



## **Minutes- Meeting of Auckland Northland Regional Committee**

**7.00pm December 19 2023**

**Present:** Jane Stearns, Tania Brown, Grant Jarvis

### **Inwards Correspondence:**

Multiple NZB notifications (including new Interprovincial format and Incorporated Societies Act update from Barrowclough , survey feedback from Top of South region and multiple tournament queries/requests from clubs, budget support and clarification notes from Sue Brown (NZB).

### **Outward Correspondence (to NZB and clubs):**

Minutes of previous meeting, On-line and inter-provincials feedback survey results (also sent to participants), December Newsletter and notification of changes in Regional Committee, update of Dargaville BC president and contacts.

### **Financial:**

Tania outlined her 2024 Regional Budget progress. The budget is based on potential spending but it was noted most clubs did not claim their promotion subsidies in 2023.

The youth subsidy for tournament participation for 2023 was well used but Grant advised the main recipients are entering full employment in 2024 (ineligible).

Many of the budget items are contingent on unknown circumstances. We include the IP (now "Regional Championship" ) team formats, youth tournament participation, rubber bridge accommodation, venues of teachers conference and youth weekend etc.

Approved 2023 payments included honorariums, travel subsidy to teacher's conference and accommodation for the rubber finals. An invoice for our IP trials masterpoints is to be discussed with Auckland BC. It was confirmed that all regional events hosted by clubs should have an entry fee that meets all costs.

**Annual Plan:**

Jane outlined progress with her 2024 Region Plan. This has been a time- consuming task complicated by issues with need to expand our Committee.

The 2023 Plan has been updated with most objectives now completed.

**Inter-Regionals (now Regional Championships)**

NZB has confirmed this will be held face to face in Wellington in November. This would meet the clear majority of our survey respondents.

It does alter considerations for our trials and team formats. Although participants were surveyed in 2022 it was decided a new survey should ascertain current thinking. Jane will prepare an on-line survey with support from Grant. Approximately 40 players will be invited including our 2022 teams and 2023 trialists. NZB require our adopted trials formats by January 20. It was acknowledged that budget constraints may override majority choice.

**Officers of Regional Committee**

An invitation to our IP trialists to join the Committee did not produce any nominations. We ideally seek a Secretary and 3-4 new committee members. Several individuals have undertaken various tasks independently to minimise the workload of the 2024 Committee.

Grant has resigned from the Committee but will continue to organise our tournament schedule and produce our newsletter. Until a Secretary is appointed Jane will receive non-tournament related correspondence.

**Tournament Flier Distribution list.**

Clubs will be invited to update any “non-subscribe” wishes for tournament fliers and/or on-line event notifications.

**Meeting ended 8.20pm**    Date of next meeting tbc