

GENERAL

- **Honorariums:** Carried to pay \$1500 less tax to F.Temple for Secretary and Treasurer duties.
- **Youth IP travel costs:** Topping up the youth airfares to the Ips this year could be quite a lot extra as NZBridge has not increased the subsidy. Committee needs to consider how this will be dealt with in future in terms of funding for the Ips.
- **IP Trials money:** in reference to the above, \$250 was raised from this year's IP trials to go towards the costs of the IP finals. For next year, need to get a budget from the club for the running costs of IP trials so can set the entry fee at an appropriate amount.
- **Regional budget:** Completed and sent to Alister.
- **Youth coaching grant applications:** Have received requests for funding for 7 youth players (6 from ChCh, 1 from Crockfords) to attend the Youth weekend in ChCh in August. Committee carried to fund \$75 for each attendee towards the \$100 entry fee. Judith to see if any Rangiora youth players wish to attend.
- **August regional conference:** Fiona to attend.
- **Strategic plan:** was not completed. To be completed at next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Issues raised by the Crockfords club:

- Advice given on how to deal with a member from another club who enters Crockfords tournaments but won't pay the entry fee.
- What does Crockfords get for NZBridge for being affiliated? There is a feeling of no value for money. Why should they remain affiliated? Their membership is on the older side and maybe only half are interested in Masterpoints. They feel that NZBridge do not communicate well with them but just throw information at them.
- Is NZBridge interested in unaffiliated clubs? How can the relationship between the two work and be improved?
- Do Crockfords have to hold tournaments? They run at a loss or just break even and only around 5% of entries are from Crockfords members. Catering is a big cost in terms of money and time for members.
- Is NZBridge going to be doing any serious marketing or advertising to try and increase the numbers of people choosing to play bridge and raising a general awareness of bridge as a game? Why not have a national 'give bridge a go' day where there is nationwide advertising campaign with all NZ clubs open on the same day for people to walk in and have a go and check out clubs?
- General conversation about how to make sessions fun and bring members together as a club rather than everyone separate on their own nights. Crockfords are currently running free bridge lessons, as they had no takers for \$50 lessons.
- There was an interest in meeting with other clubs to make connections and build a better community for information and idea sharing.

Thank-you to Crockfords for their hospitality and points raised.

Next meeting by Skype at 5.30pm on Monday the 22nd July. Next face-to-face meeting on Friday the 16th August at 5pm at the Christchurch Club (to be confirmed)