



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday 9th February 2014 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Susan Humphries, Brian Ashwell, Trevor Robb, Angela Royle

APOLOGIES

Tony Morcom, Arie Geursen

IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wakefield, Richard Solomon

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 17th November 2013 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed and confirmed: Brian/Susan

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Susan circulated a comprehensive report showing a balance of \$11,865.54 as at 7th February 2014. YTD the account shows a loss of \$893.95.
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Susan/Trevor

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Angela/Trevor

All inward correspondence from NZB was circulated to the committee as it arrived and other inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda

TOURNAMENTS

INTER-PROVINCIALS

FINAL – Auckland Club

- The event to start at 11 am Saturday 29th November and finish 2.30 pm Monday 1st December
- ANRC to Master host and Auckland Club to host
- Saturday 5 matches; Sunday 6; Monday 3; for Intermediate, Senior, Women, Open
- Several meetings have been held this year between ANRC and ABC regarding arrangements
- ABC to organise a substitute pair for each category
- Patsy Walters from Whangarei Club advised Peter Bowyer at the recent Regional Conference she would like to be involved with the IPs

IP TRIAL DATES

- Trial date/s are yet to be confirmed but it is anticipated they will be held in August at Auckland Club

YOUTH EVENT

- It is anticipated there will be no Youth team for the IPs. There is to be a consultation process with NZB, and to include Susan Humphries, with regard to Youth events

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP – Sat 7th June

- The ANRC entry fee to be \$15 per person ie \$60 per team
- Subsidies will remain the same
- NZB confirmed no Masterpoints will be awarded for the final at National Congress

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS/TEAMS – 19/20 July

- Franklin Club and Auckland Club both offered to host this event on behalf of the ANRC
- As ABC is hosting the majority of ANRC tournaments, Franklin to be advised they will be the host club
ANGELA
- ABC to be advised of the ANRC decision
ANGELA
- Alister, NZB to be advised of the venue change for the tournament schedule
ANGELA

ANRC TOURNAMENTS

- The following events to be held at Auckland Club on behalf of the ANRC. 2014 dates to be confirmed to Auckland Club
ANGELA
- Interclub – dates already confirmed
- Easter – April 19-21
- North Island Pairs – 17/18 May
- Club Team Championship – Sat 7th June
- Queen's Birthday Weekend – 31st May to 2nd June
- IP Trial – To be confirmed
- IP Dates – 29 Nov to 1st Dec
- Youth fundraiser – 13th Dec
- **2015** – Youth fundraiser – 12th Dec

INTERCLUB

- The first session of Interclub is Friday 14th February at Auckland Club
- 50 teams have entered including a Junior team from Waiheke
- 2014: 27 Junior; 15 Intermediate; 8 Open
- 2013: 16 Junior; 16 Intermediate; 10 Open
- 2012: 19 Junior; 15 Intermediate; 12 Open

RUBBER BRIDGE

- Information to be sent to Trevor for editing and then email to clubs **TREVOR/ANGELA**
- There were many more entries in 2013 than in previous years and it was felt that, given the opportunity and more understanding of Rubber bridge, there could easily be more players interested in entering the event
- Richard and Trevor will give a workshop on the rules and play at Howick Club on Sunday afternoon 30th March from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Cost \$5.
- A flier to be sent to all clubs **ANGELA/RICHARD**

TEACHERS' WEEKEND IN CHRISTCHURCH

- 33 attended the workshop at the beginning of February
- Only two from the Northland/Auckland area were present
- Beginner modules are now online
- Refresher modules will go online in the next few months
- NZB will hold the workshop every two years, therefore Regions are asked to hold a one day workshop prior to the start of lessons in February 2015
- ANRC agreed this would happen and, nearer the time, Richard Solomon will contact all clubs in the region to ascertain the names of those teaching beginner lessons and invite them to the workshop
- An important part of the workshop is the retention of members as this appears to be an ongoing problem for most clubs
- Peter Bowyer has been asked by NZB to set up a group email for Teachers, similar to the Directors one which works very successfully

REGIONAL CONFERENCE – Christchurch 6th February 2014

- Peter Bowyer attended the conference on behalf of the ANRC and gave an overview of the discussions that took place
- NZB will forward minutes of the meeting to all clubs
- The next Regional Conference is in Wellington Sunday 29th June

YOUTH PLAYER SUBSIDIES

- As from 9th February 2014 there is a change of policy regarding ANRC subsidies for the Youth players
- ANRC Youth players playing with any youth player can claim 50% of their New Zealand tournament entry fees
- A Youth player playing with a non-Youth player can claim 25% of the New Zealand tournament entry fee
- This policy excludes National Congress fees
- When Youth players are making a claim, they must submit a receipt from the tournament venue

YOUTH PLAYERS

- Youth players will be trialling for the NZ Youth Team at the South Island Teams event in Christchurch
- The annual Youth Weekend is August 1/3 at Auckland Club
- Schools: In 2014 Macleans College and Auckland Grammar will continue; Babs-Merel will continue her home schooling group in Terms 2 and 3; Fay Irwin from Papatoetoe club has been pro-active in contacting the President of the NZ Association of Intermediate & Middle Schools asking for mini bridge to be part of the South Auckland school curriculum as an enhancement to students' Maths programme

DIRECTING SEMINAR

- It was decided there will be no directing seminar in 2014 but there may be one in 2015

GENERAL BUSINESS

SYSTEM CARD FOR JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

- Papakura asked if Junior tournament players could be exempt from completing a system card
- Graham Wakefield advised this is an NZB matter and he would contact Papakura Club
- However the answer is that from 1st March 2014 junior players must complete the two outside parts of the system card as this would probably help the players to understand and reaffirm their system
- Graham also advised the NZB Board is intending to provide a pre-filled card for beginners who have been taught to play the system/s exactly as per the Teaching Notes published by NZB and used by many of the bridge teachers

LESSON ON LEADS

- Andy Braithwaite is confirmed to give a workshop on leads on Sunday 12 May. There will be a choice of two sessions – 1 to 3 pm and 4 to 6 pm.
- A flier to be sent to all clubs

ANGELA

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

- The Regional Committee is elected for two years and on 1st July 2014 a new two year period commences
- Nomination forms to be sent to all clubs and from 1st March to 30 April clubs can submit their nominations.
- A maximum of six committee members is allowed and if there are more than six a ballot must be taken.

ANGELA

The meeting finished at 11.45 pm

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 13th April 2014
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: