



Auckland Northland Regional Committee

Minutes of Meeting August 8 2023

Meeting commenced 7.40pm on-line

Present: Jane Stearns, Tania Brown, Grant Jarvis

Correspondence:

Request from international youth player re financial support. This was forwarded to NZB Foundation for consideration with other options discussed.

Anika Whapshott Bay of Islands Event Co-ordinator - notice of interest to support major events in Bay of Islands. Jane to respond.

Franklin Bridge Club – request for event grading change. This was supported by the region but declined by NZB. NZB have advised a degree of change may be allowed in 2024 once the on-line plan is advised.

Financial:

Tania provided a treasurer's report to August 6.

We have received youth subsidy applications in excess of our budget estimates. Given our goal to promote youth bridge we are honouring requests where criteria has been met. Several youth players are currently experiencing rapid improvement with wins at open level.

A guideline to clarify the club advertising and lesson promotion subsidy has been prepared by Jane and Tania and forwarded to all clubs.

Regional Hui:

It was proposed to hold our regional hui on Sunday October 8 (one week after Congress). No events are being held on that date in our region.

We hope to build upon the success of 2022 with the key themes remaining as membership growth and sustainability of club activities.

Jane is to invite key speakers and source a venue.

Membership Growth:

Jane spoke to the schedule of member numbers at 31 July. We are delighted at our region's net growth of 148 members in the past one year. Although 75 members arise from our two newly affiliated clubs we have two clubs who are yet to register their new beginners.

This growth is in contrast to all other regions – and many other sporting codes. It represents a significant recovery from Covid and is a credit to clubs, their hard- working committees and to Jane Stearns who has driven our Committee's growth initiatives.

Event feedback:

The Regional Pairs and Teams was hosted superbly by Franklin BC. Our thanks have been extended to leader Bev Henton and her team of club supporters. The trend of disappointing pairs entries but pleasing team numbers are consistent with our recent congress weekends.

Kinga Hajmasi and Andrew Michl will be our representatives at the Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge final.

A request was made to ascertain interest in a mixed category at the Inter-Provincial teams. Following a survey of recent trialists and discussion with leading players we have advised NZB that there is little to no interest in the proposal from our members.

Role Description:

We are currently aiming at creating "grouping" of our Committee roles to attract new members who can "specialise" in areas of interest and expertise.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 5 7.00pm

Meeting closed 8.40pm