

Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: Friday 24 April 2020 15:00 via Zoom.

Present:

Rona Driscoll (Chair Person), Jo Simpson, Anna Kalma, Michael Neels, Alan Dick, Jan Spaans (Secretary/Treasurer).

Apologies: Karen Martelletti.

Welcome

Rona welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Saturday 4 April 2020 were confirmed.

Alan/Rona.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

Rubber Bridge – entry date for this year's competition to be extended to 31 May 2020.

Rona/Jan

Correspondence Out:

Nil.

Financial report:

Balance Sheet for New Zealand Bridge Waikato Bays Bridge Region

As at 23/04/2020

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

Term Investment # 0006	6,367.65
Term Investment # 0014	8,199.29
WBRR Festival Account	1,856.29
WBRC Cheque Account	10,341.33
WBRC On Call Account	6,015.01

Total Cash and Bank Accounts

32,779.57

TOTAL ASSETS

32,779.57

Payments to be approved:

Nil.

Term Deposit Status: Balance of #6 is \$ 6367.65 @ 2.25% matures 18 May 2020
 Balance of #14 is \$ 8199.29 @ 2.70% matures on 9 Aug 2020
 Combined Balance is \$ 14566.94

Club Financial Wellness Survey

On 21 April we received an email from Alister praising us that we have an excellent strike rate of club participating in the survey. On that date 17 from 23 clubs had done the survey.

Motion

That the financial report is accepted.

Jan/Alan.

RBM Report for March

Received and discussed.

Policy on club funding requests

Early March we have received two requests from clubs who had done marketing for their club and the lessons. With Covid-19 dominating the bridge world at our intended late March meeting, we had postponed discussing this item.

As there was a passage in the policy which required the requesting clubs to have low financial reserves in order to qualify for WBRC assistance, we reviewed the policy.

As we encourage all clubs to promote their clubs and their lessons, we decided to remove the low financial reserves clause.

Rona/Jan

Therefore we are now able to assist the two clubs, Hamilton and Morrinsville (both clubs have provided us with the financial details required), with a payment of \$200.00 towards their promotional expenses.

Rona/Jo.

Junior / Mini Bridge League proposal Eunice

The WBRC is supportive of this idea. Rona to contact Eunice about what kind of support is needed.

IP Trials / Selection process 2020

This is currently on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions uncertainty.

Return to bridge under Covid level 2 and 1

A lot of time was spent brain storming ideas how we could play bridge in clubs again.

There was a general concern that some players may not return to play bridge at the club due to their liking of playing bridge on line.

As we anticipate that NZB will come with guide lines for clubs how to reopen, we decided to drop this subject until more information was available.

Recognizing Bob Fearn

NZB has an initiative which praises local volunteers for their efforts to help with bridge. Most of these volunteers quietly toil away in the back ground. Nobody more so than Bob Fearn, the author of the Compass Scoring program, doing all his support long distance from Seattle in the USA.

Most WB clubs use his program, which he started more than 30 years ago. He has been developing Compass intensively since 2007, which enabled the start of electronic scoring in NZ.

Bob has spent numerous hours free of charge helping clubs with their problems, more often than not caused by human error by the club user.

For the WB he made it possible to combine results for the Waikato Area Pairs, the Bay Pairs, the Junior League, the Intermediate League and more recently the Judith Howard League.

He has simplified the way we can run / score major events like the Waikato Interclub Teams and the Bay Teams and the WB Grade Trophy, just to mention a few.

As a matter of appreciation we would like to do something for Bob, and as sending something to Seattle is not very practical not to mention costly, we have decided to send him a gift of \$500 towards a nice meal with Marie his wife and a few bottles of their favorite drink.

Mike/Jan

Meeting closed at 16:15 hrs.

Next meeting: After more info has come out from NZB with post level 3 bridge at the club.

Minutes confirmed by

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



Date: 28 May 2019