

Minutes of Wellington Regional Bridge Committee

Held Monday 1st March 2021 commencing at 4:40pm

PARTICIPATING: Mindy Wu, (Chair), John Wilkinson, Paul Maxwell, Graham Cheater, Martyn Rew

Apologies - Nebojsa Djorovic, Katherine Gough (RBM)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of 24 November were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the minutes of the Committee meeting held 24 November 2020 be confirmed.
(Graham/Mindy) **CARRIED**

Mindy asked that the Committee set up a policy manual whereby policy and practice, such as that for Interclub eligibility, and similar matters in other areas, can be written up and stored in one document.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of significant correspondence since the previous meeting were discussed.

Some Kapiti coast clubs have asked for director training similar to that recently conducted in Wellington. The Committee **approved** that, subject to Allan Joseph's agreement to offer this training, we would subsidise and support the training on a similar basis to the Wellington course. Mindy to raise with Allan, Paul to reply to Ady Dale advising this decision.

Martyn is using, on loan, one of the surplus laptops to support lessons. He will collect the remaining equipment, and update the operating system. The Committee **approved** offering them to clubs for similar purposes. Paul to advise the clubs of the possibility.

Youth Subsidies. The Committee noted NZBridge subsidies regarding the Youth weekend. The Committee remains supportive of youth in bridge, and will reimburse clubs supporting their youth players, but not as far as meeting all the residual costs.

The Committee agreed to the Wellington Club suggestion to update our regional stock of Boards and cards. We **approved** purchase of two sets of 36 boards and 72 decks of cards from BridgeNZ under their special offer. We will do a stocktake/review of existing boards and may make further purchases. Paul to initiate the approved purchase. Mindy to assess the current position.

Outward Correspondence. The Treasurer has written several times in recent months to Victoria Club seeking refund of an accidental overpayment. Given personnel changes at the club, it is possible that the email address might not be current or might not be accessed. We will approach the new manager directly.

FINANCE

John presented a summary of financial transactions and balances as at 28 February. There was little additional activity over the break.

Total Bank - \$34,778. Recent transactions are subsidies to clubs, **approved** by Mindy under existing policies, totalling just under \$500.

When the Term Deposits with the TSB mature, we will retire them to the BNZ account.

There has been no recent progress with adding further signatories for the BNZ accounts. Paul will check with Alister if the bank is credibly moving forward on this.

John has suggested a possible auditor for the Committee's accounts, and the Committee **approved** him approaching the person concerned.

The Committee **approved** the continuation of the \$500 subsidy to local clubs for advertising expenses for lessons and related costs.

RUBBER BRIDGE

There are only 10 entries at this time. Mindy said the Canterbury region had its rubber bridge competition on the Tournament Schedule. Paul will investigate this, with the possibility of doing similar.

INTERCLUB

Entry numbers are also down. Martyn will work to obtain even numbers across the five categories and prepare a draw, with byes where it's not possible to get an even number. Nebojsa needs advice two weeks before the first round to prepare the playing documentation.

INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIALS

The Committee discussed the format for the inter-provincial trials in May. Mindy will draw up the notice. The trials will be run as on a Pair basis, with the first two pairs selected for the team. Any third pair in each section will be selected by the Committee.

Regional Bridge Mate

Update at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

To be held after the Congress meeting on 25th March.

Then, at 5pm on the second Monday in April (ie the 12th). Paul to explore the possibility of a Zoom meeting, for all, or for anybody not able to attend a future specific meeting in person.