



Minutes of Auckland Northland Regional Committee

7.00pm On-line Tuesday September 5 2023

In attendance: Jane Stearns Grant Jarvis Tania Brown

Correspondence:

NZB - Directors list

Requests from member of NZ Youth team for financial support.

Request from Regional Youth Coordinator for financial support for players to Youth Weekend in Christchurch.

Request to support an ABC teacher to the Teacher's Conference

Outward Communications to Clubs:

Apart from the forwarding of NZB requests all clubs received...

1. An August Newsletter
2. Invitation to Regional Hui
3. previous ANRC meeting minutes.

Treasurers Report

Tania updated the Committee.

The requests for the youth support were discussed. In both cases there was no budget allowance and the events had been heavily subsidised by NZB and or NZB Foundation. Although we strongly supported both requests we declined with regret.

We need to review youth funding in the region -ideally via discussion with NZB. We have a significantly higher number of youth players than other regions and can expect such requests in the future. Further we have several youth who qualify for tournament rebates and are now playing on a very regular basis- clearly exceeding our budgeted support.

The teacher's conference subsidy request was also beyond our budget. A notice has since been received advising the NZB Foundation is financially supporting attendees.

Regional Conference

This has been set for Sunday October 8 at the Orewa Bridge Club with the theme of "Sustaining Our Growth". We aim to build upon last year's successful event and the increase in numbers within our region. Apologies to date include Allan Morris (NZB) and Angela Royale (REBC). Jane outlined planning to date and confirmed the involvement of Mel Auld (NZB). Discussion involved topics, travel reimbursement and catering. We wish to also address tournament goals and current entries – a topic that would be a lot more meaningful if we knew the plans for on-line events in 2024. Grant will seek clarity.

General Discussion:

We thank Paul Coleman (Mt Albert/NZB), Lance Bowden (Papatoetoe) for their management and support and the Christchurch Bridge Club community for hosting the recent youth weekend. There were 11 attendees from Auckland with AGS and Macleans College featuring prominently.

We also acknowledge the considerable preparation undertaken by the Auckland Bridge Club (and especially Kim Bond) for the National Swiss Pairs on November 3. The Committee has followed the dialogue between ABC and NZB Events Manager Bridget Hannaway. The budget is very tight and our Committee will offer as much support as possible to promote this face to face event.

The recently issued director's list was discussed. Corrections advised from our region - Daniel Skipper is not Waitemata, Roy Ballard has resigned and Jim Buckleton (Franklin) was omitted but is finishing this year. Arie Geursen has "down scaled" but wishes to remain on the list.

Meeting closed 8.00pm