

WAIKATO BAYS REGIONAL COMMITTEE



Minutes of WRBC meeting held on 12 May 2025

Held on Zoom at 5pm

Attendees: Alan Dick, Hugh McAlister, Nick Saunders, Gillian Corbett, Kevin Whyte until 5.50pm

Minutes of April meeting: as circulated. Approved.

Matters Arising:

Newsletters and a list of available directors has been sent out. It was noted that the newsletter for Intermediate and Junior leagues has resulted in increased participation in tournaments

Correspondence:

In:

Various tournament posters

Tauranga Charity Pairs event from Tauranga Bridge club and queries from NZB

Re Regional Championships from Richard Solomon and Tony Hacking

From NZB re Huntly Bridge club contact (apparently lost) and response

Re Novice and Junior Session at Morrinsville (Nick Whitten)

Complaint re Te Aroha WAPs (copied from NZB)

Out:

Re Regional Championship results

Regional Championship response to Richard Solomon

Nick Whitten re Morrinsville novice and junior session

Various, re Director and Scorer Day

List of Directors available

Newsletters

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Finance:

Treasurer's report as circulated. (Kevin)

Planning to set up performance against budget prior to next meeting so we can understand what we can spend in any given area.

\$3000 is available. No recent transactions. There are 3 payments pending:

\$150 to reimburse Hugh for koha to Michael Neels

\$200 to the Te Awamutu Bridge club for lessons

\$1165.48 to the Rotorua Bridge club for master points, to be reimbursed. Alan will try to sort this out with Alastair Stuck so not an issue in the future.

Accepted: Kevin/ Hugh

General Business:

Director and Scorers Day:

20 are registered to attend. Hugh is concerned that some people are unaware that registration is at NZB site. The budget for the day is \$1500. Allan Joseph's costs amount to \$840.

Alan is organising 55" video screens on wheeled stands for the forum

They can be used separately and drawn together for the combined session. The AV is expected to be about \$1500 with a possible cost overrun but the value of the meeting is felt to outweigh this.

Michael Neels is planning to bring his own computer to demonstrate Compass.

It was agreed that it was going to be too expensive to record the sessions. Hugh also noted that not recording should encourage more attendees.

Hugh requested that the future education days be not just linked to the Spa Teams because of the clash with the Bay pairs at Mt Maunganui. Alan observed that there are a limited number of potential dates. However after the Kelly Peirse teams could be considered.



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Regional Championship Trials:

The intermediate trials went very well, thanks to Norm Silcock , Hugh and Jackie Blue. It was noted that Jan Spaans did not charge for his involvement. Gratitude to him was expressed. There were not adequate entries in the Open, Senior and Women's categories to justify trials. There has been a lot of feedback about whether combined trials should be held or not. It was suggested that this should be discussed at the club conference to be held this year. Alastair Stuck has been looking for feedback about the Regional selection processes. Hugh will contact him re the outcome of this. Alan Dick has volunteered to act as Chef de Mission. (Hugh/Kevin) It was noted that the Intermediate reps may particularly need support

Action: Hugh to contact Alistair Stuck for feedback re conduct of trials

Grant for Regional Championship Attendance:

A resolution was passed that we should apply for a grant to Pub Charity to cover the accommodation cost for our Regional Team to attend the Regional Championship event in Palmerston North on 6-7 November. This will be for the accommodation of 16 team members, 4 each representing the Waikato Bays region in the Open, Women's, Senior and Intermediate competitions. The cost is expected to amount to \$3540

Status of Directors and Scorers Forum

Nick raised no issues. He plans to put some scenarios on What's App.

Youth Bridge:

No update available

Mini Moos:

The session organised by Nick Whitten is scheduled for 15 June at the Morrinsville club. Alan asked that Nick include this in the Newsletter. Hugh raised the possibility of extending this to the BOP. Nick will keep in touch with Nick Whitten re this meeting.

Junior and Intermediate Leagues:

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Following Nick's newsletter there have been a good number of entries.

Club Meeting:

It was agreed that it is necessary to start planning for a club meeting, last held 18 months ago. A date of 21 September appears suitable as suggested by Alan. Alan also recommended

Matamata as a venue. Issues for discussion include Regional trials format and ensuring that clubs have fixed their constitutions in view of change of rules. Alan welcomes ideas for the meeting. Hugh suggested that the Agenda Items as discussed at this meeting would be good subjects for the club meeting.

General Business:

Nick questioned whether Regional tournaments should be run by the regional committee or the individual club holding the tournament. It was agreed that these are best run by the individual clubs although the Regional committee has overall responsibility.

Meeting ended at 6pm.

A. A. Smith

9/6/25

Chairman

Date of Approval

