

Minutes of Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Held Wednesday 24th November 2021 commencing 2:10pm

PARTICIPATING: Mindy Wu, John Wilkinson, Paul Maxwell, Graham Cheater, Martyn Rew, Nebojsa Djorovic (part)

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Gough, Bridget Willcox, (part), Isobel Ross (part)

APOLOGIES: Nebojsa Djorovic

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 27 October 2021 were confirmed (Mindy, Graham). A Zoom conference was held 7 November to consider the composition of the Inter-Provincial team.

MATTERS ARISING

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Re the Colin Carryer (NZB archivist) query, Mindy will check with long time local players if any can remember the 1977 Centre Island Pairs. Paul will submit the revised Poppy Roberts timetable to the Tournament Secretary.

INTERCLUB 2022

Bridget was asked to join the discussion on this topic partway through. It was agreed, following further discussion to continue with the status quo option with some minor changes. We will continue to pay directors and caddies. John will revise the document to be sent out to clubs.

MEETING WITH CLUBS - TOURNAMENT CHANGES

Nesa joined the meeting. Paul will check with Upper Hutt to confirm they will be cancelling their Junior Tournament, Katherine will investigate the prospect of swapping two of their tournaments in 2023 so as to move their Junior to later in the year. A tentative date to be explored for a regional Junior Tournament would be the 16th October 2022.

EMAIL TO CLUBS : We will send out a bulk email to clubs by end of the month/early December, with minutes and other agreed information.

FINANCE

No changes to report since the presentation at the meeting with local clubs.

IP FINALS DEBRIEF

Isobel joined the meeting. Isobel's report as Chef de Mission was received and discussed. The RealBridge format had several challenges. It would have been handy to have had a helper assigned. For RealBridge, it would be good to play in the same venue, and have 6 or 4+2 person teams. Regarding team selection in future years, teams matches, certainly for the Open grade, will provide the fairest possible trials avoiding some of the luck of the deal elements of Swiss pairs formats. Mindy thanked Isobel for her efforts, coming through in managing in a very testing situation, and made a presentation to her on behalf of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Paul will collect the trophies and arrange inscriptions for those that had actual winners. not disrupted by the Covid lockdown.

It was agreed we would send out a newsletter to clubs in early February in the new year. This will give information on topics such as Rubber Bridge, Interclub, proposed subsidies, IP trials and Regional Tournaments. John will provide a draft.

Next Meeting : day and time to be arranged in February.