

**PARTICIPATING:** Mindy Wu (Chair), John Wilkinson, Paul Maxwell, Graham Cheater, Nebojsa Djorovic

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Katherine Gough

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 24 May 2022 were confirmed. (John, Nesa).

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Covered below.

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Paul and John reported on the recent conference. NZBridge are consulting on an online strategy. Kate Terry has been corresponding on this. The new Committee will become involved as the consultation starts up.

Generally, there is a concern that club secretaries are often not sharing incoming emails with members, which is causing problems. Richard Solomon is now leading on RBMs, recast as Regional Bridge Support Persons. Katherine updated the Committee on recent developments. She appreciated the Committee inviting her to attend its meetings, not always the case elsewhere.

### **HANDOVER PLANNING**

It was agreed Paul would pass across his and John's backgrounder documents to the new Committee members.

### **FINANCE**

John reported that he and Graham had finally been approved as signatories with account access. There has been little change to the financial situation since Congress. A Masterpoint invoice is expected, and we will reimburse Wellington BC for a small loss on the recent Regional teams event. This was apparently due to the lower than usual number of teams.

### **EMAIL FROM WELLINGTON CLUB**

The topic is bridge recruitment and actions being undertaken by the Wellington club. It is suggested the Committee take up this activity. The Committee generally agreed with the approach, asking Graham to pass on the more detailed comments about process. Paul is to ensure the email is shared with the incoming Committee members.

### **REGIONAL CLUB TEAMS PLAYOFF**

There are only six teams entered, all city based. Nesa noted that this doesn't provide enough comparisons for scoring within each of the four grades (3 tables per grade). While it would be possible to come up with a Multigrade comparison, it's not possible to consult and set this up in the time available, also bearing in mind the risks of unexpected withdrawals by pairs and/or clubs, in the event of COVID infections. The bridge programme makes a deferral problematic, and doesn't address the issues of low entries in the present environment. The Committee agreed unanimously to cancel the event this year.

### **RUBBER BRIDGE**