

## Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: Friday 17 July **2016** 19:30 via Skype.

**Present:**

Rona Driscoll (Chair Person), Michael Neels, Jan Spaans (Secretary/Treasurer)  
In attendance: Ian Moore.

**Apologies:** Anna Kalma, Ray McCully, Brett Glass, Karen Martelletti.

**Welcome**

Rona welcomed all to the meeting.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 29 April 2016 were confirmed.  
Rona/Mike.

**Matters arising from previous meeting:** Nil.

**Correspondence In:**

As distributed to the committee members.  
Pub Charity: notification of decision dates 22-23 June 2016.

**Correspondence Out:**

2015-2016 accounts to Gail McIntosh for review.  
IP accommodation grant application with Pub Charity Ltd.  
Email to all clubs and their Movers and Shakers reminder of Director Seminar.  
Email to Waikato Clubs reminder to enter WIT.  
Richard Solomon – IP Team E-tickets.

**Financial report:**

The financial report and status per 31 May 2016 was circulated to the committee members prior to the meeting.

**Financial position per 31 May 2016**

Bank Account statements	Cheque Account	Savings Account	Term Deposit with NZB	TOTAL
Opening Balance	\$8,227.63	\$6,898.57	\$12,041.15	<b>\$27,167.35</b>
<b>April</b>	\$8,232.01	\$6,903.25	\$12,041.15	<b>\$27,176.41</b>
<b>May</b>	\$4,281.49	\$3,907.05	\$12,041.15	<b>\$20,229.69</b>

	Revenue	Expenses
April	\$1,677.17	\$1,668.11
May	\$1,078.80	\$8,025.52

**Term Deposit status:** 1. \$7301.82 @ 3.25% P/A matures 16 June 2017  
2. \$5738.39 @ 3.20% P/A matures 6 October 2016

After careful consideration we (Rona, Mike and me) have decided to roll over the current terms. It still gives us access to one of the term deposits by 6 October should the need arise.

### **Budget 2016 – 2017**

Attached to this report is a copy of the budget for this year.

I have changed a few income items to different months, they now reflect as they appear to occur.

### **Annual Accounts review 2015 – 2016**

The paperwork was sent to Gail McIntosh on 6 May 2016.

### **Coaching Grant 2016**

The annual return was done (a bit late) late May 2016. Since then we have received the full \$1000.00 coaching grant for this financial year.

### **Masterpoint returns Waitomo**

There has been a change of guard at the Waitomo Club. This has caused to some miscommunication within the club and master point files from October onwards were not returned to Alister. This issue has now been resolved other than that some session files from last year were deleted, which means no master point files could go to Alister. The club has since been advised to make regular backups to Dropbox using the Compass backup feature.

On 8 June Alister advised that the club had not paid their Invoice for the year up to 31 March 2016, which means he cannot finalize the WB Region quarterly payment.

Jan to try to make contact with Waitomo.

### **IP's 2016**

Reservations have been made at the Best Western Motel 555, which is at walking distance from the venue. Some players have elected to arrive earlier or stay longer, which the hotel knows about.

As per Thursday 9 June, all e-tickets were received and processed. The last three full refunds to the players will be paid out on Friday 17 June. NZ Bridge has refunded us on 10 June, we received our refund of \$7824.95. The WB top up is \$439.95.

The financial report and status per 31 May 2016 was accepted. Jan/Mike.

Waikato Bays Regional Bridge Committee - Payments to be approved				
To	Date		Amount	Date approved
Putaruru BC Rubber Ducky	13	May	\$290.00	17 Jun 2016
Jenna Gibbons IP Flight	20	May	\$469.00	17 Jun 2016
Karen Martelletti 2 IP Flights	20	May	\$1,024.00	17 Jun 2016
Julie Sheridan IP Flight	20	May	\$496.00	17 Jun 2016
Bruce Ballard IP Flight	20	May	\$452.00	17 Jun 2016
Hattie Curtis IP Flight	20	May	\$504.00	17 Jun 2016
Christine Gibbons IP Flight	20	May	\$541.00	17 Jun 2016
Pat Rutherford IP Flight	20	May	\$512.00	17 Jun 2016
Judy Pawson IP Flight	20	May	\$623.95	17 Jun 2016
Best Western Motel	22	May	\$2,600.00	17 Jun 2016
BridgeNZ Boards Lessons	27	May	\$213.62	17 Jun 2016
Ian Clayton IP Travel	27	May	\$299.95	17 Jun 2016
M Thomson 4x IP Flights	10	June	\$1,804.00	17 Jun 2016
R Driscoll Nat Conf Travel	10	June	\$376.00	17 Jun 2016
J Millington IP CDM Flight	17	June	\$574.00	17 Jun 2016
Tony Hacking IP Flight	17	June	\$512.00	17 Jun 2016
Alan Turner IP Flight	17	June	\$528.00	17 Jun 2016
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$11,819.52</b>	

