



## **Minutes of Auckland Northland Regional Committee**

**December 1 2021**

**Present:** Grant Jarvis

**Apologies:** nil

Meeting commenced 10.00am

### **Past minutes and issues outstanding.**

There are no unresolved issues that the Committee is aware of.

### **Financial:**

Sue Brown has co-ordinated all financial matters including payments (authorised by Grant) and reporting to NZB. We have extended support to both club lessons and youth initiatives. A budget saving was created with the Inter-Provincial Championships going on-line.

### **Correspondence:**

Inwards: A full event report from IP ANRC Chef de Mission Douglas Russell was received and filed.

Outwards: A November Newsletter for ANRC was issued to all clubs.

All other contacts have been in the form of email queries and answered immediately -often using advice from past Committee members and NZB officers.

### **Covid Impact on ANRC:**

The Region was forced to cancel their Queen's Birthday Congress and could not host the IP's face to face. The IP trials, rubber bridge and Easter Congress were played face to face.

We extend special thanks to Howick, Akarana, Auckland and Mt Albert for their contribution to bridge continuance via the offering of on-line hosting, directing and resulting.

**Inter-Provincials:**

The region was delighted with the numbers and playing depth present at our two-day trials. We appreciate the independence provided by NZB to choose our own format. The teams performed with great credit to retain the trophy. The region acknowledges the very supportive background efforts of Tony Morcom, Sue Brown, Douglas Russell and the Auckland Bridge Club.

We thank NZB and the on-line facilitators for their efforts in a challenging test. Our thanks are also extended to the region(s) who overcame difficulties to fill all teams. No ANRC player withdrew due to the on-line format and players expressed confidence if on-line is an only option in the future.

**Change of Recorder:**

The region welcomes Glenis Palmer to this role and we extend sincere thanks to Christine Wilson for her valued time and sensitivity over many years.

**General Business:****Regional 10A events**

We were very grateful that the Whangarei BC found the ability to host (admirably) increased numbers for our Main Centre teams. Many players were initially declined by the cut-off after arranging teammates and accommodation. NZB are encouraged to discuss minimum numbers for events (especially mini congresses) that offer high masterpoint levels.

Currently the Committee incurs some costs for our regional events but no share of any profits. It is proposed that discussion with host clubs take place to set entry fees that lead to an equitable sharing of costs and income.

We are also aware of concerns about the clarification of eligibility and/or variations in restricted grade events and/or the non-inclusion of junior events parallel to 10A events. We aim to address these in 2022 appreciating that next year's calendar is closed.

**Committee Numbers:**

Clearly we hope that the invitation to stand for ANRC from NZB will attract new members and ideas in 2022. I feel that "we" have coped well but that was significantly aided by the standby support of Sue Brown, Tony Morcom -both past Committee members- Richard Solomon, Alister Stuck and Allan Morris. They have collectively made my task manageable and often interesting. Their approachability is refreshing.

I join all of you in the sincere desire to return to the table in the near future.

**Meeting closed at 10.45am**