



MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sunday 26th May 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

APOLOGIES

Arie Geursen

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 21st April 2013 had been circulated. The minutes were agreed upon and confirmed: Brian/Susan

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were tabled as items on the main agenda

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer presented the Income & Expenditure report for 12 months from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 and confirmed the accounts had been audited by Harold Spurgeon. The report showed a deficit of \$2142.23 over the previous year with a closing balance of \$12,272.88.
- The report was subsequently tabled and seconded Tony/Trevor
- Tony Morcom advised he had organised a thank you voucher for Harold Spurgeon

2013/2014 BUDGET

Susan Humphries presented a budget for the ANRC for the 2013/2014 financial year as requested by NZB. This was based on the history of previous years and trying to breakeven. While continuing to foster bridge players in the Auckland/Northland area, significant support is given to youth players. It is evident the ANRC cannot withstand a continual loss, therefore, some areas of funding such as masterpoints for ANRC tournaments and youth subsidies are going to be under review. With the change in the IPs this year the budget may also be adversely affected; however, this could possibly be offset by an increased travel subsidy from NZB.

CORRESPONDENCE

All inward and outward correspondence was listed on the meeting agenda

Received & Approved:

Angela/Susan

TOURNAMENTS

RUBBER BRIDGE

There has been a good response this year with 37 pairs entering from the Auckland/Northland area. Chairman Peter thanked Trevor Robb for his enthusiasm in promoting rubber bridge and increasing the numbers

CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP – Sat 8th June 2013

- Seven clubs are entered – Howick, Mt Albert, Auckland, Kerikeri, Franklin, Dargaville, ECB
- Morning tea to be organised and John Buckleton to be asked if he could make his delicious and ever so popular scones **ANGELA**
- *(Congratulations to Mt Albert who won the Auckland/Northland event)*
- *(Thank you John...the scones were delicious as ever)*

NORTH ISLAND 15A TEAMS – 18/19 May 2013

- 34 teams entered the event
- It is understood comments were made regarding the afternoon tea as there was not enough food for everyone and lunch was not included in the entry fee
- The ANRC pay the masterpoints for this event. It was felt with the \$60 per person cost to enter the event, this cost should, in the future, be borne by the host club. Auckland BC President to be contacted to discuss masterpoint charges for 2014 for 10A and above tournaments **ANGELA**

INTER-PROVINCIALS

- 2013 one trial weekend only – 3rd & 4th August
- There was discussion regarding the Youth players as there are eight players eager to play in the IPs but only space for five. Graham indicated he was to respond on behalf of the Board to an earlier letter from Nick Jacob and an email from Susan on the subject.

MAIN CENTRE PAIRS & TEAMS – 20/21 July 2013

- Hibiscus Coast is hosting the event
- The flier has been sent to all clubs

YOUTH BRIDGE

- Richard Solomon was pleased to report that 12 youth players had entered the North Island Teams
- Auckland Grammar, Macleans College and Pakuranga College are going well
- Sadly the University club has not flourished
- Papatoetoe Club continue to work hard in their area to have schools involved
- There is a tournament between Macleans and Pakuranga on Sunday 7 July
- The Auckland Schools' Competition will take place on Sun 15 Sept. Thank you Howick Club for agreeing to host the tournament
- Youth subsidies are to be under review as youth can make a claim each year and the ANRC refunds them the full cost of tournaments they have entered except for National Congress as this is already subsidised for them. This is proving to be a costly expense for the ANRC.
- There was discussion on the August Youth weekend in Wellington and whether or not ANRC should subsidise their players with \$50 per player as in the past. The weekend costs each player only \$100 including airfares and accommodation so is already heavily subsidised by NZB.

DIRECTING SEMINAR – 22nd & 23rd June 2013 at Howick Club

- Fliers promoting the weekend have been sent to all Auckland/Northland clubs and the Waikato/Bays Regional secretary as club members from this area may be interested in attending
- Follow up with clubs in June and the Yahoo! Group **PETER/ANGELA**
- 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

GENERAL BUSINESS

OPENING BID ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The verbal announcing of the 1C and 1NT opening came into effect on 1st May 2013. NZB confirmed it is no longer necessary to produce the alert card if using bidding boxes or alert the bid on bidding pads

SYSTEM CARDS

- The common system card for NZ and Australia is finalised and must be used by **ALL** tournament players from 1st July 2013
- Hard copies to be sent to clubs and sometime soon the system card can be downloaded from the NZB website
- The WBF system card will not be used in NZ and Australia unless it is an international tournament

NEW VP SCALING SYSTEM

- From 1st October 2013 there will be a new Victory Point scaling system that conforms with the WBF and this will ensure there are fewer ties

HONORARIUMS

- The Treasurer and Secretary were thanked for their work over the last year and awarded the same honorariums as in 2012
- Tony Morcom stepped down as Treasurer and Susan Humphries took over the hot seat

AUGUST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- The August Regional Conference will be held in Wellington and Regional Strategic Plans will be the main item on the agenda. Graham Wakefield advised he would circulate a copy of what other regions have prepared **GRAHAM**

The meeting finished at 11.30 am

**Next meeting of the Regional Committee - Sunday 28th July 2013
10 am at Royle Epsom Bridge Club**

Signed: Chairman:

Date: