

**Minutes of WBRC meeting 14 April 2025
held on Zoom at 5pm**

Attendees: Alan Dick, Hugh McAlister, Nick Saunders, Kevin Whyte, Greg Davenport, Gillian Corbett

Minutes of March meeting: as circulated, Approved

Matters arising:

Jenna Gibbons, Barry Jones and Michael Ware have agreed to form the selection committee for the Interprovincial teams

Correspondence:

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Bridge Teachers' Conference, Oct 2025, Wellington
Youth Weekend
Mini Moos date and venue confirmation
Master point report from NZB
Various tournament TCRs
NZB website change and reversion
Various Tournament posters
Auckland/North Region Newsletter

Out:

From Alan organising Rotorua as a venue for the Directors and Scorers Forum

Matters re Correspondence:

The Teachers day on 18-19 October needs to be financed by the clubs. It is also supported by the NZB Foundation

Rotorua has been confirmed as the Venue for the Directors and Scorers forum. The programme has been rejigged to fit in with the venue, thanks to Hugh.

Action: Alan to let Allan Joseph know about the change of venue



Finance:

Kevin: Balance is \$3003. Rotorua Bridge club will need to reimburse the Kelly Peirse MP fees.
The director / scorer should use the club number. Alan will talk to the Rotorua Club.

General Business:

Regional Championships:

Kathy Yule has spoken to Alan requesting whether she could enter the Open and Senior events with Ken and the Women's with Liz Fisher. After much discussion the general consensus was that it should be feasible to enter all 3 events but if 10 or more entered one category the pair would have to decide whether they trial in that category and accept the result. It was also agreed that the trials should be held only in individual categories not combined. 10 entries in individual categories are required for a trial to proceed

NZ bridge is providing a subsidy for 4 member teams so the committee agreed that that should be the regional approach. Norm Silcock and Jan Spaans are still happy to officiate at the trials knowing that they may not go ahead. It was agreed that it was best for the Tauranga club to organise the trials and let the committee know if there was any deficit

Director and Scorers' Day:

Alan reported that the Rotorua club are prepared to host with separate sessions in the morning and early afternoon and a combined session later in the afternoon. He is looking at hiring 2 PCs linked to 2 large TVs to ensure a good linkage. It was agreed that the Scoring sessions should be less lectures and more discussions around scenarios. Education around Compass is important however.

The Rotorua club will arrange Pizzas for lunch and a morning tea on arrival. Tea and coffee facilities will be available (Alan)

Action: Nick will contact Rona to see if she could set the day up as a tournament on NZB for registration. Hugh will work on a Flyer this week

Alan will discuss accommodation with Allan Joseph



Status of Directors' and Scorers' Forum

Nick observed that the chat group status is quiet. He is planning to put up scenarios for discussion. He and Alan will seek feedback at the study day

Youth Bridge:

Greg reported that courses will be starting at Thames High School in the 2nd week of May. Club members are providing a roster for coaching, which will be done during the lunch hour. NZB are also coordinating with Marcus Dudley

Status of Available Directors List

Alan recommended that this should be pushed at the forum day. Pam Moore, Ella Gray, Alan Dick, Nick Cantlon, Nick Saunders and Norm Silcock have made themselves available for regional tournaments. Alan would like to get more newly qualified Directors on the list.

Mini Moos

Nick Whitten has organised for this to proceed on a Sunday afternoon at the Morrinsville club. He is working on a programme.

Waikato Interclub Teams:

Alan observed that the organising club needs to be notified on the website, which apparently has now happened.

Junior and Intermediate Leagues

There were 12 tables at the Junior event in Cambridge. The newsletter appears to have had a good effect. Alan acknowledged Nick's good work.

Action: Nick to send out another newsletter mid May

Real Bridge Account:

Hamilton club had suggested that there should be one account that everyone could use. This however could be difficult to organise as the bill would come to the Region and it would be difficult to organise reimbursement. It was agreed unanimously that this should be the responsibility of individual clubs



WAIKATO BAYS REGIONAL COMMITTEE



Newsletter:

Action: Alan is planning to send out another regional newsletter to cover the upcoming events

Other Business: None raised

Meeting ended at 5.55pm

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