



Auckland Northland Regional Committee

Minutes of meeting 7.00pm Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Present: Jane Stearns, Tania Brown, Grant Jarvis

Financial:

Tania reported progress with the bank re the transition of treasurers.

The budget was reviewed in light of our completed Regional Conference and unexpected invoices.

All presented invoices were approved for payment.

Dealing:

It was resolved to discontinue our long-standing dealing service. The machine will be sold and sets of boards retained for regional and national events. A letter of appreciation will be forwarded to Tony Morcom for his outstanding service in this regard.

Auckland Bridge Club:

Grant will meet with the club in November to discuss the future running and financing of Regional tournaments (including Kings Birthday and Easter congresses).

Non- Affiliated Clubs.

Jane has met with clubs in Northland. Possible incentives were discussed and we would like NZB to consider how we can work together in this regard. A waiving of fees in their first year – similar to that offered to beginners and to other clubs that have joined such as Greymouth/Hokitika?

Tournament Participation.

This received general discussion. Northland are to be commended on attracting good numbers at all grade levels but Auckland is facing major challenges. In particular 3A events and juniors are regularly

having five tables or less entering. We await the consulting group recommendations but we may need to review the number of tournaments if the trend cannot be reversed.

Inter- Provincial Shirts:

Grant reported on progress with the back order

Regional Conference Feedback:

Feedback from nine attendees was discussed. Comments were positive with some good suggestions for future events.

The possibility of a quarterly on-line hui for club officials to discuss issues with the Committee was discussed and will be investigated.

NZB Website:

We are encouraged by the suggestion of regional portals on the NZB website. With no region website, we would be keen to discuss the potential role and content of such a link.

Incorporated Society and Privacy Act:

The Committee acknowledged the quality and clarity of Anne Barrowclough's presentation at our Conference. A lot of the "fear" was removed. Anne advises us that she has slightly modified her notes and that these will be posted on the NZB website. We look forward to the templates promised to assist clubs with standard wording.

Director Courses:

The Committee are happy to cover the portion of costs for regional participants. The course information has been distributed to all clubs with a few already showing interest.

The meeting was completed at 8.20pm. Our next meeting was set for December 7.