

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday, 15th September 2019, 10 am Auckland Bridge Club

PRESENT

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

WELCOME

Jan France – Regional Bridge Mate Paul Coleman – Regional Youth coordinator

APOLOGIES

Bianca van Rangelrooy Allan Morris Richard Solomon

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

Informal discussion prior to meeting

Jan France:

- 1. The RBM is currently working with Waitemata and intends continuing with this Club in 2020. She reported good successes with membership growth the club started the year with 64 members and now has 80. 32 attended lessons and 26 have completed and are continuing (81%).
- 2. Talking to Mangawhai to get them started on affiliation.
- 3. She would like all Clubs to complete and send in the tournament questionnaires although she is looking at other ways to capture the information and is currently building an email database.

Paul Coleman:

- 1. Paul is organising one Sunday a month for the young players
- 2. He is identifying events that youth can play
- 3. He is organizing teams from the region to play in the Youth Teams competition at Congress this year
- 4. There is currently bridge taught and played at three intermediate schools and two high schools in the region.
- 5. NZ Bridge is setting up a "virtual youth club". As young people often shift addresses and move to other towns (for tertiary education) all known youth will be flagged on the NZ Bridge membership database to enable follow up and contact.

6. Paul has scheduled a process to police check all players and parents transporting or working with young people (including himself) and he is checking on immunization status of players due to the current measles outbreak.

Meeting then commenced.

MINUTES

Due to the resignation of the secretary there were no minutes from the meeting held on the 30th June 2019

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- Deborah Tangney enquiring about subsidy for Bridge Teacher's Workshop
- Auckland Bridge Club enquiring about ANRC subsidies for National Pairs
- Auckland Bridge Club turning down potential for adding Swiss Pairs event to Easter Congress
- <u>NZ Bridge Secretary</u>: Health and Safety Policy Documents, Various Tournament Flyers, Media Promotion, Club level director's exams November, Board Meeting Minutes, Working Group – Review of Regional Committees, Preliminary Notice of AGM

Outwards

- Reply to Deborah Tangney offering \$50 subsidy as per ANRC decision
- Newsletter from the Chair to Clubs in the Region
- Rubber Bridge draw updates to contestants
- Response to Auckland Bridge Club re subsidy for National Pairs
- Congratulations to Akarana Bridge Club on their 50th anniversary

Correspondence accepted: Trevor Robb moved seconded by Mark Lynn

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer presented the financial statement for the year to 31 August 2019.

- Honorariums have been paid
- Club Hub increased monthly fee from \$40.25 to \$44.85
- Youth Lunches were paid for as previously authorized July \$365.22
- The dealing machine was repaired
- A payment was made to Tony for dealing \$1,687 (\$7 per set of boards)

The Rubber Bridge regional representatives are usually paid a travel and accommodation allowance. Treasurer to enquire about the National subsidy available from NZ Bridge.

It was decided to purchase uniforms for the IP representatives travelling to Christchurch in November and also for the Chef de Mission. Bianca will change the logo and the Chair will obtain quotes.

TOURNAMENTS

Interprovincials 2019

Travel subsidies not yet paid – awaiting details from the Chef de Mission. Shirts will be purchased once quotes have been obtained.

InterClub – Progressing well

Rubber Bridge

The qualifying rounds are now finalized. Congratulations go to Richard Solomon and Carol De Luca who again will be representing Auckland/Northland at Congress.

Easter Congress

It was reported that Auckland Bridge Club had come back declining to run the extra day. Discussion was held around:

- holding it at another Club in Auckland decided that it would be confusing and inconvenient for visitors holding the weekend event in different venues and that there was no other Club in Auckland large enough to take over the whole event.
- The Committee offering to assist to Auckland Bridge Club with the administration, the cleaning and kitchen duties, directing and scoring and financial assistance for the statutory holiday extra costs should that mean that they may change their minds.

It was decided that the Chair would ask to attend Auckland Bridge Club's next committee meeting to verbally put the case again and offer the assistance if required.

Junior/Intermediate Competition

Mark will collate the results and send out an update.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Scoring at Tournaments

The issue with masterpoints not being electronically updated for the IP's was discussed. The issue is now resolved as Tony will install NZ Scorer on his laptop so that he can use that in future for scoring at Clubs that do not use that software.

Secretary

The Chair will notify Alister Stuck that Bianca has resigned as Secretary and that she will act in that capacity until a new secretary is found

The meeting finished at 1.30pm

Next meeting of the ANRC – November but date to be confirmed