Payments detailed above, totaling \$ 11819.52 were approved for payment. Jan/Rona.

### National Conference – 11 June 2016

Rona, who represented our region, gave us a summary run down of the day.

Some of the points raised were:

- General concern about the number of Intermediates trialing for the IPs.
- Also noted not many new Open players are trialing.
- Carol Richardson will chair the Tournament Task Force, which appears to have a wider scope than just tournaments.
- Do clubs have business plans?
- Radio advertising
- Lessons / video's appear to be unique in the world.
- 2017 IPs will be held in Wellington. Documentation for organizing clubs / CDMs will be made available, courtesy of Allan Joseph. CDM Meeting now scheduled for 10:00 AM.
- NZ Bridge web site – registered players about 3000.
- Clubs need to be encouraged to exercise their right to vote.
- Succession planning for regional committees.

## Waikato-Bays 2016 Interprovincial Team



The Open Team: Hank Ping, Ian Clayton, Alan Turner, Yuzhong Chen



The Womens Team: Kate Terry, Judy Pawson, Jena & Christine Gibbons



The Seniors: Tony Hacking, Julie Sheridan, Karen Martelletti, Pat Rutherford

Intermediates: Mark Thomson, Jeffrey Chang, Hattie Curtis & Bruce Ballard.



Chef De Mission: Jenny Millington

Agreed to pay \$100 to each player and \$200 to Chef De Mission for expenses

### Future IPs

Observation from the National Conference to our region was that we appear to be more generous to our players compared to some other regions, although not all regions apply for/are granted charity funding.

A suggestion from Ray from last month's meeting was discussed.  
In order to keep the financial side of the IP's under control, the following motion was approved:  
That starting 2017 the Region pays full accommodation costs for the Chef de Mission and those pairs who are sharing a room, and 2/3 of the accommodation costs for those players who stay in a separate room, plus breakfast for all. Rona/Mike.

### **Waikato Interclub Teams – Bay Teams**

It was clarified again that these events are not organized by the WB Region but by the long standing host clubs, Hamilton and Rotorua. This includes the creation and sending out of flyers / invitations / reminders to the appropriate clubs as well as setting the entry fee per team.

### **Intermediate IP trials**

As the number of Intermediates prepared to trial for the IPs is disappointing, we need to identify, shoulder tap and encourage good pairs to trial. To prepare these pairs, they should be encouraged to play in as many tournaments as possible and even try their luck in the odd Multigrade event.

### **New WB committee member core responsibilities**

Rona Driscoll – Chairperson and Director Liaison

Mike Neels – Web Site and News Letter

Anna Kalma – Marketing

Ian Moore – Club liaison (all clubs), Youth

Jan Spaans – Secretary – Treasurer

Ray McCully – Policy and Procedure Manual

### **Boards for Jane**

The boards for Jane's use in teaching have been purchased with the last of the grant from the NZ Bridge Foundation. Cards for these boards were supplied at no charge by BridgeNZ. Jan to write a letter of thanks to BridgeNZ, and Mike to put a blog on our website

### **End of an era**

This was the last meeting of our 2014-2016 committee.

Brett Glass and Ray McCully chose not to stand for re-election for the 2016-2018 committee.

Brett and Ray have made tremendous contributions to the think tank of our committee over the years and we thank them for their guidance, input and commitment to bridge in our region and beyond.

Meeting closed at 20:40 hrs.

Next meeting: Friday 8 July 2016 19:30 via Skype.

Minutes confirmed by

Name (*printed*): ..... Rona Driscoll .....

Role: Chairperson .....



..... Date: 8 July 2016 .....