



Minutes WR Bridge Committee Meeting 13th August 2024

Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Margaret Robertson as a visitor. Alan thanked Jill for coming onto the committee. Alister had emailed that the Board had accepted her nomination.

Present: Alan Grant, Claudia Duncan, Katherine Gough, Jill Herman.

In attendance Anne Marie Russell and Margaret Robertson

Apologies: Graham is unable to attend so sent in the Rubber bridge update.

Minutes of the previous meeting 8th July. Alan/Katherine moved that the minutes were a true and accurate record. **Carried**

Matters Arising – Nigel Kearney will be Chef de Mission

Financial report. (attached) – Received and accepted.

Alan/Claudia moved that Jill Herman be the Treasurer for Wellington Regional Bridge committee.

Carried.

Moved Katherine/Claudia that the signatories for the bank account be Jill Herman, Anne Marie Russell and Alan Grant. **Carried**

Moved Alan/Jill that John Patterson and Graham Cheater remain as signatories until the new signatories have been arranged then removed. **Carried**

Claudia to write to Alister to confirm changes and to ask how to proceed with this process. **Action: Claudia**

Correspondence: IN; Martyn- Kairangi request to change tournament date, Kapi Mana- change of tournament dates, John -NZBridge invoice, letter regarding signatories, Alister – Conference followups, update to the NZBridge portal, National Conference papers, Toolkit outline, Chch midwinter teams, Newsletter No.4, acceptance of Jill Herman onto the committee pending ratification at the Board meeting, ccd-Improvers Lessons, proposed constitution changes, Event marketing Kit. **IN/OUT:** Alan-masterpoints clarification, Region club champs, meeting times, co-opting Jill to the committee. John-re signatories, Congress surplus. Alister-Hawera Fundraiser, link for NZBridge manual, Waikato Region templates, request for a copy of confirmed minutes and finances.

General Business

- Update on Rubber Pairs. Finalists are Barbara Tumilowicz and Johnny Davidson. Ross Quayle and Mariusz Tumilowicz. Both pairs qualify to play in the National Finals but Ross is unable to play. Bridget/NZBridge are yet to advise how this will be managed.
- Regional Club Championships: Alan explained why the result was changed due to the lack of time at the end of play to check results when there was a mistake. He consulted Alan Joseph and Murray Wiggins to clarify the rules which made Karori and Hutt joint winners. In future major events the Region will formally require the Match Committee attempt to ensure that:
 - Scoring slips are available for players to check promptly after play of the final match and it is announced that scoring errors may be advised and accepted (assuming agreement by both parties involved) up to a limit of a specified time – which will normally be within 30 minutes after the scoring slips are available. After that time the scoring will become final and no further changes will be allowed.
 - In the event that scoring slips are not available, e.g. due to technical problems, then the event organisers will announce when and where the scores will be available online – and a specified time that corrections will be allowed after that time. This will normally be by the end of the same day as the score is available or within no longer than 18 hours after the score is available online.

There is uncertainty about which Club will host the Championships in 2025. Claudia/Alan to advise Clubs of the change of results.

Action: Alan/ Claudia to communicate the above to the clubs

- Alan would like to be reimbursed for the prizes he bought. Need to find appropriate receipts.
- National tournaments: Wellington has the opportunity to host the National Teams – 15-16 March 2025. Yet to be confirmed. Claudia to seek more information. **Action: Claudia**
- Tournaments for 2025 – several items to be discussed:
 - Confirmation of tournaments listed in 2025 have been received from Waikanae and Paraparaumu.
 - Otaki have asked that their Junior and Intermediate tournaments remain as listed.
 - Kapi Mana request a change of date for either their Intermediate or Intermediate/Junior Multigrade tournaments so that they do not have 2 tournaments two weeks apart in October(5th & 19th).
 - Margaret to finalise the change of date with her committee and then notify the Region committee. **Action: Margaret**
 - Kairangi request a change for their 5B Intermediate tournament from 23 March to the 8th or 15th June. They will not make it a joint Intermediate/Junior Tournament.
 - Alan communicated with Victoria's President and Manager through Graeme Schofield and they indicated that they had no issue with the change. Alan to talk to Tony Sutich from Kairangi, as we feel the 15th will be a better date.
Action: Alan – Alan will communicate with Rona re tournaments.
Action: Alan – draft a communication to the clubs regarding the tournament changes and to remind them to confirm dates for all tournaments in 2025

E Website. Katherine will talk to Bridget re old website.

Action: Katherine

f. Newsletter; Katherine will collate a newsletter to send out to clubs in conjunction with Alan.

Action: Katherine/Alan

g. **Nomination.** Moved Alan/Claudia that Margaret Robertson be nominated onto the Regional Committee. Accepted

Carried.

Claudia to contact Alister.

Action: Claudia

h. Anna-Marie indicated she would look after the Rubber bridge competition in 2025.

Action : Anne-Marie

i. Anne-Marie explained that the women playing in the Regional Women trials hadn't received their A points when playing at Victoria. Alan thought that the host club was responsible for this.

Action: Alan/Anne-Marie

Meeting ended at 2.25PM

Next Meeting to be 10th September at 1.00PM at the Wellington Bridge Club