



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

**Sunday 17th March 2013 at 10 am
Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

PRESENT

Peter Bowyer (Chairman), Susan Humphries, Tony Morcom, Trevor Robb, Brian Ashwell, Angela Royle

IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wakefield, Richard Solomon, Arie Geursen

WELCOME

Chairman Peter gave a very warm welcome to newly appointed committee member Susan Humphries

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 10th February 2013 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Tony/Trevor

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 Jan to 28th Feb 2013 showing a closing balance of \$12,435.96
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Tony/Brian

CORRESPONDENCE

Received & Approved: Angela/Tony

All inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda

TOURNAMENTS

RUBBER BRIDGE

- Information has been sent to the clubs
- Number of entries to Richard Solomon by 31st May

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP – Sat 8th June 2013

- Costs and if lunch to be included to be finalised at next meeting and then the flier will be sent to clubs **ANGELA**

NORTH ISLAND 15A TEAMS – 18/19 May 2013

- Auckland Club to host the event and send out the flier
- ANRC to pay the Masterpoint costs
- ANRC will contribute \$200 to assist with catering and also underwrite the event up to \$500 should there be a loss
- National Director not yet appointed for the event – must be *au fait* with bridge pads
- This year the Teams are not part of the NZ trials

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- Emails were received from players regarding the change of date to one weekend only and, therefore, players would not have the opportunity to trial for two events
- The tournament schedule was studied by the committee and all came to the same conclusion...there is no other weekend available that would not clash with club tournaments and international events
- It was finally decided for 2013 the one weekend of 3 & 4 August would remain as the trial for all IP grades
- NZB will send info re travel and accommodation expenses

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS & TEAMS – 20/21 July 2013

- Hibiscus Coast to host the event
- ANRC will check nearer the time that they are up to date with the arrangements

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DIRECTING OF 15A TOURNAMENTS

- All National Directors are required to use bridge pads for these tournaments
- NZB to meet with Auckland Club regarding Patrick Cater and Julie Atkinson not being asked to direct at 15A tournaments. ANRC Chairman Peter Bowyer also to attend

DIRECTING SEMINAR – 22nd & 23rd June 2013

- National Director, Allan Joseph will facilitate the weekend
- Howick Club to be asked to host (*since the meeting they have agreed to do so*)
- \$10 per day
- Saturday – Club Directing
- Sunday – Tournament Directing
- Flier to be sent to clubs
- The weekend will focus on those interested in learning the Laws of Bridge plus those wishing to become a Director
- The dates are timely as Director exams take place the following weekend

ANGELA

YOUTH BRIDGE

Richard Solomon gave a report on youth bridge:

- Auckland University club has started plus Macleans College, Ormiston College, Kings College, Auckland Boys Grammar, Pakuranga College
- Parnell College to start in the second term
- Richard was optimistic with the outlook of bridge in schools as there has been far more enthusiasm over the last few years
- The committee agreed to assist Auckland University club with refreshments to a maximum of \$25 per session

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

- Susan Humphries has agreed to take on the role of ANRC Treasurer from 1st April 2013
- Tony Morcom has agreed to look after the tournament schedule
- Sincere thanks to Susan and Tony, especially Tony as it is a very tough job

NZ BRIDGE BOARD NOMINATIONS

ANRC was advised only 50% of clubs completed their nomination forms. This was a most disappointing result especially, as on this occasion, there was a nominated candidate from each region

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Through Tony Morcom, Patrick Carter thanked the ANRC for paying his and his partner's entry to the Main Centre Teams/Pairs in July. This was a thank you from the ANRC for Patrick's tireless work in organising the tournament schedule over the last few years
- With the change in grading criteria, the drop in the number of tournament players and to encourage new Open players to enter A point tournaments, it was suggested that clubs could perhaps offer an additional prize level for players with under 50A or 100A points. This would, of course, be an individual club decision.

The meeting finished at 11.40 am

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 21st April 2013
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: