

Minutes of a meeting of the Top of the South Committee

10 March 2023 Zoom 8 am

Present:	<p>Pam Whitehead Marsha Woodbury</p> <p>Ray Curnow Ann Baker Jana Bott</p>	<p>President Minutes Sec/ Rubber Bridge Secretary Tournaments Treasurer/Think Tank Rep.</p>
General Business:	<p>Rubber Bridge We have received several emails concerning who should play in the event. We await guidance from the NZ Bridge on exactly what the rules are. Next year we will have more information in order to set up the contest clearly. We are mailing our response to Murray Wiggins of NZ Bridge.</p> <p>TOPS IP Trials – We set a remuneration for the director, Babs-Merel de Visser, and Giles Hancock of \$125 each. We will send a thank you note to Ed Roggeveen for pitching in during IPs.</p> <p>We accepted the teams proposed by Ed Roggeveen and Chris Marshall. We named captains: Pam Whitehead, Ed Roggeveen, Jana Bott. We proposed Chris Marshall as chef de mission.</p> <p>There were last-minute changes to the layout this year, and to avoid stress and confusion we will appoint selectors, appoint a director, set the parameters, devise our communications with players, etc. in a meeting in January.</p> <p>South Island Pairs</p> <p>26 ½ teams have entered at \$180 a team. Two entries came from Australia.</p> <p>New Members of TOPS Committee We will research—it could be decided in July.</p> <p>Howorth Cup</p> <p>It will be a two-day event 14-15 October in Blenheim this year, and a one-day event in Kaikoura next year, May 26th.</p> <p>Sixes Babs-Merel de Visser proposed a new event that she would shepherd in. We asked her for a proposal, and Ann will help her find a date. Kaikoura is the likely venue.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:45 am</p>	<p>Pam</p> <p>Marsha</p> <p>Pam</p> <p>Ann, Pam</p>

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