

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday, November 18th, 2018, 1pm
McDonalds Conference room Green Lane**

Present

Sue Brown (Chair), Tony Morcom, Bianca van Rangelrooy, Trevor Robb, Mark Lynn

Welcome

Alan Morris

(Anne Barrowclough to be invited in future)

Apologies

Richard Solomon, Jan France

Minutes

Minutes amended, spelling of Peter Bowyer's name to be corrected and the time of the last ANRC Meeting

Sue Adopted the Minutes to be an accurate account, Mark Seconded

Marketing

Matters Arising

Douglas; as Chef de Mission to sort IP Uniforms, promising they will be ready by the IPS

Total cost \$600

Cost of a meal for the IP team to be subsidized by ANRC, this information was emailed to Douglas; he relied "too late"

We will subsidize one of the lunches, Auckland Bridge Club to Bill ANRC

ANRC Secretary to include correspondence into the Minutes

Action the letter to clubs with Sue's amendments regarding finding new members for the ANRC

Correspondence

Inwards

All correspondence forwarded on to the committee

Outwards

Thankyou letter to Douglas for his role as IPs Chef de Mission

Congratulatory letter to Matt Brown

Reply to Jan regarding costs for lessons

Financials

Sept /Oct small profit \$1,700

Prior to expenses i.e. Regional Bridge mates and new cards and boards

Allan; "where is the income from May/June?"

Sue; "maybe it's quarterly, paid June, July, August, September, one more expected

Allan; sounds right

Sue; asked any questions?

Sue; Club Hubs, monthly charge has gone up to \$40, they administrate our ANRC Website

Sue; "Bridge is Fun" website set up by Jan for bridge classes to be subsidized for another year

Sue; Adoption of the financial report to the end of October

Mark seconds

Tournaments

Sue; IPs totally organized by Auckland bridge club and Richard

Sue; \$700 Bill received for IP entry fee

Sue; Billet requested (Roger), Jan France found Karen Smith who offered to Billet him

Mark; How many Interclub teams entered from the Auckland region?

Tony; 16 Junior, 22 Intermediate, 9 open

Allan; Anne has photos of the winners for the ANRC website

Mark; will there be any changes for 2019?

Tony; No

Discussion ensued

Trevor; ask Auckland Bridge Club if they will host again

Tony; has already occurred. Dates have been discussed and finalized and the use of Auckland Bridge Club approved by Anne

Sue; Northland Interclub has finished Whangarei First, Keri Keri second

Next year junior and Intermediate to be included

Allan; noted poor numbers of Intermediate and juniors attending events, why?

Suggestion made; 1st session on Friday nights could be social,

Promotion of Interclub required

Novice session a good idea, run a Junior Tournament Friday night session throughout the year suggested Duplicate 8 sessions with same partner.

Tony; has been tried in Howick 3 to 4 years back, numbers fell away.

Discussion ensues regarding a potential 3B Junior Grade Tournament.

Tony to find out if one can give B Points for a 2 session Tournament, the ANRC would pay for the ensuing B Points,

Possible incentive discussed to increase Intermediate participation by awarding an "Overall Champion"

Any changes would have to go through Rona regarding the Tournament schedule.

Sue; are we hosting any Nationals in 2019?

Tony can't remember

General Business

Sue; read out Jan's report; Dargaville retained all nine newbies, buddy system successful, 117 more playing in tournaments, 2 social Sundays held, will continue in 2019. Mark visited while in progress, a good vibe noted.

Jan, to work with Waiheke and Waitamata clubs

Sue moved to accept Jan's report.

Sue; Radio advertising will continue, as discussed in the last meeting.

Trevor; maybe Jan should let clubs know when the advertising is to commence.

Allan gives a report on NZ Bridge Boards progress. The review will take place in May.

There has been a growth of 2.8% over the last 12 Months. 14,250.00 members, the first time the number has been over 14,000 for a considerable time. Core indicators are up and club involvement up considerably.

Sue; states some clubs not successful.

NZ Bridge to put an advertisement into the Ministry of Social Development newsletter for the 65+ demographic, Allan to facilitate to coincide with lessons.

Jan and Richard involved in a 5year strategic plan for Youth Players.

How to target social players and non-affiliated clubs

Trevor talked of International self-funding teams.

NZ Bridge pays for the entry fee for international players and the Uniform.

Allan answers to Marks Query. The Bridge Foundation is a group of independent Trustees, a charitable arm; its past focus has been on financially supporting top NZ Youth players. Allan hoped that they will support improver lessons.

NZ Bridge looking for a youth admin replacement for Tracey

Mark; how is the regrading process advancing?

Allan; it is a work in progress, old grading system not ideal, too many members in the wrong grade, there is a potential for a Restricted Grade.

Sue, a letter of congratulations is to be sent to those that made the International teams, to be sent via Chef de Mission, Derek Evennett.

Neil Beckett needs information for the ANRC website; photos of IPs, +interclub winners, Sue to write an article about the Internationals. (Neil has resigned from this role)

National conference Date possibly 8th June

Trevor will be overseas next year, Sue to take over Rubber Bridge, Trevor to send Sue the required information.

Allan; the ANRC needs another Committee member.

Rubber Bridge, players do not need to be affiliated

Meeting finished 2.48pm

**Next meeting of the ANRC 1pm Sunday, 10th February, 2019
Auckland Bridge club**

Signed: Chair:

Date: