

Central Districts Regional Committee



Regional Committee Minutes

Regional Committee Meeting held on: Sunday 11 May 2025, 7.00 pm via Zoom.

Present:	Julie Bunnell (Chair), Bryan Green, Justine Hart, Vicki Maugham, Mairi Fitzsimons	
In attendance:		
Apologies:	None	
Welcome:	Julie welcomed all to the meeting.	
1. Minutes of previous meeting:		
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 March 2025 were confirmed. Vicki to forward to NZ Bridge and CD clubs.	Julie/Mairi
	Matters arising from the previous minutes:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants for lessons – Bryan has disbursed all the grants approved at the last meeting. There are 2 clubs that applied for grants after the closing date. There is approx. \$300 remaining in the grants budget. <i>Julie moved that each of the clubs that applied late receive \$150 as a grant towards the cost of lessons, 2nd Bryan. Carried.</i> Vacancy on CD Committee – Trish Murphy, Hastings Club, has agreed to join the CD Committee to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jenny Peters. The Committee felt it was important to have another representative from the East Coast area. Mairi will mentor Trish in her role. Need approval from NZ Bridge – Vicki to email Secretary. <i>Mairi moved that Trish Murphy, Hastings, with the approval of NZ Bridge, be seconded onto the CD Regional Committee, 2nd Bryan. Carried.</i> Fullarton Teams Planning – The planning from PNBC was circulated. NZ Bridge stipulates a scorer as well as a director. Host club needs to select a Match Committee for the tournament consisting of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A player from the host club 2. A CDRC member (Bryan Green) 3. Master of Major Events (Bridget Hannaway-Wilcox) 4. Director (Lorraine Stachurski) Julie to write to PNBC requesting that they nominate a member of their club to go on the Match Committee and they let CDRC know who the Scorer will be. Bryan will contact Bridget. Rubber Bridge – Ended up with 13 entries. 3 games of Round 1 completed. Napier Club's Request to Host A- Point Tournament – Mairi had approached Rona regarding Transferring the Waipukurau A-Point Tournament to Napier Club and also that the Hawkes Bay Congress will host will host the Zelda Morris Pairs at the Havelock North Club. As yet neither is showing up on the NZB 2026 tournament schedule. Mairi to contact Rona again. PNBC asked that their Swiss Pairs be changed to another date, which has been done. 	

	Correspondence In:	Vicki/Mairi
	<p>As distributed via email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whanganui, Palmerston North, Feilding Clubs– Thank you for coaching grant • NZ Bridge – Board meeting minutes 22 & 28 January 2025 11/3 • NZ Bridge – AGM Preliminary notice 14 June 11/3 – <i>Julie volunteered to be a delegate at the NZ Bridge Conference. She will also attend the AGM.</i> • NZ Bridge – Anna Kalma resignation 13/3 • NZ Bridge – Board position vacancy – 13/3 • Waipukurau Club – Late application for coaching grant – 14/3 • NZ Bridge – Refreshed NZB website 19/2, 20/3 • NZ Bridge – Website migration 21/3 • NZ Bridge – Confirmation that CD Regional Committee was entered on NZB website 21/3 • NZ Bridge – Website issues 22/3 • NZ Bridge – Website information 26/3 • NZ Bridge – Website rollback 27/3 • NZ Bridge – Progress on website 28/3 • NZ Bridge – Masterpoints 1/4 • NZ Bridge – Youth Weekend 7/4 – <i>Ask NZ Bridge for a list of CD Clubs with Youth members, so we can email them with information about the grants for Youth players. Vicki to put in newsletter.</i> • TOPS Secretary – Laws videos to share 7/4 • NZ Bridge – Teachers Conference 8/4 • Auckland Regional Committee – newsletter 11/4 • NZ Bridge – Napier Club request to confirm 2026 tournaments, 16/4 -Mairi following up. • NZ Bridge – Secretary on leave for a week, 17/4 • Michael Hardman – query re bank account name 27/4 • Gisborne BC – Application for coaching grant 29/4 • M. England – Withdrawal from CD Champ Trials 28/4 • P. Livingston – Account number 1/5 • NZ Bridge – CD Trials Return 1/5 • G. Masters – account number. 2/5 • N Woodhall, S Baron – asking for information re CD Trials 1/5 • W Burrows – Complaint re Trials format 2/5 • S Baron – Complaint re Trials format 3/5 • P Livingston – Request to add 2 more players to Open Team 6/5 • NZ Bridge – Conference delegate requiring accommodation 6/5 	
4.	Correspondence Out:	Vicki/Bryan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Clubs – notification of coaching grant approval • NZ Bridge, CD Clubs – Minutes of CDRC meeting held 24 January 2025 8/3 • R Driscoll – notification that Fullarton Teams will be played at PNBC (not online as I originally told her) 8/3 • NZ Bridge, Alister Stuck – National Champs not showing up on the search engine on Upcoming Tournaments 14/4 • Waipukurau BC – reply to late grant application. Recommend they apply for a coaching grant. 10/3 • Senior, Women's & Intermediate Triallists – Information regarding trials 27/4 • W Burroughs – acknowledgement of complaint 2/4 • Triallists for CD Championships – notification of winners in each section. 3/4 • P Livingston – acknowledge receipt of letter 6/4 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M Wiggins – Uploading results to NZ bridge website and awarding of A and B points											
5.	Financial report:											
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	Comments on Financial Report											
6.	Expenses outstanding from Trials – Director’s fee, Masterpoints, RealBridge fee.											
7.	Some Trials entry fees need to be repaid due to withdrawals.											
8.	Moved: That the Committee approved the repayments for withdrawn entries to Trials and coaching grants to Gisborne and Waipukurau Clubs. Bryan/Vicki Carried.											


Agenda Items and General Business		
9.	Regional Trials – Trials were held on 3 May and teams announced. It was played as double round robin with each pair having 2 byes. NZB requires that there is a minimum for 60 boards, but due to byes no team played 60. In the future, the committee should work harder to recruit more pairs so there are no byes. The director was invited to this meeting, but did not respond. Director should be confirmed by email, so a paper trail is established. Live viewing was not enabled on RealBridge. This needs to be enabled from now on. The entry date should be earlier so we can have a discussion with the director and get the format out to players in a timely manner. Results and A- and B-points were late being uploaded to the NZB website. Championship Teams finalists are up on CD website. Reply to S Barron and W Burroughs that the committee is putting things in place to make the format fairer, have a minimum of 8 board matches, and sufficient boards are played to meet NZB guidelines, Julie to draft letter. Reply to P Livingston that NZB has said Teams of 4. Send copy of NZB email from 27 February. Vicki to reply.	
10.	Chef de Mission - Committee agreed we should have a chef de mission. Delay decision on this until July when we should know what funding is available.	
11.	Funding – Check with NZB on what funding they are providing.	

	Julie and Vicki to look at what grants/sponsorship is available. Julie to write to finalists saying we are unsure how much funding will be coming from NZB but that they should book accommodation now in order to get cheaper rates.
12.	Newsletter – To go out this week with Regional Championship Teams finalists, youth player grants, advertise Hawkes Bay Congress, Junior tournaments

Meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

Next meeting: **7.00 pm on Friday 27 June 2025** via Zoom

Minutes confirmed by

Name (<i>printed</i>):	Julie Bunnell	Role:	Chairperson
Signed:		Date:	27 June 2025