

# WAIKATO BAYS REGIONAL COMMITTEE



## Minutes of Meeting WBRC 17 July 2023

Attendees: Alan, Hugh McAlister, Nick Saunders, Rachelle Pelkman, Greg Davenport, Kevin Whyte, Anna Kalma

**Apologies:** Mereana Cullen, Jo Simpson

Alan welcomed all to the meeting and advised that there would be no approval of accounts or Correspondence other than a change request for tournaments as the information was not available.

Minutes of last meeting to be approved as a true and correct record. Moved Greg/Rachelle. Carried.

### Matters Arising

Tournament Date Confirmations. Alan advised he had sent out requests for confirmation and most clubs had responded, however we have received a Change Request from Te Aroha and Morrinsville to swap their tournaments for the future. The change means there would be no clash between Te Aroha and the Howick Club for the Te Aroha Teams event. This change was approved, Alan to approve the forms and pass on to the Tournament Administrator.

Committee Resignations. Rachelle confirmed her resignation and Jo had sent an Email confirming hers. Alan reported that he and Mereana had scheduled calls to discuss how support for the on-going roles could be done but they have not yet happened. Kevin reiterated his ability to support Mereana and will take on the Treasurer role. He will need to be set up as a signatory etc in the BNZ system. That means that we will need an auditor, discussion considered approaching either Christine Gibbons or Jenna Gibbons, but the requirement for a chartered accountant is not known for sure. Alan to follow up and establish the requirements for the auditor.

Regional Conference. Anna provided a rundown on the new roles of marketing and event admin including Congress. Bridget is not a Bridge Player but has considerable experience in marketing and event admin. Alan outlined the proposed changes to the IP finals of moving it back to Congress time and being F2F to enhance participation and the profile of the event. Questions of cost were raised and discussed, as it is attached to Congress costs will be less than a separate November event. Anna pointed out that it is a trial and the desire is to encourage participation and involvement for those not at International level but who could represent their region. It is anticipated that this will engender a lot of discussion.

### Correspondence and Finance.

Deferred as information not available

### General Business

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NI pairs next year – Rona has asked if Hamilton will be running this as it alternates between Hamilton and Tauranga and it is Hamilton's turn. However Hamilton have a heavy tournament load next year. Alan to follow up with Hamilton.

Waikato Area Teams. Whilst not a WBRC event the failure of the play for the Junior Teams in particular in trying to cater for an extra team was discussed. The requirements to run a triple was not understood and the Junior teams did not compete in any meaningful way. The discussion resolved that the initiative by the Cambridge Club of assisting Hamilton to run events is supported and that Kevin would liaise with Ian Moore to assist resolving the situation. The options of a re-running the event for the Juniors teams in particular using either Real Bridge or BBO was discussed but considered it better left to the Waikato Clubs to resolve as it is their event.

WB Teams final 20 August. Alan advised that Matamata are happy for their clubrooms to be used however they want assistance in obtaining a Director and Scorer. The options are limited but will become clearer after the Bay Interclub Teams this coming weekend. Options are Alan or Norm as Director, Scorer possible Jan or Heini Lux depending on whether or not they may be the play off. Budget of \$500 approved to run the event. Alan to liaise with Judith Howard.

## Club Update Plan.

Have the meeting in the October timeframe to foster planning for next year and enable Clun planning to incorporate any items of interest or actions shared. Newsletter required to go to all clubs – include in it requests for items for the Club Update. Also include IP Teams, and inform Mike Neels so that he can post it on the WRC website.

## Other Business

Agreed that all members of the Committee send to Alan their available times and preferred day for monthly meetings. If there is a common time and day great, otherwise there will need to be negotiation via Email.

IP teams to be sent to Mike Neels for publishing on the WBRC website. Action Alan

Meeting ended 6pm

Signed: *a. a. d. v. k.* Chair

Date: 22/8/23

