



Minutes WR Bridge Committee Meeting 10th September 2024

Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting

Present: Alan Grant, Claudia Duncan, Jill Herman, Anne-Marie, Margaret Robertson

Apologies: Katherine.

Minutes of the previous meeting 15th August. Alan/Jill moved that the minutes were a true and accurate record. **Carried**

Matters Arising: Alan and Claudia still to communicate the change of Club Champs results.

Action: Alan/Claudia.

Confirmation that Wgtn Club will host the National Teams in March. Katherine asked about content to be put in the newsletter. The committee would like information from the committee meetings to go out. Alan to send an outline to Katherine including a reminder to Clubs of the Incorporated Societies changes and to action if necessary.

Action: Alan

"A" points for the Womens' Tournament not received. Anne-Marie to contact Alister.

Action: Anne-Marie.

Correspondence : In; Requests and changes from Clubs for 2025. Listed below.-NZBridge; Info for signatories, transfer of funds over from the Wellington account from 2nd Sept (Congress). Hawera Tournament, News from the Chair, Board minutes, AGM draft minutes, ANRC newsletter. Graham-the Region subsidises accommodation for Rubber bridge players \$200? Bridget; Invoice from Wgtn Club for \$129.00 for RealBridge Interclub, dates for 2026 Congress. John re Upper Hutt requesting rebate for 2023 lessons – John has requested committee decision.

IN/OUT: Tournament changes from Clubs. Alan/Rona tournament confirmations

Financial report. (attached) – Received and accepted.

Claudia to receive invoices, then when collated and authorisation for payment from the Committee is confirmed, sent onto John for payment.

A reminder for Alan and Anne-Marie to become signatories.

Action; Alan/Anne-Marie

Regional Committee still needs a treasurer to be found. John has offered to continue supporting in the meantime, but he has asked that invoices to be collated and authorised as outlined above to make it easier for him.

Payments:

- To Wellington Club (Realbridge) \$129.00.

- Directors fees for Interclub Nebojsa \$75 and Kim \$60

Otaki Bridge Club \$50 for funds paid to WRC in error. Moved Claudia/Alan. **Carried**
 Alan/Claudia moved accommodation subsidies of \$200 be given to each of the Rubber bridge finalists, on the proviso that it is the same as last year, which needs to be clarified.

Carried

Upper Hutt Club has asked for payment of their lesson subsidy for 2023. Alan to get more info about what happened, in case their application was misplaced or forgotten. Then a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Action: Alan

It was agreed in principle that, in future, if the subsidy is for eligible costs for supporting lessons such as advertising, then an invoice for the relevant advertising and teaching costs should be sent to the treasurer with the application within the relevant current year.

General Business

- Tournament schedule for 2025 nearly complete as per the spreadsheet. Confirmations from Otaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu, Kapi Mana, Wellington, Victoria, Kairangi, Karori, South Wairarapa. Alan to communicate with Masterton. **Action: Alan**
- NZBridge AGM-delegate? It was thought that delegates represented clubs, not the regions. Claudia to check with Alister. **Action: Claudia**
- Date for Regional Conference 2025. To be confirmed. Alan to ask Alan Morris if he would like to attend. **Action: Alan**
- Directors' training. An email has been sent to clubs re club and tournament directors assessments for 2024, 2025. Claudia to contact Alan re any more training next year.
- Interclub. Anne-Marie to write a survey asking Clubs investigating preference whether 2025 Interclub be F2F or Online. Claudia to send out. **Action: Anne-Marie/ Claudia**
 More Open teams are needed for that section to be viable to run. Only two teams entered in 2024. The question was discussed; should the Open section be opened to nationwide entries? General discussion indicated it was agreed that this would be the only way that sufficient numbers could be achieved in the Open grade competition.

Meeting ended at 2.15PM

Next Meeting to be 8th October at the Wellington Bridge Club rooms