

Minutes of WBRC Meeting 22 May 2023

Alan welcomed all to meeting. Attendees: Alan, Jo, Greg, Rachelle, Mereana, Anna (observer)

Minutes, not read by all need to be sent out earlier but agreed.

Balance sheet and Budget for 2023/24 Balance sheet shows 4K balance remaining

Communication has not gone out for ratification of the 2024 dates for the Tournament Calendar. Discussed why the communication did not occur, need to follow up asap. Jo may have her last meeting. Alan and Mereana will do Calendar approvals – Mereana feels she has to stand down for family reasons.

Agenda item for those who want to resign – Hugh McAlister has indicated he wants to stand. Alan thanked Jo for her input

Correspondence

Discussion on correspondence that covered support required from Clubs, Director training/workshop, Learners Class ads, IP Trials, Website work by Mike Neels, Director support for tournaments, National Conference notification and delegate required for 11 June. Rubber Bridge.

Items from Correspondence

IP Master Points (requests from Murray as why not complete. Hugh McAlister has advisee that they have been registers, Jo is aware that players have received them, Anna understood it is closed issue – likely that the query is because there have been no masterpoints for the women's team as there was no play. Murray to be notified

Guidelines for Director training required. Discussion on what is a reasonable financial support level. We would only do this once for any person. Tournament Directors are required. Only 50% pass in first sitting. Hamilton Club is looking at 50% of the air fare once only. Decided on a single fixed amount \$250 and another \$250 on passing. Passed unanimously.

A response to the request from NZB as to support for Congress and Youth policy, Director and Scoring fees discussed. Alan had drafted a comment to be sent to Alister – our youth policy is in our Manual (50% of tournament fees for the year up to a maximum of \$150). Rubber Bridge there is no subsidy to attend Congress as it is in our Region but the prizes for the WB winners are a prize of \$50 per winner for up to 7 pairs, 7-9 pairs prize of \$75 per person and 10+ pairs \$100 per person. Travel money, if paid, came from the foundation

Directors fees – we do not have a policy but Director fees range from \$125 175 per day for 10A events. Scorers slightly less. Major events Director fee is \$300, scorer around \$150. If have to import Directors and scorers maybe WBRC should help and this will be a cost due to a lack of Tournament and higher Directors in WBRC. A solution is to use a Club Director with phone support from a qualified Director for Open Tournaments and this has been supported by the Chief Director.

Money to Clubs to support advertising – we have a policy of 50% up to \$200 on showing of invoices. Te Aroha have supported to this level, Te Awamutu required to supply invoice – to be notified

Financial

There is 4K in the bank, Balance Sheet and cash flow statement presented and approved.

BNZ needs new forms sent out to us. Check. Alan to call BNZ as approvals and login do not do what is required and Mereana's access has been changed.

IP's

Intermediate Team – top 3 auto selected is expectation. For the teams of 4 they select the 3rd pair. Discussion resulted in the following Non Plating Captains:

- Barry Jones for Open and overall Chef de Mission
- Rachelle for the Women's team as she can also play on the event of sickness
- Ian Moore for the Senior Team
- Brett Glass to be approached as NPC for the Intermediate Team

Additional Pair Selection:

- Open, Richard Solomon and Anna Kalma
- Senior, the Healey's

Moved Jo these be approved, Carried unanimously

2024 Budget.

Discussion on specifics within the proposed Budget covered increases in Masterpoint levy and the cost and purpose of the website support and how the proposed increases were derived. Answered that website support has decreased in the last couple of years due to Covid and the amount is as per pre Covid plus 10% for inflation as a guide. Budget approved to be sent to NZB.

Regional Conference, Wellington – 11 June

Alan appointed.

Meeting Greg attended – nothing more to add to his written report

Club Update Meeting

Planning for the Club session update. Manual requires us to do annually but we have done it two yearly. Anna and Alan to put together a programme. Later in the year as a forerunner to next year. Matamata have agreed to use their clubrooms – Oct Nov timeframe to prime things for next year.

Items to cover include:

- Innovative things from the past
- Fundraising
- Changes to Constitutions to reflect the new Incorporated Societies Governance requirements
- Known Club actions that have improved attendance at learners classes
- What required for Director training
- Follow up training methods

Note required to go to Clubs asking what they want to cover.

Committee Resignations

Rachelle tabled that she wishes to stand down for family reasons, Mereana similarly, Jo also but can stay on to complete another year if necessary. Alan/Anna to follow up procedures involved.

AOB

Need regular meetings. Need more information going to the Clubs. Get things moving. Better structure and focus for doing things – out to clubs.

Newsletters required. Need to use the new brand Anna.

For follow up and advanced lessons, Rachelle does 15 minute lessons and has about 35 of them – run just before the play and get bigger numbers to play afterwards. Hamilton do similar for the Intermediate and Junior nights starting a half hour before play. Hamilton trying Sunday afternoon for lessons

Thames looking at play for 8 boards and discuss bidding on each one.

Mereana – could stay on but needs support.

Meeting closed at 5:45

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