

Minutes



Regional Committee Meeting held on: Sunday 13 October 2019 @ 12:30 at the Stables Restaurant, Cambridge. This is our once a year Face to Face meeting, which involves planning for next year.

Present:

Rona Driscoll (Chairperson), Anna Kalma, Jo Simpson, Alan Dick, Mike Neels & Jan Spaans (Secretary/Treasurer).

In attendance: Allan Morris, Chair NZB

Apologies: Karen Martelletti.

Welcome

Rona welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 13 September 2019 were confirmed.

Rona/Anna.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

Already on agenda.

Correspondence In: As distributed via email.

Correspondence Out:

Nil.

Financial report:

Financial Position at 30 September 2019

BNZ Cheque Account	\$9,609.19
BNZ Savings Account	\$6,012.28
BNZ Thames Festival Cheque Account	\$1,047.17
Term Deposit with NZB	\$14,367.62
Balance	\$31,036.26

Term Deposit Status:

Balance of #6 is \$ 6318.83 @ 2.45% matures 19 Jan 2020
Balance of #14 is \$ 8048.79 @ 3.25% matures on 12 Jan 2020
Combined Balance is \$ 14367.62
We received \$56.62 in interest on #6 on 21 September 2019.

Payments to be approved:

Waikato Bays Regional Bridge Committee - Payments to be approved			
To	Date	Amount	Date to be approved
NZB WAP/Bays Masterpts	20 Sept	59.80	13 Oct 2019
BridgeNZ Biding Pads	20 Sept	206.40	13 Oct 2019
PensaPlenty	27 Sept	255.30	13 Oct 2019
Cash Prizes Intm League	25 Sept	1080.00	13 Oct 2019
Cash Prizes Junior League	25 Sept	960.00	13 Oct 2019
M Neels IP Travel	18 Oct	290.00	13 Oct 2019
M Neels Reg Conf Travel	18 Oct	58.40	13 Oct 2019
R Driscoll Reg Conf Travel	18 Oct	173.74	13 Oct 2019
R Driscoll FTF Meet Travel	18 Oct	189.80	13 Oct 2019
Jo Simpson Reg Conf Travel	18 Oct	73.00	13 Oct 2019
Jo Simpson FTF Meet Travel	18 Oct	121.18	13 Oct 2019
J Spaans Honorarium	18 Oct	1500.00	13 Oct 2019
Matamata BC Cat Reg Conf	18 Oct	340.00	13 Oct 2019
J Spaans FTF Lunch Priv Paid	18 Oct	239.70	13 Oct 2019
NZB 2 x Congr Sponsor Inv	18 Oct	250.00	13 Oct 2019
	0	18 Oct	0.00
TOTAL		\$5,797.32	

Motion: That the financial report is accepted and that the payment totaling \$ 5797.32 be approved for payment.

Jan/Anna

RBM Report

Received and discussed. Rona to follow up with Eunice.

Regional Conference Summary / Minutes

Approved.

Jan/Rona

Email from Megan the facilitator to be distributed.

Honorarium

Payment was approved in committee.

Anna/Alan

IP Players details to Christchurch Bridge Club

Item raised via email as we forgot this one on the day of the meeting.

As Jenny had emailed all players for the details, we leave this in her capable hands.

2020 Planning:

Directing Seminar

We are fortunate to have Allan Joseph for another year.

The focus will be on people who direct at club level who not necessarily want to do an exam.

This is likely to be a 2-day course. The first half will be on Sunday 9 February in Rotorua, the day after the Kelly Peirse (which Allan will direct). The second half of the course is likely to be run in Cambridge on a date yet to be confirmed.

Open Restricted Pairs

After consultation with NZ Bridge, we are hoping to introduce two new Restricted Open 8B pairs events in 2020.

These are subject to discussion with the host clubs, but if accepted would run parallel to the 10A Pairs at the Tauranga and Hamilton Congresses. "Restricted Open" is as yet not completely defined, but it is likely to be the same as was used at National Congress, ie for players of National Master rank and below. For consistency we wish to use the same criteria.

Thames Festival

Will be held at a new venue, namely the Rugby & Sports Club, which can be seen on the left hand side of the main road into town, just before the bridge.

Rubber Bridge – Rubber Ducky Day

Likely to be in Putaruru again, subject to confirmation, on Sunday 5 April.

After the triumph of "our" Jo and Sam Simpson at National Congress, we are hoping for even more participating pairs in 2020.

Participating players must be available to play at Congress should they win the Waikato Bays Rubber Ducky competition.

IP Trials

The Open, Women and Senior trials entry will be by TEAM entry.

The Intermediate trials entry will remain a pairs entry.

Tauranga will be hosting the event again on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 May.

Format will depend on the number of entries.

WBRC Elections

Regional Committee election will be held in March/April.

At least two current committee members will not be available for election.

Congress Sponsorship

Despite a disappointing uptake this year, we will continue to sponsor 4 players to play at Congress in 2020 for the Thursday to Saturday package.

We ask the clubs to make the players more aware of this sponsorship by announcing this regularly at the beginning of their club sessions.

Leagues

The **Junior League** attendance has been disappointing, especially given that we had drastically increased the prize pool this year. Therefore we are rationalizing the prize pool for all Leagues to 120.00 per session played. This means that for the Junior League, 2020 will have 6 x 120 as total prize pool and the **Intermediate League** will have 8 x 120 as total prize pool.

We are also introducing a new **Restricted Open League**. This is aimed to encourage players of a National Master rank or less to participate in certain tournaments of 8B, 3A and 5A.

The introduction came about after a current Intermediate IP team player offered sponsorship for events where they, freshly Open grade players, don't have to play against the "big guns".

Points will be awarded to WB clubs registered players who play with a WB club registered player, similar to the Junior and Intermediate Leagues. Players must be of the National Master rank or lower at the start of the year to be able to participate in the Restricted Open League.

The points of the league will also be calculated using Compass.

The events which will be included in the ROL are:

25 January: Tauranga Congress Restricted open 8B pairs

14 March: Waihi all-grades 8B pairs

18 April: Mt Maunganui Multigrade Pairs

2-3 May: Taupo open 5A pairs

6 June: Morrinsville open 8B pairs

20 June: Rotorua open 5A pairs

25 July: Matamata open 5A pairs

10 October: Te Puke open 3A pairs

17 October: Taupo open 8B pairs

24 October: Hamilton Congress restricted open 8B pairs

Regional Conference

At this stage, we are looking at doing a Regional Conference every second year, so the next one is penciled in for 2021. Unless we get multiple requests from clubs with ideas which topics they might want to be tabled.

Meeting closed at 15:05 hrs.

Next meeting: Friday 8 November 2019 19:30 via Zoom.

Minutes confirmed by

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

8 November 2019

Date:

