

WAIKATO BAYS REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of WBRC meeting 14 October 2024 held on Zoom
at 5 pm



Attendees: Alan Dick, Nick Saunders, Kevin Whyte (until 5:45), Hugh McAlister,

In attendance – Anna Kalma

Apologies: Greg Davenport - approved

Minutes of September meeting: as circulated - approved

Matters arising –

- Change of access and password to Secretary Account - completed
- Request sent to NZ Bridge Board for Ella's re-instatement – however she has confirmed her resignation from the committee today and a note sent to NZ Bridge advising of this.
- Note to NZ Bridge re national events, profit share etc not required as discussed with Allan Morris and Sue Brown at length during Congress.
- Model answers for Directors Forum, agreed to approach WB Directors primarily Nick Whitten and Norm Silcock, Expect advice to be sought from Pat Carter and Julie Atkinson
- League finals prizes determined and presented

Correspondence:

IN - Emails in have been circulated, some requiring action immediately particularly the running of the National Swiss Pairs. Discussion resolved that Tauranga be approached to host the event

OUT - Bridget Hannaway advised WB will run the National Swiss Pairs F2F, venue TBC.

Finance:

- Status of accounts verbally tabled by Kevin. Accommodation payment approved.
- Agreement that the actions taken to advise team contribution to expenses for the Regional Championships is likely to be adequate. Hugh to advise the Teams of details and logistics of the finals
- Activity list for budget 2025 tabled (new financial year is 1 Jan to 31 Dec) – additional items to be added (Milan support, Promotional Support. Alan and Kevin to put some flesh on it – will likely need some prioritisation.

Action: Hugh (support Kevin and Alan) to follow up with RC Teams. Kevin and Alan to put numbers to the activities for a proposed budget. Kevin to pay RC accommodation.

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General Business:

- Forum – WhatsApp group operating with 39 members. Continuation of the prepared questions and model answers agreed.
- A list of local Club Directors and select potential candidates for taking the Tournament Directors exam when the qualification assessment is held in WB in 2025.

Action: Nick to arrange preparation, also to prepare list of possible candidates for Tournament Director, Hugh to assist.

- Note from Jena Robinson (Thames) expressing thanks for support from Mike Neels and suggesting some form of recognition is required for the work he does in supporting scoring issues experienced. Discussion agreed that as experience of use of any scoring package improves people get better at solving problems but that sharing of experience and resolved that major “gotcha’s” could be useful. People who are package knowledgeable and good teachers are required.

Actions: Alan to discuss with Mike Neels and propose a solution

- Alan outlined difficulties in identifying and contacting a possible replacement Secretary, various people have been approached but to date none have the available time. Phone number for Gilda Rowland provided to Alan to follow up with her.

Meeting ended 6.15 pm

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan".

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