: Author: J Cooper-]

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Team Selection Policy FOR Inter-provincial Trials

1. Introduction

1.1. Application

1.2. Responsibility & Team culture

1.3. Purpose and operational guidelines

1.4. Application of the policy and process

1.5. Definitions

1.6. Selection objectives

1.7. Situations outside of selection policy

2. Selection Panel Appointments:

- Team
- Team captain
- Chef de Mission appointment

3. Team uniform:

4. Confidentiality Requirements of Selectors

5. Player Eligibility: criteria for eligibility.

5.1. Regional Team Eligibility

5.2. Multiple regional Eligibility: issues

6. Exemption Requirements

7. Selection Nominations

8. Selection Criteria

9. Selection Process

9.2. Extenuating Factors

9.3. Selection Events

9.4. Overriding Factors

10. Squad Selection: Selectors Are:

Squad Selection Ratified Formally by Committee

10.1. Criteria: Guiding Policies for Team selection Panel

- 10.1. Open
- 10.2 Senior
- 10.3 Women
- 10.4 Intermediate

10.2 Training

10.3 Squad development sessions: Training sessions, Partnership Training sessions and Support:

10.4 Development squads: Training sessions, Partnership Training sessions, Tournament attendance, and Tournament re-assessment post performance, and Training support

13. Procedure Approval and Announcement of Team Squads:

14. Approval and Announcement of Team.

Advice to players.

Who!? Timing! Newspaper announcement. Social media policy. Signoff for permission of photos[as per NZ Bridge regulations]

15. Replacement reserve Players of Selected Players.

15.1. Grounds for Replacement

15.2. Process

16. Request for Appeal

Appendix:

1. IP Trial Application form

2. Grounds for amendments to the application form.

3. Systems card requirements.

4. Policy: Terms & conditions of being a TOP of the South Team member:

5. Funding:

6. Transport

7. Accommodation

8. Food

9. Uniform policy:

Policy and Funding

10. Charity and or Sponsorship funding: Procedure

11. Selection committee contacts: Team, captain and chef de mission

12. Selection appeal committee