



Canterbury Regional Committee of  
New Zealand Bridge Inc

**MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD 5.15 pm THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2012**

**PRESENT** Michael Johnstone, Chair: Helen Good, David Putt, Judith Calder, Kim Prescott and Trish Scott, Secretary/Treasurer

**APOLOGIES** From the Chair for lateness (traffic holdup)

**MINUTES** Minutes from previous meetings as circulated confirmed

**OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

**Swiss Pairs** – Helen reported ability to borrow the bridge pads from NZBridge for the courier costs. Yet to confirm Director and whether a laptop will accompany that person, if not, Keith Nicholas to be approached  
**Helen** to follow up

**Advanced Directors Course** **Judith** following up with David Stephen re actual date

**Website** **Michael** reported this almost to the stage where a link will enable this to be viewed

**Trial Information / Application Form** Has been sent to Clubs

**Director for Canty Trials** **Judith** to approach Derek Frapwell

**Regional Conference** Michael not able to attend – Trish will represent CRC. Any Agenda items to be advised to her.

**Engraving** Helen presented invoice for payment for having the engraving on cups brought up to date

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Inward and Outward as circulated, accepted

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Healthy financial state currently. Outstanding amount covering engraving

**GENERAL**

**Trial Applications** Draft acknowledgement letter read to Committee – inclusion covering the format

**CRC Membership from 1 July 2012**

Those current members who are intending to seek re-election will require nomination forms to be completed from a Club

**Congress:** Email received from Richard Solomon, Congress Organising Committee covering : the Club Championships; Trials; and Rubber Bridge Competition – to be forwarded to the Clubs within the Canterbury Region requesting they make contact should they be intending to participate in the above. Christchurch Bridge Club is again to take responsibility for the Rubber Bridge Competition – any enquiries relating to that event to be made directly to them.

### **Club Liaison**

Discussion regarding how to progress – wait until new Committee in place before formally arranging – this will require a framework, e.g. issues raised could include : Coaching grant availability; attend a Club Committee meeting, or part thereof, be a contact person regarding any issues.

### **Club Membership**

General discussion - ideas on how we as a Committee could support Clubs to increase / retain their membership. These included: customer service; supporting lessons for smaller clubs; contributions from membership for afternoon teas; more flexible session times; sessions with less boards; casual Friday nights with 'take a plate' for shared tea; social convenors heading a small group for self-catering; have 'grazing' food; a chance for juniors to ask seniors questions at the end of a session/tournament

### **Tournaments**

Encourage Clubs to provide an emergency contact telephone number on flyers covering tournaments, e.g. in case of accidents / hold ups etc ability to make contact to advise Club of situation. **Michael** to follow up directly with Geraldine and Ashburton.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.35 pm

**NEXT MEETINGS**

Skype: 2 April and 28 May

Committee 22 June 2012