



Minutes of the CD Regional Committee

Meeting held on 7 February 2014 at 7.30pm
Palmerston North

Present: Don Nightingale, Alan Doddridge, Evelyn Hurley, Dorothy Mackay and on Skype Jean Bennett, Bryan Green, Val Gardiner

Minutes: Taken as read, moved Alan Doddridge seconded Bryan Green, carried

Matters Arising: Still a need to have a contact address for the Hawkes Bay Congress Committee

Correspondence: From NZ Bridge
Information for regional meeting in Christchurch on 6/2
Information on lessons, advertising, keeping players etc.
Tournament dates for 2015
Director's Exams 28/29 June and 1/2 November
Teachers conference 1/2 February
Tournament Directors for 15A and 20A tournaments announced
IP information
Richard re IP and Rubber bridge payments
Youth Bridge weekend 1-3 August

The Protocol Booklet from Canterbury RC and their Club Directors booklet

Chef de Mission Report

Waipukurau and Taradale change of dates

Thank you letters from Rosalind Cervante and Russell Pearce's parents for the \$50 towards attending Youth Bridge Weekend

Thank you letters from the clubs who received travel money to the Christchurch Teachers weekend

Correspondence: Out

Respond to Rona re 2015 tournament

IP information and payment to participants

Wanganui re Fullarton Teams

NZ Bridge re coaching grant

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The inwards correspondence be accepted and the outward approved. Moved Don Nightingale seconded Jean Bennett, carried.

Finances:

The bank balances at 31/01 were 000 account \$3 428.38 and in 025 account \$9 824.36. Moved Dorothy Mackay seconded Don Nightingale that the following cheques be ratified, Carried. Evelyn's travel to Christchurch \$268, Don's travel to the meeting and toll account presented \$74 + \$12= \$86, Dorothy's travel to meeting and broadband subsidy \$55+\$45=\$100. Travel to Christchurch for Teachers Weekend; Napier\$296, Gisborne\$368 and New Plymouth \$243. Reimburse Alan Doddridge for having the Fullarton Cup re-silvered \$220 and \$60 for engraving. Annual payment for the web site \$99.95. Travel to Hawera for Don Nightingale\$50 (Travel cost was \$90 and Hawera gave him \$40 towards this expense). This trip to support Hawera in entering the rubber bridge competition.

Draft financial report to be sent to Don early in April so that it can be included in his Chairman's report.

Secretary:

- A junior tournament can now be played by only playing 22 boards. A suggestion was made that such a session of bridge could be followed by discussion of the hands.
- Notice to be sent out to clubs to indicate their interest in holding the Fullarton Teams. Clubs must reply by 12 March 2014
- 2015 Tournament schedule sent out to clubs with the deadline for the request for any changes to be with the CD secretary by 20 March 2014. Clubs are asked to look at the schedule and see the implications of the changes they are requesting.
- Dates and directors for 15 and 20 A tournaments received
- Match Committee notes to be reviewed and sent out to clubs. needed if holding a 10A event on behalf of the region.
- Top tournament winners in the CD region, in the Junior grade was Joanne Farmery and Alister Poulgrain was the top Intermediate player. The committee congratulates them and a certificate and trophy will be sent to them shortly.

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- Coaching grant will be available in the next financial year, starting April 1, to clubs who have small numbers or who are running beginners' lessons.

Inter Provincial Trials:

The Open, Senior and Women's and Intermediate team will each comprise 4 players and there will be one overall Chef de Mission.

The 2013 format was discussed. The committee discussed how the 2014 trials should be run. It was acknowledged that whichever decision was made it would be controversial. The trials will be held in June in 2014 but in 2015 would move to August.

The 2014 Intermediate Trials will be run as a Datum/Butler with pairs entry been the same format as 2013

There was a need to promote the event among all players especially among Intermediate players who will enter as pairs. Intermediate players need to know that they are most welcomed to come and play for the weekend.

Moved Don Nightingale and seconded Alan Doddridge, carried

The entry cost remains the same at \$25 for 4 sessions of bridge. It is expected that players in the Open, Senior and Women's teams will be Open or close to Open players

It is expected that the 2014 Open Seniors and Women's trials will be run as teams with team entry. However, pairs can enter and the match committee will where possible match up with another suitable entered pair. Moved Bryan Green seconded by Alan Doddridge, carried.

The committee would appreciate this event been promoted by clubs when the flyers go out shortly.

Palmerston North to be approached to hold this event and a need to check Lorraine's availability to direct.

Chef de Mission Report: The committee appreciated receiving this detailed report within 2 weeks of the event. Moved Bryan Green seconded Jean Bennett that the report be accepted. Carried

A letter of thanks to be sent to Colin Carryer.

Tournaments: Hastings 2015 Intermediate Teams is at the end of July 2015 and the tournament in Danniverke is the first week in August so no clash, Wanganui will run their Int/ Jnr tournament in March and cancel their September Junior tournament. The plan in 2015 is for Taradale to run their Open15/8 and the IP trials to be on 29/30 August. (This is to be confirmed when Taradale confirm a new date.)

Rubber Bridge: Entries are slow in coming in and a reminder has been sent to clubs. The deadline is 15 February.

Report of the Regional Committees' Meeting held in Christchurch on 6/2 was presented by Evelyn Hurley and accepted by the committee. Next meeting is in Wellington. Evelyn was asked if she would again attend on our behalf to which her reply was that she would confirm nearer the time.

The Canterbury Regional Committee have done a lot of work on resources which they are happy to share. (The CD Secretary has sent these to clubs and they need to be viewed) These will be updated and when the new version comes it will be sent out to clubs as well.

There are plans to have regional teachers meetings on a yearly basis to help support each other and discuss ways to promote the game of bridge and retain players.

There is a request that clubs keep data on the retention of members who start lessons. How many in the lesson class? How many finish the lessons? How many still playing after one year and after two years?

The issue of retention was discussed as was the concern of the new grading system.

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm and the next meeting to be held in Palmerston North on 11 April