

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday 12th September 2010 at 10.30 am
at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer, Trevor Robb, Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom, Rosaleen Koch, Graham Wakefield, Richard Solomon, Michael Ware, Angela Royle

APOLOGIES

Nil

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 20th June 2010 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Rosaleen/Tony

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented his report for 1st June to 31st August 2010 showing a balance of \$19,600.64. The report was tabled and seconded. Tony/Trevor
- The Treasurer advised the expenses for Congress for the Inter-Regionals, Rubber Bridge and Club Teams Champs had yet to be paid

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Patrick/Trevor

All inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda.

TOURNAMENTS

2010 CLUB TEAMS COMPETITION

- Expenses for the winning club going to Congress:
 - NZB gives \$100 to the club for travel expenses
 - The ARC decided at the committee meeting to give an additional \$40 per person to keep in line with the IPs and Rubber Bridge

RUBBER BRIDGE

- Trevor Robb & Andrew Janisz won the Auckland/Northland event and will represent the area at Congress
- Due to the success of Orewa club promoting the event within their club and having eight pairs in the tournament, it was decided that next year clubs should be encouraged to have heats within their own club

NORTH ISLAND PAIRS

Congratulations to Grant Jarvis and Ian Berrington who won the NI Pairs. The Campoli Cup is currently in Tauranga with Alan Turner who will take it to Congress. The ARC secretary will arrange for the cup to be engraved

ANGELA

INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIALS

- It was agreed that next year, after the IP trials, the qualifiers will be sent a letter of congratulations from the ARC
- Richard Solomon advised that the Youth Team would have five players and the ARC asked Richard if would be the NPC for this team. RS agreed
- Trial dates for 2011 are:
 - March 26/27 - Open & Intermediate
 - April 2/3 - Women's & Seniors
- Howick agreed to change their Restricted tournament from March 26th to March 12th to accommodate the IP Open & Intermediate trials – thank you Peter B for your assistance on this

10A TEAMS EVENT

The ARC is waiting for approval from NZB for an additional 10A Teams event.

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS & TEAMS – 5 & 6 November 2011

There was much discussion on this event and how often it should be rotated between Auckland and Northland. Franklin to be contacted to see if they are interested in hosting the 2011 event. **TREVOR**

2011 EASTER TOURNAMENTS

- The tournaments will be held at Auckland Bridge Club:
 - Easter Saturday 23 April – 3A Open & 5B Intermediate
 - Easter Sunday 24 April – 10A Teams
 - Easter Monday & Anzac Day – Auckland club will hold their regular Anzac Day 8B Open Pairs
 - There will be no Seniors event over the Easter period in 2011

2011 SENIORS TOURNAMENT

- Peter Bowyer was asked if Howick Club would be prepared to change their Restricted Tournament on Saturday 12th March to a Seniors 60+ and an Open 3A tournament. *(Since the meeting Peter has advised that Howick does not wish to change their Restricted tournament but they were happy to change the date from the 26th March to the 12th to accommodate the IP trials.)*
- Currently there is no tournament planned in 2011 for Seniors

DARGAVILLE 5A OPEN – 16th OCTOBER

Dargaville requested that Olive Dent be director even though she does not have Tournament Director's status. The ARC agreed on this occasion it would be fine but asked that Angela contact NZB for their official ruling. In the past there has been an Auckland director playing but this may not happen this time.

ANGELA

(Angela contacted NZB and they have agreed Olive can direct this time but she should be encourage to sit the Tournament Director's exam. NZB also advised that having a non-qualified tournament director for the 5A tournament cannot continue on a regular basis. Dargaville has been advised.)

REGIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

- Rosaleen attended the Regional Conference held on Sunday 22nd August in Auckland
- Rosaleen thanked the committee for giving her the opportunity to attend as it was the first time she had met several of the NZB management team and other regional committee members.
- With regard to the two items the ARC had put forward for discussion at the meeting:
 - Tournament Directors exam – the pass mark will not be changed as competency must be maintained
 - Club Teams Champs for 2011 – the idea from the ARC was not readily accepted but will be referred to the Congress Committee for consideration for the 2011 event
- *(Minutes of the Conference have since been received and circulated to clubs and ARC members.)*

WORKSHOP FOR NZ DIRECTORS – Sat/Sun August 14 & 15 2010

- 55 directors attended the two-day session. Tony reported there had been good feedback and that it was a worthwhile exercise bringing the directors over from Australia. Angela advised all had gone well with the billeting and she had emailed and thanked all those who had hosted out of town directors

YOUTH BRIDGE

Richard advised it was very tough trying to get the schools interested in youth bridge

GENERAL BUSINESS

50+ EXPO – 8/10 October

Most clubs have agreed to be involved and Richard advised that all time slots had been filled. Peter will look after the stand/clubs on the Sunday

DEALING MACHINE

Tony has experienced several difficulties with the current machine but thanks to the prompt attention from Martin Oyston the machine is now working well

INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR TOURNAMENT LADDER

Rosaleen agreed to bullet point the information received from Allan Barclay and circulate it to the ARC so it can be discussed and given the yea or nay at the October ARC meeting.

JOINT INTERMEDIATE LESSONS WITHIN THE AUCKLAND CLUBS

This will be discussed at a future ARC meeting

CLUBS

With Papatoetoe club numbers decreasing they put their property on the market and sold it. They have found new premises and it is understood they could be employing a person to assist with promoting youth bridge.

HONORARIUMS

Graham Wakefield advised that all honoraria must be taxed ie if someone is paid \$1000 then this amount is nett, not gross. The situation is of concern and Alan Turner will be clarifying NZB's position on this.

NEW ZEALAND FOUNDATION

Graham Wakefield advised that there would be a meeting at Congress when the NZF would presents its accounts and explain its role within the organisation. Clubs will be asked to consider fundraising at tournaments for the Foundation and also members on an individual basis.

The meeting finished at 11.45 am

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee Sunday 17th October at 10.30 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: CHAIRMAN: Peter Bowyer

Date: