



Regional Committee Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: 24 January 2025, 7.30 pm via Zoom.

Present:	Julie Bunnell (Chair), Bryan Green, Justine Hart, Vicki Maugham, Mairi Fitzsimons	
In attendance:		
Apologies:	Jenny Peters	
Welcome:	Julie welcomed all to the meeting and wished Jenny a speedy recovery.	
1. Minutes of previous meeting:		
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 December 2024 were confirmed. Vicki to forward to NZ Bridge and CD clubs.	Bryan/Vicki
2. Matters arising from the previous minutes:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladder Prize Recipients – all paid • Travel Allowances – one person did not apply. All others paid. • Process for trials and selection -see General Business • Zelda Morris Pairs – Napier Club is willing to run event at the Havelock North Clubrooms. Look at moving the tournament in 2026 as it falls on weekend before Congress, no room on the calendar this year. Should remain in Hawkes Bay. 	
Correspondence In:		Vicki/Justine
	<p>As distributed via email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Bridge, Rona Driscoll – Tournaments 2025 and 2026 8/12/24 • NZ Bridge – Active Directors List 10/12 • Masterton Club, Rona Driscoll – conversation about 23 February tournament dates 13/12 • NZ Bridge – Lesson booklet orders 19/12 • Palmerston North Club to Bryan Green re payment refund 19/12 • NZ Bridge – NZ Open and Women's selections 24/12 • NZ Bridge, Rona Driscoll – 2026 Tournament Schedule Working Group 1/1 • NZ Bridge – Masterpoints Reports 1/1 • NZ Bridge, Sue Brown – Tournament Review Working Group 6/1 • George McLaughlin – Newsletter items 7/1 • Stephen Francks – Query re trial and selection process 15/1, replied 21/1 • Various recipients of Ladder prizes • Applications for Lesson Grants – Havelock North • Flyers (various)– forwarded to CD Clubs 	
4. Correspondence Out:		Vicki/Bryan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Bridge – Feedback re Terms of Reference and Retirement by Rotation 9/12/24 • Hasting Bridge Club, Jane Blow – Request for Financial Report on Zelda Morris Tournament 10/12 	

- NZ Bridge and CD Clubs – Minutes of 18 October meeting 16/12
- NZ Bridge and CD Clubs – CDRC Newsletter 17/12
- NZ Bridge – Revised Budget and Business Plan 6/1
- Various flyers to clubs

5. Financial report:

Financial position as at:	31 December 2024
Cheque Account:	\$612.32
Savings Account:	\$142.93
Term Deposit:	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$755.25

Payments approved at last meeting to be ratified:			
Wayne Burrows RC subsidy	11	Dec	\$106.00
Lorraine Stachurski RC Sub	10	Dec	\$158.82
Liz Burrows RC Subsidy	11	Dec	\$158.82
Sarah Green RC Subs	10	Dec	\$158.82
Linda Lawrence Ladder	10	Dec	\$100.00
Michael Sutherland Ladder	10	Dec	\$65.00
Maree Roberts Ladder	10	Dec	\$65.00
Meg Rodel Ladder	10	Dec	\$65.00
Sylvia Brown Ladder	10	Dec	\$40.00
Robyn Anderson Ladder	10	Dec	\$60.00
Henny French Ladder	10	Dec	\$40.00
Mara Robertson Ladder	10	Dec	\$80.00
Martin Berry Ladder	10	Dec	\$100.00
Marit Van Rangelrooy Ladder	10	Dec	\$60.00
Napier BC Engraving	10	Dec	\$73.00
Suzanne Ahipene Ladder	17	Dec	\$100.00
Jack James RC Subsidy	17	Dec	\$106.00
Russell Wilson RC Subsidy	17	Dec	\$106.00
Carolyn Yeomans RC Subsidy	17	Dec	\$158.00
Justine Hart Ladder	21	Dec	\$120.00
Adrienne Cudby Ladder	23	Dec	\$100.00
Bob Hurley RC Subsidy	6	Dec	\$106.00
Anne Gordon RC Subsidy	6	Dec	\$145.90
Pam Livingston RC Subsidy	6	Dec	\$106.00
TOTAL			\$7,647.60

Comments on the Financial report:

The funding we will get from NZ Bridge is unknown at this stage.

Bryan to send End of Year report to NZ Bridge

Motion: That the financial report is accepted.

Bryan/Mairi

Agenda items and General Business

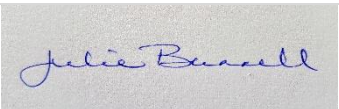
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| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament Review Working Group – Bryan is the CD representative. Will be attending a 2-day workshop in February. NZ Bridge would like a survey of clubs regarding Regional Championships (trials and finals) – On-line, F2F or hybrid; could costs be saved by running in conjunction with Congress; discontinue altogether, barriers to participating in trials, remote clubs. Bryan will make up a survey for clubs and members, including trialists from 2023/24. |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trials and Finals for Regional Championships – Trials will be played as a Pairs competition on-line with the top two pairs in each category being selected as the Regional Team. |

	There will be four categories: Open, Senior, Women's and Intermediate. The decision to hold the trials online was made to reduce costs and to enable more participation from the players of our far-flung region. There is the possibility that the Tournament Review Working Group will recommend that Regional Championships be discontinued, and currently there is no venue allocated; see General Business item 6.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubber Bridge – Poster to be sent out to all CD Clubs and in newsletter. Bryan to provide flyer, and coordinate competition. CDRC would like to increase participation in this event.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter – January edition to advertise lesson grants applications, Trials format, Rubber bridge competition, New Ladder format, Marion Hill Pairs.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fullarton Teams – Try to find a more central club to run these. Julie to approach.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladders - It was decided that a new Ladder Championship be established along the same lines as Intermediate and Junior Ladders. Justine to review information on website and add Open Ladder information. Vicki to advertise in newsletter and send to clubs. <p>Mairi moved that an Open Ladder be established for Open A-point pairs tournaments to be run with similar conditions to the Intermediate and Junior Ladders, 2nd Bryan. Carried.</p>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time for meetings – change to 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

Next meeting: 7.00 pm on Friday 7 March 2025 via Zoom

Minutes confirmed by

Name (<i>printed</i>):	Julie Bunnell	Role:	Chairperson
Signed:		Date:	07 March 2025