

MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday 23rd January 2011 at 10.30 am
at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Trevor Robb, Patrick Carter, Tony Morcom, Richard Solomon, Graham Wakefield, Angela Royle

APOLOGIES

Rosaleen Koch, Michael Ware, Arie Geursen

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 17th October had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Trevor/Tony

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented his report for 1st October to 31st December 2010 showing a balance of \$13,984.82. The report was tabled and seconded. Tony/Trevor

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Patrick/Trevor

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

TOURNAMENTS

INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIALS

- Trial dates for 2011:
 - March 26/27 - Open & Intermediate
 - April 2/3 - Women's & Seniors
- Flier to be sent to all clubs ANGELA
- The format will be decided once all entries have been received
- A congratulations letter to be sent to the winners after the trials and mention to be made in the letter that they have three months to organise as many practice sessions as possible
- A Chef de Mission will be appointed from the five NPCs so there is an opportunity for the captains to discuss, if they wish, any issues regarding play or the players. Once the NPCs are appointed the ARC will ask one of the captains to be the Chef de Mission

CLUB TEAMS COMPETITION – Saturday 11 June

Information to be sent to clubs nearer the time

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RUBBER BRIDGE

Trevor to organise the Rubber Bridge tournament. Angela will send information to clubs once it is received. TREVOR/ANGELA

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
 - *(Since the committee meeting Auckland Club has agreed to organise the weekend and take entries)*
 - Auckland Club to send a flier to clubs in February
 - Catering to be discussed with Auckland Club
 - The Match Committee to be Patrick, Tony and Russell

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

2011 Auckland to host

2012 Northland to host

2013 Franklin to be asked to host

TREVOR

2011 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Patrick advised he had not sent a copy of the final schedule to clubs as it is available on the Auckland Region website and also the full schedule is on the NZB website

GRADINGS

- From comments received by players there was discussion on whether or not there could be an additional grading between Intermediate and Open
- It was mentioned that there is confusion in the NZB manual regarding Open grade. Page E6 states: "Open – any player with more than 100 Rating Points". Presumably this means players move to Open with 101 points (as with Intermediate 31 points). Clarification required from NZB **ANGELA**
- The above two items to be forwarded as agenda items for the Regional Conference in February **ANGELA**
- There was general discussion on the new Open players having to play against the top Open players. If there were more 8B Open tournaments perhaps restrict two players with Life Master status and above from partnering for the event but they could partner another Open player of lesser ranking. This could help the situation. It was also commented that with the number of Restricted tournaments this could be a reason why there are less 8B tournaments.

INTERCLUB

- Teams work hard throughout the year to do well and the opening and closing of the event needs to be revamped and given some kudos
- At the February and November Interclub sessions the ARC Chairman or substitute will introduce/close the session
- At the end of the last session the winning teams will be acknowledged, presented with their trophies and given four bottles of wine per team
- Trophies will be engraved by the ARC

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

- Mr Giararrigo Rona will be in Auckland on Thursday 17th February
- A function to be held and invitations will be sent to clubs (two representatives), board members and the ARC
- Auckland Club to host the event
- There will be a formal session with Q & As at 5 pm followed by a cocktail party at 6.30 pm

ELECTRONIC SCORING

There was discussion as to whether or not the ARC should purchase some Bridge Pads/Mates for tournament use and also give advice to clubs (if asked for) on the use of them. It was decided not to proceed

WORLD TV COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TOURNAMENT

- A new 5A Teams event to be held at Auckland Club on Sunday 19th June 2011
- Non-graded tournament
- World TV sponsorship is \$2800. (World TV is an Asian TV channel)
- More information to come
- Auckland Club to take entries

RICHARD

DEALING MACHINE

- The ARC was successful in securing money from Pub Charity for a new dealing machine
- Pub Charity to be thanked and copies of bank statements to be sent
- Acknowledgement of their sponsorship to go on the NZB, ARC websites and in the NZ Bridge Magazine

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YOUTH BRIDGE

- North Shore had approached several schools on the Shore for holiday bridge. Unfortunately there was little response
- Richard advised this year's Youth Bridge weekend is in Auckland on Fri/Sat/Sun 27/28/29 May

NORTHLAND REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE

Following an item in the October 2010 minutes, an email was sent to Patsy Walters advising the ARC is at its maximum but they would welcome Ian and Lynette at their committee meetings and a \$50 travel allowance would be given to them. There has been no response since the email was sent

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Arie Geursen's memo was discussed regarding him appointing directors for 15A tournaments and whether or not this would affect arrangements for the NI Pairs 8/9 October as Patrick Carter has been confirmed by the ARC to direct this event. ARC secretary to contact Arie.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS

- There was discussion regarding an email from Auckland Club member Allan Morris who would like to see workshops for Junior/Intermediate and Open players, Richard Solomon advised he is giving a two day workshop for keen Junior and Intermediate Orewa club members. Richard explained the content of the workshop. The ARC expressed interest in holding a similar workshop for members of the Auckland region and at this point Richard left the room while further discussion took place
- On Richard's return he was asked forward a proposal with available dates to the ARC. *(Since the committee meeting Richard's proposal has been received and is being discussed by the ARC.)*

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Clubs to be contacted asking them to promote the Auckland Region 100 Bridge News via the Yahoo! Email Group
- Currently there are over 300 on the list
- Names can be added by contacting Peter Bowyer...email: bowyerpn@gmail.com

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The meeting finished at 1pm

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee Sunday 20th March 2011 at 10.30 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: