

Minutes of a meeting of the Top of the South Committee

15 Oct. 2022 6:15 pm at Picton

Present:	Pam Whitehead Marsha Woodbury Ray Curnow Ann Baker Jana Bott	President Minutes Sec Secretary Tournaments Treasurer/Think Tank Rep.
Minutes:	Minutes of the last meeting accepted.	
Finances:	The financial statements were approved. Approved spending \$77.61 on gifts for Chris Marshall and our auditor. Also, \$3.24 for Wayne Smith's online work. The Call account is increased to \$7650	Ann/Jana
Correspondence:	Letter from Richmond Club for clarification about hosting the Interprovincial trials. The trials will be online.	Marsha
General Business:	Howarth Cup: up for review to move to a one-day event or keep it as it is. In 2023 Marlborough will host as it is their turn. Westport in 2024.	
	Regular checks of the inbox for TOPS.	Ray
	Nominated Jana to be on the match committee for the 10A tournament in Blenheim in January.	Marsha/Ann
	Compiling the purpose and tasks done by TOPS committee. Will be sent to all clubs.	Ray
	Some club secretaries are not emailing announcements to their members. The obligation will be made clear.	Ray
	Jana reported back from the Think Tank discussions: --The average age of New Zealand Bridge players is 74. --What is the future? --Lessons will be offered online by top teachers. Lessons will expand to teach people how to play online. --Interprovincial matches will be online. --All National Tournaments will be face-to-face. --We could have a TOPS Congress online. --The trend is to move more online, and keep the face-to-face play at the clubs.	

	<p>Our Intermediate team for Interprovincials is Viv Murray, Trish Clearwater, Sue Glue, and Michelle Gun.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7 pm</p> <p>Minutes compiled by Marsha Woodbury</p>	
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