



Top of the South region

A Committee of New Zealand Bridge

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday 18 April 2015
at Nelson Bridge Club at 6.50pm

Present: Steve Gray (chair); Phil Donaldson; Jenny Pomeroy; Helen Robinson

Robin Young (Secretary)

In Attendance: Phil Rutherford (NZ Board)

Apologies: Chris Marshall

Minutes: 24 January 2015

Moved as a true and accurate record. Steve/Phi

Carried

Matters arising: in general business

Correspondence In:

- NZ Bridge; minutes 5 & 11 March; RC scope & authority up date; directors for 15A & 20As teaching materials; improvers & beginners up date.
- Nelson BC; coaching grant request for directing seminar 17 April
- Huntly BC; proposed changes to master point scheme.
- emails re TOTS paying the trials director (approved)

Out:

- clubs: re suggested intermediate interclub
- Pub Charity accountability report
- Rona Driscoll: tots tournament schedule 2016

Matters Arising from the Correspondence:

- NZB minutes: Phil Rutherford gave more details on the board's current initiatives.
- directing seminar 17 April: the committee was pleased with 30 attendees at Alan's directing seminar. Costs could be up to \$200.
Moved that Nelson BC's request for a coaching grant be approved.
Steve/Robin **Carried**
- Moved that TOTS pay the director's fees for the TOTS I/P trials.
Steve/Jenny **Carried**

Finance: The treasurer's report from Chris Marshall was tabled.

Moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Steve/Helen
Carried

General Business:

1: Tournaments:

find 2015: Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge. Entries; 4 pairs from Marlborough/Picton; 1 from Westport. Ask Westport to more entries, at least 1 pair.
2016: TOTS schedule has been sent to Rona Driscoll. TOTS 10A pairs will be run by Westport, in place of their open 5A. The Howorth Cup to be run by Nelson on Sunday 14 August, after the Richmond open pairs.

2: S Island pairs:

Match committee - director, Julie Atkinson; TOTS, Steve Gray; Nelson BC, Adrian Abraham. NZ Bridge will pay director's travel and accommodation; and provide computers etc.
Director's fee \$500

3: National Conference 13 June:

Robin to attend for TOTS. Steve to give TOTS report.

4: Howorth Cup:

Chris Marshall TOTS member of the match committee

5: Intermediate Interclub:

No club spoke against this; so agreed to bring to the next meeting with the view of holding it. The hope is to encourage intermediate players and teams bridge. Suggested that Marlborough hold the first one, as it brought up the idea. Suggested that to start with there be 1 team per club; with clubs entering two teams if they wish (only 1 to count).

6: Bridge Development: Helen initiated a far ranging discussion on developing bridge and player interest in TOTS Region.

Some suggestion were:- to encourage use of the teaching resources on the NZ website by individuals as well as by teachers; to hold lessons in conjunction with tournaments, and also with the regional conference that is expected to be held later this year; and to hold coaching for the IP team, to which other intermediates could be invited to attend

The meeting ended at 7.50pm

Next meeting Saturday 16 May at approx 7.30 pm in Marlborough BC room

TOTS IP Trials

The 16 pairs in the Open/Womens/Senior trial; and 10 in the Intermediate trial was considered very pleasing entry.

The trial was run over 2 days as a two event Swiss Pairs format; playing a total of 120 boards in each trial.

Results were:-

Open: John Patterson: Tony Oberdries
Maurice Carter : Barbara Fechney

Womens: Kate Davies : Pam Dravitzki
Sheila Beggs : Carol Minchin

Senior: Jana Bott : Ray Cannell
Ruth Allison : Rosemary Kenning

Intermediate: Vicki Russell : Joan Mander
Wendy Coburn : Jill Ireland