



Waikato Bays

Regional Committee of NZ Bridge

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Regional Committee Meeting held on Sunday 20th October 2013 at 13.00 at The Stables Cambridge

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and to Allan Barclay NZ Board member.

Present:

Karen Martelletti (President), Judith Bishop (Secretary/Treasurer) Brett Glass, Jan Spaans, Ray McCully, Rona Driscoll & Allan Barclay

There were no apologies.

1. Previous Minutes

Having been previously circulated were taken as read.

It was moved that the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

Jan/Brett

1a. Matters Arising

Rona gave a report on where she was with her National Directors Exams.

1b The action list

MP's vs Butler

Jan to do a comparison for the Hamilton Monday 3A pairs.

2. Correspondence

The correspondence has been taken as read.

Tyrell has provided a youth IP report - email thanks to be sent.

It was moved that the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence be approved.

Judith/Rona

3. Financial Report

Account Balances as at 18 October 2013

Cheque Account \$10,116.19

Savings account \$7,828.02

Term Deposit currently \$11,555.81

Payment to the IP team members be made to the Chief de Mission to pay out.

We are \$4000 ahead of budget at the moment. Sponsorship for the IP accommodation, was not factored into the budget.

Treasurer to write to the respective clubs to pay for the masterpoints for the Waikato and Bay pairs. It was moved that the income and expenditure to 18 October 2013 be passed.

Judith/Ray

It was moved that Judith Bishop be paid \$1500 for the secretary/treasurer honorarium.

Karen/Ray

5. Bridge Teachers Workshop in Christchurch

Funding

It was proposed that \$100 per person be paid. If, however, attendees have significant costs they can apply for more assistance and the Region will consider on a case by case basis.

We will advise applicants it is expected that air tickets are booked on an early bird basis and that their club will also support them.

To date Linda Sloan (Te Awamutu) and Brenda Birss (Mount) have applied for assistance.

If Jane Stearns is prepared to go, then this committee will pay her airfares in full. Judith/Karen
Judith to inform applicants and Jane of the above decision.

6. Jane Stearns assistance to Te Aroha club.

Jane Stearns sent her fuel costs to Te Aroha as part of her work to resurrect the club. The committee agreed that we will contribute \$1000 towards Jane's costs and write to the Te Aroha club and invite to pay the balance.

Karen/Ray

7. Sponsorship for an Intermediate/Junior pair to the intermediate section at congress.

The committee agreed to provide 2 Intermediate package entries to NZ Congress for 2014.

The conditions are:

Limited to members of Waikato Bays clubs.

Players self nominate.

Players must have played in at least 5 tournaments in the previous 12 months

Players have not attended more than one Congress event (excluding Top Club or IPs) in the past

The sponsorship is Non Transferrable.

Nominations close 1 July 2014.

The winners names will be drawn from a hat

8a. 2014 IP Leagues

This year has been going well. 199 individuals from our region who have played in the intermediate and approx 70 in the juniors who are eligible.

2013 Overall Junior winner was Graham Saunders from Waikato.

2013 Overall Intermediate winner was Kay Wright from Tauranga.

This year has been managed in a more timely manner and all clubs circulated the standings soon after a round was completed. It was decided that it be continued in this format for 2014.

8b. 2014 Rubber

The Rubber Ducky Day was successful, so we will hold it again next year. Rona to find a date and approach Christine Gibbons to again to be the facilitator.

8c. 2014 IP's

The format to remain the same.

The Region may consider calling call for individual entries for Intermediate and youth and see if we can create partnerships for trials

9 .Web Site

Our present web site is past its used-by-date apart from the tournament entry software.

Karen in communication with Milan Durovic in Sydney to see if we can get a regional site. Take a look at the New South Wales site or Canterbury for an examples of what the Region may like to do
Work in progress.

10. Top Clubs 2014

2013 Waikato club won!!!!

Committee to write to Hamilton club to see if they will host in 2014 and consider being a permanent host.

Allan raised the payment of the 2013 entry fee to NZB. After a short discussion he was happy to report back to the board.

11. Directors Seminar

Proposed to run one in 2014. Rona to find a date and approach Julie Atkinson.

12. 2014-2015 Tournament Schedules

2014

Whakatane cancelled their Restricted, despite alternative offers made

Rotorua changed Swiss pairs back to pairs

Clash of Kelly Peirce and Napier Anniversay 5A on the same day is a concern. We were not consulted. Rona to discuss with Alister.

2015

We have to hold the 20A teams in 2015 - Tauranga 14 March?

Rona to rejig the 2015 schedule where there are clashes and advise clubs accordingly.

13. NZ Mind Sport Event in Thames

28th February, 1st, 2nd March

Bridge Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon session - Saturday bridge demonstrations. The Committee was happy to approve this to be an 8B area event.

Allan thanked the committee for its support.

14. 6th 2014 February Regional Conference

It was moved that the committee pay for a second delegate to attend all Regional Conferences. This to be the president plus one other. At all times, one of the delegates has attended the previous conference for the sake of continuity.

Ray/Jan

It was suggested to Allan that perhaps because most Conferences will be at main centres, that the local Regional committees are no longer invited to attend, and instead the Board caters for 2 people from each Region.

Next Conference, Karen & Judith to attend.

15. Board Communication Strategy/Opt-in mailing list

Allan presented an overview of what the board is hoping to achieve through this.

16. Newsletter

Jan to do including a link to the board opt-in.

17 .Tauranga Club report

Karen gave a report on the Tauranga BC stand in the home show. They have collected a good list of names for lessons next year.

They have produced a flyer which Allan would like a copy of for the board.

General Business

Rona advises that clubs are not providing information for the regional round up. She would like help from the committee to try and obtain this information.

Karen & Ray have been working with the Opotiki club, but membership has declined to the point that they have decided to disaffiliate. We hope that they will be in a position to pay their outstanding Masterpoints.

Youth IP's.

The format this year was of 5 x 12 board matches with a 2 hour lunch break and a 3 hour tea break playing only another 12 boards. Our players were not happy. This should have been a double round robin. If there is a single round robin, then more boards need to be played. Brett to put something together which we will forward to the board for consideration for next year's event.

Next Meeting - 2nd February at Matamata starting 1pm (12:30 for lunch). Rona to find dates for the other meetings during the year

Karen thanked everyone for their attendance.
Being no further business the meeting closed at 16.00

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