



Canterbury Regional Committee of
New Zealand Bridge Inc

**MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD at 5.30pm, Friday 15th February 2013, at 8A Leacroft St, ChCh.**

PRESENT Michael Johnstone - Chair, Helen Good, Judith Calder, Dave Putt, Fiona Temple - Secretary/Treasurer.

APOLOGIES Jenny Wilkinson

MINUTES Minutes from previous meetings as circulated were confirmed **CARRIED**

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Strategic Plan: On back burner until the next meeting.

IP Planning: Michael reported on new IP finals format. Fiona is to send out entries next week and work on planning with Judith. Expressions of interest in the position of Chef de Mission will be asked for following the trials

Internet Banking: Fiona came to a brick wall with the BNZ so it is now in the hands of Alister stuck at NZBridge.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inward and outward as circulated, accepted

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary for 31 January 2013

Interest		80.76	
Expenses	274.62		
Deposits		1056.60	
Balance available			22109.81
Bank Statements No.42, 43,44			

GENERAL

- Hits to the Website. Fiona handed out a print out showing the number of visitors to our new website.
- Website status. Fiona forwarded a proposal for The Website Guys to build a special function in to the current website to allow people to enter tournaments online through the website. The cost for this would be \$1300. It was agreed this was a good idea. Fiona will find out details of the functionality of this program then contact clubs to get their feedback.

- CRC Vacancy- names forwarded to NZBridge and now awaiting their decision: for discussion on the applicants it was decided to “Go in to committee”
- Michael reported from the Regional conference. His report will be circulated shortly and then posted on the website. This included the feedback from regions about the shifting of the IP finals of which there were mixed reactions. There was a general feeling that it has happened a bit fast and more notice would have been appreciated.
- Helen purchased new trophies to replace missing ones for the Mixed Pairs and the Women’s Pairs. The committee agreed to buy trophies for the new Intermediate and Junior leagues. Helen to action. Fiona to email Alister regarding whether or not a trophy exists for the South Island Teams.
- Committee discussed an email received from the Christchurch club regarding them not being able to host the Queen’s Birthday Congress. As it seems unclear as to whether this is the case or not so a letter is to be written to them asking for clarification.
- Michael explained the 2013 IP format as worked out by himself and Daniel Skipper. The format is to be based on the Australian Bridge Federations Butler Pairs. Thanks to them both for their efforts.
- Next meeting: It was proposed and excepted that the committee try and hold it’s face to face meetings at clubs in the region with an invitation of the committee of the host club to attend. A request to hold the first meeting of this kind is to be made to the Rangiora club for 12th April 2013.
- Fiona reported back on the disappointing number of Rubber bridge entries (15 pairs). It was agreed that one night’s accommodation would be paid for the winners to attend the Rubber bridge final in Hamilton if the winning pair were NOT attending the rest of Congress. Their airfares will still be subsidised by NZBridge.
- It was agreed that the committee needed to have a bigger presence at clubs. Dave and Helen agreed to begin visiting clubs in order to make us known to them and give club members someone to talk to from the committee. Their first port of call will be to Diamond Harbour who has recently sent a letter to NZBridge about disaffiliating. Fiona will get badges made to help identify them.
- Disappointment was expressed at Diamond Harbour’s wish to disaffiliate. A letter will be written asking their reasons for their decision and a check will be made that they don’t have any players who are regular tournament players who may miss out after disaffiliation.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the Top Teams competition at the National Congress. It was agreed to discuss this more at later date.
- A prize schedule for the South Island teams was agreed. It was noted that the entry fee was not high enough for Rangiora to make a profit.

Next meeting: by Skype, 11th March 2013 at 6pm