



Minutes of Auckland Northland Regional Committee

December 7 2022 7.00pm (zoom)

Present: Jane Stearns, Tania Brown, Grant Jarvis

Financial. Tania outlined progress with the Regional Budget and all current invoices were approved for payment.

Tournaments: The latest update from NZB re on-line bridge confirms that our regional tournaments will be face to face on the listed dates. Grant will discuss running of these events with Auckland Bridge Club and Franklin (Main Centre Weekend).

The interclub competition was very successful and will be again on-line in 2023. Certificates were issued to placed teams and the three trophies will follow. Special congratulations to grade winners Akarana, Royle Epsom and Papatoetoe.

A future decision will be given to decide if the National Swiss Pairs (November 2023) will be on-line or in person. This is the allocated premier event for our region in 2023.

We have recently approved an additional Junior Tournament for Kerikeri in 2023 and other 2023 date changes for Warkworth, Franklin Swiss Prs and Akarana Xmas.

Inter-Regionals: A report has been received (with grateful thanks) from our Chef de Mission Douglas Russell. Trophy glasses were awarded to our open and women's teams. We note that NZB are "developing a plan" for 2023 and we will await their announcement before reviewing our regulations. The Committee hoped that NZB will seek feedback from regions before any changes are made.

Dealing Machine: ANRC have discontinued their dealing service which has been so competently provided by Tony Morcom for many years. This is consistent with other regional committees. Given the age and state of the machine we could not offer it with seller confidence to local clubs. It has been purchased by the suppliers to rebuild.

Directors Courses. We are only aware of three interested parties. We will verify with the presenters. Financial support is offered to all attendees from our region.

Recorder: Our regional recorder, Glenis Palmer, reports that only two referrals have been made relating to region concerns. Hopefully that is a positive reflection but we will remind clubs and players (in our December newsletter) about the role and purpose of a regional recorder.

Newly affiliated club: We warmly welcome 2020 Waiheke Bridge Club to our ranks. Grant will initially liaise with Glenda McLeod on behalf of the Committee.

Youth Subsidy: The current policy was discussed regarding subsidisation of tournament entry fees. It was confirmed that it was not available to youth players in full or near full employment. We are keen to see NZB adopt a consistent policy for all regions to offer and promote given the current inequity of procedures between regions. The issue of a few ambitious players contesting an extremely high number of events -and often being the recipient of prize money – is a complicating factor.

Region Plan: Only one club gave feedback by the requested date. We hope to finalise this (in conjunction with the budget) and forward to NZB and our member clubs early next year. Our goal is to align with the NZB On-line Strategy and a current NZB Strategic Plan. We have sought NZB clarification on some related points that may affect our final draft.

Meeting ended 8.15pm. A next meeting date will be set as matters arising become clearer.