

**Minutes of WBRC meeting 17 March 2025**  
**held on Zoom at 5pm**

Attendees: Alan Dick, Hugh McAlister, Nick Saunders, Kevin Whyte, Gillian Corbett

**Apologies:** Greg Devonport

**Minutes of December meeting:** as circulated, Approved

**Matters arising:** Nothing raised

**Correspondence:**

**In:**

- Various tournament posters
- RCs from NZ bridge
- Board meeting minutes
- 2025 National conference notification
- Nomination form for NZ Bridge AGM attendance
- Notification of Anna Kalma's resignation from the National Bridge committee
- Expression of Interest for National committee membership
- NZB AGM notice
- Re Omokoroa Junior tournament
- Membership report
- Tournament Director assessment weekend

**Out:**

- Newsletter to clubs re Junior/Intermediate leagues
- Tournament director/ scorer forum notice
- Various tournament notifications



## Discussion re Correspondence:

It was proposed that Nick attends the NZ Bridge regional conference.

Anna is unable to join the regional committee for personal reasons. Alan noted that she has been a very busy person and has been very valuable to our committee. We are not eligible for another observer.

## Finance:

Kevin: Balance is \$469. 41 in account

Request from Tauranga for promotion grant for \$200.

Zoom bill for \$265. 43.

Will also get requests for advertising for learner classes. Provide 50% up to \$200.

All signing authority for accounts is in Wellington

Will need to approach NZ Bridge for funds. Kevin is going to do this.

Agreed: Kevin/ Nick

## General Business:

### Regional Championships:

The regional championships may take 1 or 2 days depending on numbers. Norm Silcock, the director and Jan Spaans the scorer are happy with this. The running has been delegated to the Tauranga club. The involvement of the regional committee should be at the highest level. (Alan)

The cut off date for entry was proposed to be the 29<sup>th</sup> April (Hugh) and it was recommended that this should be highlighted in red on the poster and also on the Tournament site on NZ bridge (Nick). The budget is \$30 per player. Hugh suggested that Michael Ware as well as Jenna Gibbons and Barry Jones should be involved in the selection process. Hugh raised the question of whether a combined trial should be considered for the Open, Seniors and Women's players if 10 pairs in a section have not entered. He feels that it may be appropriate for the Women's and Mixed but not the Open as Open tend to be stronger players. Hugh felt that Michael Ware may be helpful in deciding this. **Action:** Alan is to approach Michael Ware re his involvement and also Jenna and Barry re the arrangements

### Director and Scorers' Day:

Hugh has sent out a program for this to Allan Joseph and is awaiting comments. He has also written to Nick, Greg and Michael Neels. Nick notes that it is has "good bones". Hugh discussed the issue of technological support in Tauranga in the absence of Mike Newton.



Alan felt that this could be managed by himself, Michael and Nick. Nick suggested that registration could be on the NZB tournament site.

Hugh will continue to work on the program with Nick and Alan organising on the day.

**Action:** Hugh to speak to Jackie Blue to determine if the registration can be on the NZB website

#### **Status of Director and Scorers' Forum:**

Nick observed that the chat group status is "stable". Not many people requesting to join at this stage. There have been no recent scoring teaching sessions. He said that he may put up some scenarios via the What's App Directors' forum. It was felt that the forum in June would be an opportunity for people to state what they wanted

#### **Youth Bridge:**

In the absence of Greg there was nothing to report

#### **Status of Available Directors List**

Nick Cantlon, Norm Silcock have made themselves available for regional tournaments. Nick and Alan also indicated their availability.

#### **Mini Moos**

Nick is planning to get together with Nick Whitten to plan these sessions in Morrinsville. Hugh suggested that something similar could be organised in the course of time in BOP.

**Action:** Nick to meet up with Nick Whitten to sort out a program

#### **Waikato Interclub Teams:**

Clare Cole is happy with these being run from Cambridge. The club has access to St John's Ambulance rooms adjacent. It can be difficult for smaller clubs to have an Open team and so it may not be possible to have all grades from those clubs. BOP sticks with clubs that are able to have full representation however.

#### **Junior and Intermediate Leagues**

There was a good turn out last weekend to the first event. Nick was congratulated on his first newsletter Alan/Hugh. Nick suggested the newsletter once every 2 months

#### **Other Business:**

**Omokoroa:** Nick noted that the Omokoroa Junior tournament is going ahead on 4th October and a date in April will be requested for next year.

Meeting ended at 5.55pm

*Alan Cantlon*

Chairman.

14/11/25

Date of Approval

