

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHLAND CONTRACT BRIDGE CENTRE HELD AT THE WHANGAREI BRIDGE CLUBROOMS ON 14 MARCH 2014

Present: Peter Hirzel (President) Andrew Thomson (Acting Secretary-Treasurer) (Paihia); Sue Brown, Marilyn Kennedy (Kerikeri); Margaret Hooson, Yvonne McKinnon, Janice Johnson (Whangarei); Ddirdre Dewhurst, Vivienne Nisbet (Dargaville)

Apologies: Di Sadler (Paihia)

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 8 March 2013 were read and approved Brown/Hirzel

Correspondence: None

President's Report: Peter Hirzel said that he was not willing to have a President's report, and this was accepted by the meeting

Treasurer's Report: It was noted that the 2012 financial figures needed to be reviewed before onwards transmission and would be checked with Sue Brown. For 2013, there had been a surplus of income over expenditure of \$355.83. Agreed subject to modification Brown/Nisbet

Election of Officers: This being the start of the second year of a two-year term, there was no requirement for elections

President Peter Hirzel

Secretary/Treasurer: Di Sadler

Wylie Salver Convener: Roger Toplis

Bridge Magazine Co-ordinator: Tania Brown if willing to continue

Northland Championship Recorder: Sue Brown

Subscriptions: There should be no change to the present \$5. Brown/Hirzel

Subscriptions were paid at the meeting for both the Centre and the Wylie Salver (the latter with the exception of Kerikeri)

Tournament Dates: The proposed schedule was presented and approved with a few alternations. Sue Brown will check these with the Auckland and NZ Bridge calendars

General Business:

Whangarei will take over the presidency and secretary/treasurer role as from the 2015 AGM System card policy. There was a long discussion on this issue, under which a bulletin from New Zealand Bridge dated 19 February 2014 requires players to fully disclose their partnership agreements prior to the commencement of play. On the one hand it was argued that NZ Bridge will not backtrack. On the other hand it was argued that system cards should only be applied for 'A' point tournaments, otherwise people will be put off from participating in tournaments. It was also argued that a WORD version was needed. Peter Hirzel agreed to write a letter to Peter Bowyer at the Auckland Centre about the concerns in Northland

The meeting confirmed an award of \$100 for the Northland champion.

It was suggested by Margaret Hooson that there should be a template for organizing tournaments. Viv Nisbet agreed to check the Dargaville files for a version which had been created by Lynette Morgan

There was a discussion about lessons and how to create publicity for these.

The registered office should be moved to Paihia

Thanks to the Whangarei Club for hosting the meeting, with the Northland Centre supplying the fish and chips.

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Confirmed: President

Date 14 March 2014