



Minutes of ANRC Meeting - 7.00pm November 6

Present: Jane Stearns, Tania Brown, Grant Jarvis

Inwards Correspondence: Fliers to circulate from NZB, details from Mel Auld re social media promotion, details from Anna Kalma re Teachers Conference, learner details from Waiheke BC, multiple requests for tournament changes/additions, Congress issues and communication policy concerns were all received and addressed.

Financial: Tania gave a summary of financial matters in the last month. It was resolved to support Sue Hunt with the cost of her Teacher's Conference. Sue is to provide feedback to other Northland tutors. And a koha for Orewa BC was confirmed to recognise their excellent hosting of our regional conference.

Tournament scheduling.

Grant reported multiple requests for additions and changes to the 2024 schedule. The late, yet to be received, notification of on-line dates for 2024 has caused concern for many clubs who are holding back from printing their 2024 booklets.

National Swiss Pairs November 4-5

The Committee and hosts Auckland Bridge Club were delighted with a strong field of 28 tables for this face-to-face event. We extend our thanks to the Auckland BC and visiting officials Lorraine Stachurski and Kevin Walker. The event ran smoothly.

The decision to have an EW and NS field was well received by most players (only one stated exception). The event reinforces our Committee opinion that national events at Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch should be F2F. We had visitors from 5 other regions and two guests from Australia.

Committee Resignation

Grant confirmed that he will be standing down after three years at the year end to focus on national schools' football administration. If agreed by the new Committee, Grant is happy to oversee the local tournament scheduling, the regional newsletter and the rubber bridge contest – but as a non-committee member. It is our goal to have several tasks covered by non-committee members to lighten the workload of the Committee.

Newsletter

Our final newsletter for the year will be circulated on November 28 following the completion of our Inter-Club and Inter-Provincial championships.

Communication Policy

Grant advised that issues raised by three clubs have been addressed and resolved. It is of concern that several clubs claim they are not receiving important information from both NZB and the region. Several also advised they did not receive details for the social media zoom meetings.

2024 Regional Conference

This has been confirmed for Sunday August 11 and now appears on the NZB tournament schedule. Venue to be decided.

2024 Inter-Provincials.

The Committee has received a lot of feedback about next year's proposed IP format. Northland players were prominent in expressing concerns. Grant outlined issues raised at the AGM in Tauranga. The Committee resolved to survey AN trialists from the last two years so that we can present a balanced submission to NZB. Letters addressing other concerns at the NZ Congress were considered to be an issue between NZB and the correspondents. They were not addressed by the Committee.

Regional Plan

Jane outlined progress with the Region Plan for 2024. We gratefully acknowledge the considerable work undertaken by Jane to prepare the plan, collate learner progress information and liaise with numerous clubs in order to identify and prioritise goals.

Meeting ended 8.20pm Date of next meeting tbc