



Waikato Bays

Regional Committee of NZ Bridge

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Meeting held on Saturday 2nd February 2013 at the Matamata Bridge Clubrooms at 10.00am

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Judith Bishop.

Present:

Karen Martelletti (President), Brett Glass, Jan Spaans, Rona Driscoll & Ray McCully

1. Previous Minutes

Having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2012 were taken as read.

Correction to these minutes: Rona was erroneously omitted from being present at the meeting. It was moved that the minutes of the previous meeting (after the correction) were accepted as a true and correct record. (Karen/Jan)

2. Matters arising & Reminder List

Item 11: Tournament Directors.

Rona reported she has contacted all tournament directors of our region for their availability to direct tournaments and has updated the list on the website.

Action list: List was cleared as all points were either on agenda or completed.

Reminder list: List was cleared.

3. Correspondence

The correspondence has been taken as read.

It was moved that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be approved. (Ray/Rona)

4. Financial Report

In Judith's absence, Karen presented the financial report.

The income and expenditure to 31 December 2012 was submitted.

Cheque Account \$1,872.07

Savings account \$9,642.62

Term Deposit currently \$11,058.19

Payments were approved to Amanda Smith & Linda Sloan of \$100 each towards their costs to the teaching weekend.

Jane Stearns \$20.00 for the engraving of the intermediate league trophy.

Tauranga club \$27.00 for photocopying for Cambridge learners classes.

Karen tabled a budget, which was well received. There was a suggestion to add one line of data to the budget.

As we were successful in our application for a grant towards costs to attend the IP's in 2012, Judith is requested to put in an application again for 2013.

It was moved that the Financial Report be accepted and the payments be approved. (Karen/Brett)

5. Waikato Bays Teams Events 2013.

In addition to the traditional Bay of Plenty Teams Shield event, a similar event will be held at the other side of the Kaimai's / Mamaku's, named the Waikato Teams Trophy.

All clubs are invited to enter a Junior, Intermediate and Open Team for these events. Clubs which are unable to enter a full team of 12 players over three grades, may combine with other clubs in similar position to enter a team of 12 over three grades.

The top two clubs which have entered a full team of Open, Intermediate and Junior team are invited to play in the Waikato Bays Interclub Teams trial. So we get four teams playing for the title of Top Team, the winner to represent our region at the National event.

In addition to the two top club teams of each Teams event, the highest qualifying Junior, Intermediate or Open team, which is not part of the top two club teams, are also invited to play in the Waikato Bays Interclub Teams trial, where the winner of each grade will receive the trophy for that Grade.

This makes a total of 6 teams playing for the individual trophies and 4 teams competing for the Top Club title.

Bay of Plenty Teams Trophy to be hosted by Rotorua on 4 August 2013.

Waikato Team Trophy to be hosted by Hamilton on 29 June 2013.

The Waikato Bays Interclub Teams Trial event to be hosted by either Tauranga, Rotorua or Hamilton on 25 August 2013. We like to see this event rotate through the region.

Entry fees are \$30.00 per team per Grade, so \$90.00 for a club which fields a full team. There will be no fee to clubs which play in the Waikato Bays Interclub Teams trial and the Waikato Bays Region will pay the entree fee to the National event and the costs of running the trial .

6. Waikato Bays Main Centre Pairs

This 10A event will be hosted again by the Hamilton Club. Format remains as a Swiss Pairs event of 7 rounds of 11 boards.

7. Shifting of the Inter Provincials (away from the National Congress week)

The committee felt that the way (no consultation) and the timing (all clubs were in summer recess) this news was communicated from NZ Bridge to the Regions was unsatisfactory. The committee would like to know why this was decided and what the implications are likely to be in regards anticipated additional costs to NZ Bride, the individual Regions and the anticipated effect it may have on the Congress attendance figures, especially in regards to the number of Youth players entering. We discussed the option of not entering a Waikato Bays Team in this year's IP. A decision of this is deferred until we have more clarity about this issue.

8. Grading Changes

Similar to the IP change announcement from NZ Bridge, the committee felt this was also inappropriate timing, there was no apparent consultation and the committee seeks clarification to the reasons for this unilateral change.

It was moved that the Waikato Bays Region supports the remit entered by the Auckland Bridge Club to the Regional Committee Conference to be held on 6 February 2013. (Brett/Jan)

9. Rubber Bridge

A proposal was made to organise a day event to kick start the Rubber Bridge competition in our Region. The format for the day is that a seminar is held in the morning by well known Rubber Bridge player Christine Gibbons, with a lunch provided for the attending players and that round 1 of the event is played in the afternoon. The venue / date is the Matamata Bridge Club on 6 or 7 April 2013, provided Christine is available then.

10. Women's Lifestyle Expo's

A communication was received from Richard Solomon, suggesting the Committee might like to consider a bridge promotional presence at the Tauranga, Rotorua and Hamilton expositions. After some discussion, it was decided that the anticipated costs of attending and amount of work involved to organise, was not good value for money / effort.

11. Open B Grading

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to unavailability of Allan Barclay.

12. Tournament Schedule 2014

Rona reported that the schedule is due to be completed by the end of April 2013 and that to her knowledge, some work has yet to be done on this. More clarity is hopefully coming to light at the meeting of 6 February 2013.

13. Proposal for the Waikato Bays Region to support X-Club

The committee sees a lot of advantages and future options for our region with the X-Club project. The general sense is that the committee is prepared to support X-Club in principle, yet would like more clarity about possible dealing arrangements and participation of clubs in our region. A survey to be held amongst all Waikato Bays Clubs, with results known by the next meeting.

14. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on Saturday 11 May 2013 at 562 Campbell Rd, Walton.

Karen thanked everyone for their attendance and input. Being no further business the meeting closed at 13:45 hours.

Confirmed.....

Date 5 / 2 / 2013.

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Waikato Bays Regional Committee Reminder List per 2 Feb 2013

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