



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 10th April 2011 at 10.30 am
at Royle Epsom Bridge Club

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom, Rosaleen Koch, Richard Solomon, Graham Wakefield, Michael Ware, Angela Royle

APOLOGIES

Trevor Robb, Arie Geursen

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 23rd January 2011 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Patrick/Rosaleen

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented his report for 1st January 2011 to 31st March 2011 showing a balance of \$13,508.01. The report was tabled and seconded. Tony/Rosaleen
- There was discussion regarding the payment of the GST on the new dealing machine as Pub Charity do not sponsor the GST and this was not reflected in previous accounts
- The Treasurer was asked to have the ARC accounts audited in time for the July NZB AGM. The Honorary Auditor to be contacted **TONY**

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Angela/Patrick

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

TOURNAMENTS

RUBBER BRIDGE

- As Trevor Robb was not able to be present at the meeting he had advised that entries close next weekend – 18 April and he will follow up on entries **TREVOR**
- To date Orewa and Franklin clubs are the only two clubs who are holding heats at their club
- Graham Wakefield advised it is acceptable for the tournament to be called the Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge tournament but the wording about Dan Gifford and his bequest is to be followed as per his email

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS & TEAMS (item left in from previous minutes)

2011 Auckland to host

2012 Northland to host

2013 Franklin to be asked if they wish to host. As this item has been on the agenda for some time, Franklin to advise the ARC by their next committee meeting (12th June) if they wish to host the 2013 Main Centre Pairs & Teams otherwise it will be assigned to Auckland Club **TREVOR**

INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIALS

- The treasurer advised there was a small loss recorded for the recent Intermediate & Open trials but a much bigger loss was recorded for the Seniors/Women's trial. It was decided there would be an increase in the fees for next year – possibly \$30 per trial
- Due to the excessive cleaning costs after the trials it was decided that a cleaner was required only on the Sunday
- An email will be sent to all qualifiers congratulating them on their success and advising them of expenses and dates of the tournament at Congress **ANGELA**
- Angela to contact Richard Solomon for email addresses of those from Akarana club who qualified **ANGELA**
- The trophy for the winning Intermediate team appears to be lost. It is presumed there will be a replacement trophy at this year's Congress. This is an NZB issue
- Expenses for the qualifiers - \$45 per person from NZB for petrol and \$120 each from the ARC to help towards accommodation and registration
- The Youth team will receive the same expenses from NZB but only \$80 each from the ARC as they are not required to be in Hamilton on the Wednesday evening
- Richard Solomon advised that Matthew Brown, Nick Jacob and Rebecca Wood are confirmed players for the Youth team and it is hoped that a fourth player would be confirmed shortly. Richard agreed to be the NPC of the Youth Team.
- A Chef de Mission will be appointed once the NPCs are known

CLUB TEAMS COMPETITION – Saturday 11 June

- A flier to be sent to all clubs. **ANGELA**
- Peter Bowyer to take the entries **PETER**
- There will be a follow up to clubs nearer the time **PETER**

EASTER TOURNAMENTS

Auckland Club organising the event and the Match Committee to be Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom and Russell Watt

WORLD TV COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TOURNAMENT

- This is a new Auckland Club 10A teams event to be held on Sunday 19th June 2011
- Non-graded tournament
- World TV sponsorship is \$2800. (World TV is an Asian TV channel)
- Auckland Club to take entries
- Information on the tournament to be sent to the Yahoo! Email Group. Tournament information is not usually sent to this email group but as it is a new tournament with a difference, it was agreed to do so **PETER**

2012 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

There was much discussion on the 2012 tournament schedule. Patrick will update the items discussed and forward the amended schedule to the committee members. It is an onerous job and Patrick was thanked for the time and energy he spends sorting it out and trying to find spare weekends – impossibility!

TOURNAMENTS – GENERAL

Royle Epsom requested that their September 5B tournament be changed to an 8B Open. This was granted. They also wished to cancel their Junior tournament due to lack of enthusiasm from Junior players and the difficult task in getting entries – as experienced in 2010. This was also agreed upon. NZB to be advised of these changes **PATRICK**

YOUTH BRIDGE WEEKEND

- Richard advised this year's Youth Bridge weekend is in Auckland on Fri/Sat/Sun 27/28/29 May
- ***Billets are required for 10-15 players***
- The cost to register is \$100. With the hope of attracting more entries, the ARC agreed to pay \$50 towards the fee for all Auckland youth players attending
- Richard advised volunteers may be required to play with the youth players on the Saturday evening. He will know nearer the time and make contact with various players

SCHOOLS

- There is a fairly good number playing at Auckland Grammar
- Richard met with the Sports Coordinator at ACG College Parnell. The College is academic focused rather than sports and they are keen to start a bridge group next term

REGIONAL MEETING

- Peter expressed his dissatisfaction that the minutes of the Regional Conference held in Dunedin in early February had not been circulated and neither had the minutes from the Board meeting held the same weekend
- At the Regional Conference there had been two items on the agenda the ARC requested for discussion:
 - (a) Clarification of gradings as the wording in the current Bridge Manual is ambiguous. It was agreed by NZB at the Regional Conference that:
 - (i) Juniors from 0 to 30 Rating Points
 - (ii) Intermediates from 31 to 100 and below the rank of Provincial Master
 - (iii) Open from 101 Rating Points and/or 50 or more A Points
- The other item was for consideration to be given for the introduction of a 4th tournament grade between Intermediate and Open or change the entry criteria for Restricted tournaments to enable two players at the lower end of the Open grade to play together.
 - (a) The matter had been considered by the Board and they decided to refer the suggestion to the Tournament Taskforce Group for consideration.
 - (b) At the current ARC meeting Michael Ware was present and said he was a member of this Tournament Taskforce Group but no date had been set for a meeting!

DIRECTING OF 15A TOURNAMENTS

Following Arie Geursen's memo regarding him appointing directors for 15A tournaments in order to accommodate those taking their National Director practical exam, Arie had spoken with Patrick and Angela at Auckland Club in February and advised he would not know who would be director for the NI Pairs in October until the two candidates had taken their written exam. These results will depend on who will direct the NI Pairs.

IMPROVERS' CLASS

- The ARC had asked Richard Solomon to give a workshop for Intermediates and keen Juniors. After the previous committee meeting Richard sent a proposal to the ARC which was approved. However finding a free weekend in 2011 was something of a chore and ended up not being achievable. After the current meeting the 2012 schedule was looked at again and a free weekend was found – Saturday 31 March and Sunday 1st April 2012. This is now booked for the workshop.

- Orewa club is holding the workshop at the end of April and Rosaleen Koch will be attending

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TAX IMPLICATIONS

There was much discussion on this subject regarding employees and contractors. Graham Wakefield advised that NZB was adamant that no Regional Committee is have any employees. Everyone earning money should be responsible for their own tax or have an arrangement with the club. There were other suggestions put forward but, in the end, the person receiving the money has to make the decision.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Angela advised she will be in the UK from Good Friday until 4th June. Rosaleen and Peter agreed to look after the 'very important duties' of the ARC secretary in her absence!
- NZB to be advised that emails and general information should be sent to Peter and Rosaleen and not to Angela during this time

ANGELA

The meeting finished at 12.30pm

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee Sunday 12th June 2011 at 10.30 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: