



Regional Committee



Regional Conference 2019 Summary of meeting

Regional Conference held on: **Sunday 22 September 2019** - 10:00 at the Matamata Bridge Club.

Present:

Rona Driscoll (Taupo, Chairperson), Michael Neels (Cambridge), Anna Kalma (Te Aroha), Jo Simpson (Tauranga), Alan Dick (Rotorua) & Jan Spaans (Cambridge, Secretary/Treasurer) of the Regional Committee.

Clare Coles (Cambridge) of the NZ Bridge Board
Eunice Eccles (Cambridge) RBM

11 of the 23 clubs were represented by:

Carol Crowfoot & Gerrie Maddox (Thames), Ella Gray (Hamilton), Teri Logi & Diane Rodger (Mount Maunganui), John Driscoll (Taupo), Heini Lux & Mareli Esterhuyzen (Rotorua), Beth Vosper, Joanne Swanwick (Matamata), Peter Daffurn (Te Aroha), Kate Terry (Tauranga), Ross Provan (Putaruru), Ric Broadhurst & Gwyn Lobb (Waikato), Rex Gatenby (Morrinsville).

Apologies received: Nick Cantlon (Te Awamutu), Karen Martelletti (NZB Board).

Nothing heard from: Taumarunui, Tokoroa, Huntly, Waihi, Katikati, Kawerau, Te Puke, Whakatane, Omokoroa, Waitomo

Welcome

Rona welcomed all to the meeting, did a roll call and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

Presentations

Anna introduced **Megan** of a company called Exult who are Tauranga based.

Megan delivered a two hour workshop about 7 key income streams for Community Groups. Some interesting ideas were offered to us and it may lead to clubs getting their income stream for various other ways than the usual sources.

After the lunch break

Clare Coles in her role as Cambridge Club Captain, had circulated some ideas about the annual Waikato Interclub Teams event, which is hosted by the Hamilton Club.

In order for Hamilton to prepare for this event, it is promoted that the Waikato Clubs let Hamilton know by the 2nd WAPs event if they will field a team or 12 to the event.

The other event Clare talked about was The Waikato Interclub Teams or TWITS.

This is a social event which has been running for the last three years on a Friday evening once a month at the Hamilton Club.

The participating clubs were asked if they could help by being a “duty club” which involves running the kitchen and tidying up after the session so that not all work is done by Hamilton.

As the numbers attending had dropped over time, it was suggested to change the playing time from Friday evening to a Sunday afternoon.

Clare then put on her NZB hat and gave a presentation which had been prepared by Karen Martelletti about Board matters. Some feedback was given and taken on board by Clare to take back to the Board.

Anna briefly showed us the state of the Region in regards of club membership.

Mike, Anna and Kate talked about “Hello Club”. This is a club administration program which in combination with Bob Fearn’s Compass, creates a cashless club environment. Cambridge and Tauranga are using this program, which costs the clubs about \$80 per month. It makes the task for the club treasurer so much easier, as well as providing easy targeted group correspondence options.

Mike and Anna then presented some slides about the Xg rating. In summary, this is a dynamic handicap figure which Compass clubs can use for any of their sessions. It is calculated from the X-club results and looks at the strength of the opposition at any board played in the X-club session.

When clubs use this, in handicap list 19, they no longer have to recalculate their session handicap for players each year.

General discussion / question time

An email from Judith Howard of Matamata had circulated in the week before the Regional Conference. In this email Judith mentioned that a lot of newly Open players drop out of tournament play because they don’t want to be beaten up every time they play in an A point event. She was asking for restricted events to be organized for players with less than 50 A points and is willing to donate \$2000 towards this.

It was made quite clear by Rona and others that adding another 6 events to the tournament calendar was virtually impossible. However, some ideas about creating coaching opportunities for the “just Open” players, creating a Restricted Open League and adding restricted events to the already in place Regional 10A events.

Rona pointed out that next week is another important meeting, namely the NZB Bridge AGM at 9:00am on Saturday at the start of Congress. She urged the clubs to send representatives and if they would not attend, that she would be happy to be their proxy.

Rona also pointed out that there will be elections for the Regional Committees in the first half of 2020 and asked people to think about standing.

Meeting closed at 15:05

Jan Spaans

Waikato Bays Regional Secretary / Treasurer.

Minutes confirmed by



Name (*printed*): Rona Driscoll..... Role: Chair Person.....