



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday 15th April 2012 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Nil

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 5 February 2012 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Trevor/Patrick

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented the Income & Expenditure report from 1st January to 31st March 2012 which showed a closing balance of \$14,415.10
- The accounts will be audited by Harold Spurgeon. A petrol voucher to be given as a thank you **TONY**
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Tony/Rosaleen

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Tony/Trevor

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

TOURNAMENTS

INTER-PROVINCIALS - 2012

- To date there are 9 tables for the Open and 5 for the Intermediate Trials on Sat/Sun 21/22 April
- Tony Morcom to direct at the trials
- Tony advised John Buckleton will bake scones for morning tea on both days. Angela to organise apple and walnut loaves and sweets to go with cups of tea/coffee **ANGELA**
- The number of rounds/boards was discussed and a mini meeting was held after the committee meeting comprising of Patrick/Tony/Trevor/Richard
- Catering is organised for the Saturday. Pizzas will be bought for the Sunday **TONY**
- The cleaner will tidy up on Sunday evening only
- Tidying up on Saturday **TONY/PETER**
- Trial dates for the Seniors & Women – Saturday/Sunday 4/5 August

RUBBER BRIDGE

Information will be sent to clubs and the Yahoo! Group in the next few days. Last date for entries is 11th May.

ANGELA

EASTER TEAMS/PAIRS

It was well supported, especially by the Open players. There were not as many Intermediate players as hoped

2012 INTERCLUB

- 10 Open/15 Intermediate/19 Junior
- There was discussion on the possibility of awarding Masterpoints. *(Since the meeting it has been decided not to award MPs at Interclub.)*

WORLD TV COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TOURNAMENT – Saturday 23rd June

- It will be a 10A teams tournament
- WTV has advised it will sponsor the tournament in 2012
- Auckland Club will send out a flier

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP – Saturday 9th June

- A flier and rules to be sent to all clubs promoting the event

ANGELA

2013 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- Royle Epsom asked to change their 8B Open from April to March 2013 on a permanent basis. It was agreed to do this

BRIDGE WORKSHOPS

Auckland

- The ANRC held a workshop on Sat/Sun 24/25 March at Howick Club for Intermediates and keen Juniors facilitated by Richard Solomon. 72 people attended and several were turned away as the maximum number had been reached
- There was a profit of \$350
- It was well worthwhile and the evaluation forms gave very positive feedback plus some good recommendations

Northland

- As several eager players were turned away – especially from Northland – a similar seminar will be at the Kerikeri Bridge Club Sat/Sun 30 June/1st July. Richard will facilitate
- Sue Brown, Northland representative for the seminar asked that the ANRC assist with their expenses. Richard offered to leave the committee meeting while this was discussed. The ANRC agreed to provide the prizes, pay travelling and photo-copying expenses and underwrite the weekend up to \$500. Organisers to be advised
- There will be a charge of \$5 for non-workshop attendees wishing to play bridge on the Saturday evening
- The event to be promoted to all clubs and via the Yahoo! Group

ANGELA

RICHARD/PETER

NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

- The two year period for the current committee finishes at the end of June. Email sent to clubs requesting nominations. Five members of the current committee are happy to continue. So far no nominations from clubs

YOUTH BRIDGE

- There is a Youth Bridge Weekend in Wellington 3-5 August. Fliers have been sent to clubs
- The cost is \$100 including airfares and accommodation.
- Auckland youth players attending will be subsidised by \$50 from the ANRC
- Ashley Bach is holding an invitational youth workshop May 12/13 at Auckland Club. The cost is \$100. The ANRC will subsidise Auckland youth players by \$50
- For youth players to be eligible for the \$50 subsidy (for both weekends) it was agreed they should be members of a club and Akarana club was suggested. They would need to be considered as full members and receive all information available to Akarana members plus access to their website. Being members of a club and affiliated to NZB may encourage them to participate in tournaments and be more involved with the game. Richard to follow up. **RICHARD**
- Susan Humphries is running youth bridge sessions on alternate Sundays from 4-7 pm. ANRC pays for any catering expenses ie fruit juice, biscuits

HAMILTON MEETING

- Peter Bowyer will attend the Regional meeting on Anzac Day – 25th April
- Peter will also attend a meeting at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 24th involving NZB – Kay Nicholas, Lynne Fegan and Graham Wakefield plus representatives from Auckland Club
- NZB will organise Peter's overnight accommodation

BRIDGE PLAYERS PLAYING IN AUSTRALIA

- Graham Wakefield advised that currently NZ B members playing tournaments in Australia had the choice of whether or not to convert their Masterpoints to NZ. He advised NZB was currently discussing that Masterpoints gained in Australia be automatically converted to NZ as there were grade issues for those players not converting their points

BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS

- An ex teacher from Auckland Grammar is now at Macleans College Howick and is keen to start a bridge group
- Richard will start off the group but would like a Howick club member to assist. Peter will speak to the Howick Club committee at their meeting on Tuesday 17th April **PETER**
- The group would play at lunch-time on Wednesdays
- Old Congress boards are available for the group plus cards from Patrick

GROWING OUR BUSINESS

- This is the theme for the Regional Conference on Wednesday 25th April. Graham Wakefield asked for a brain-storming session at the committee meeting. The following ideas were put forward:
- All clubs to have websites – perhaps NZB assist the smaller clubs
- Use social media
- Promote a different hand each week on the Yahoo! Group
- Hold a 500 tournament at a bridge club with set hands and expose the 500 players to a different world of cards
- Target the 50+
- Work on converting those who have taken lessons into members
- Work on retaining new members
- A Certificate of Proficiency for those who have taken lessons

HOME SCHOOLING PROJECT

Babs-Merel de Visser has asked the ANRC to support a home schooling group who may be interested in bridge lessons. If it goes ahead it was agreed to assist with use boards and cards, bidding pads and limited photo-copying costs

GENERAL BUSINESS

Expenses for the committee were reviewed and agreed upon

The meeting finished at 12 noon

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 17th June 2012
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: