

WAIKATO BAYS REGIONAL COMMITTEE

of WBRC meeting 18 December 2024 held on Zoom
at 5 pm



Attendees: Alan Dick, Nick Saunders, Kevin Whyte, Hugh McAlister, Greg Davenport (from 5:20)

In attendance – Anna Kalma

Minutes of November meeting: as circulated - Approved

Matters arising –

- Tournament change requests processed, some approved, some sent back with recommendations for further changes. To streamline the process these will be dealt with in future by a sub-committee of Nick, Hugh and Alan
- Rebecca approached to enter Tournament Directors exams. No response at this stage, Nick and Hugh to follow up. Claire Coles has had to withdraw.

Correspondence:

IN - Marketing funding from Mel

Numerous Tournament change requests (Taupo, Hamilton, Tauranga, Te Puke, WAPS)
Tournament review group (to be discussed in meeting)
Marketing Attraction and Retention from Mel
Latest Active Directors List
National Teams Tournament Notice 15th March
Kawerau BC Closure
Secretary Honorarium
SI Pairs Online 2025 Notice

OUT – Richard Solomom congratulations Letter

Taupo Tournament Change re date not accepted
Tournament Changes to NZB
Scorers Sessions Emails
Kawerau Club Closure
Waikato Inter Club teams (to be discussed)

Finance:

- Status of accounts circulated by Kevin.
- Proposed Business Plan and budget tabled – savings need to be made, and discussion identified areas and possible combination of Director and Scorer face to face day.

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- Re-imburement to RC teams as per advise completed.

Action: Kevin to review draft 2025 budget



General Business:

- Honorarium for Ella discussed. General agreement that an honorarium for her be paid and the consensus was for \$500. Formally proposed Kevin, seconded Greg, pass unanimously. The discussion also made clear that the existing members of the WBRC have no desire to be paid any honorarium and strongly believe that activities are voluntary.
- Greg outlined the timetable for introduction of Bridge Lessons at Thames High. Will be mid first term but there is goodwill and a desire to make it work. Suggested that Greg include Marcus Dudley as youth coordinator for NZB and Hugh will provide his email to Greg.
- Mini Moos. Nick Whitten has agreed to run the events and has some material available to use again including prize books. Possible budget requirement tabled but needs review with Nick and agreement from Clubs that may be involved with the running of the program. Agreement that defence needs to be added to the program. Nick and Kevin to work with Nick Whitten to put in place with an aim of self-funding at the club sessions but covering Nick's travel expenses.
- Tournament change requests for Taupo who want an extra 8B tournament. They have been advised of the rules and the manual and are reviewing their requirements

Action: Follow up when more information is available from Taupo.

- Scorers Forum update. Two sessions now held, with good attendance and there is a realisation that although the sessions are correct in terms of setup for 2025 that common scoring errors and corrections will need to be covered as well. Reminder needs to be made that the WhatsApp messaging can be used for simple queries and the like, but that the Zoom sessions and being able to replay them later is a key requirement.
- Directors Forum. Moving along nicely - agreement that another day using Allan Joseph in conjunction with the Spa Town Teams will minimise costs for all and should also combine the scorers group – venue to be determined but is likely to require larger clubrooms than Matamata can provide.

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- Naming of Club Events. Hugh raised an issue that many clubs have internal events named after original Club Members that no one has any knowledge of anymore and if there are any policies for how to deal with this or renaming. Agreement that many clubs face this issue but it is an internal issue for each club, not a regional issue.
- New Secretary – Gillian Corbett has accepted nomination to the WBRC as Secretary and Hugh outlined her impressive qualifications. Agreement that her nomination be passed to the Board for approval and that the role be split between Correspondence (Nick who has been doing a great job and agreed to continue doing this) and Minutes/applications. Nomination approved unanimously.
- Agreed that Alan would look into a licence for Zoom so we don't have breaks now that his previous strategy no longer works. Also look into how the licence could be used to extend the Q&A segment of the scoring training sessions.

Meeting ended 6.15pm

Signed: *a. a. Dub*

Date: *24/2/25*

