



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held Thursday 29th September via Telephone Conference Call
commencing at 6pm**

PARTICIPATING: Kay Nicholas (Chair), Graham Wakefield, Patsy Walters, Lynne Fegan, Alan Turner & Jenny Wilkinson

In Attendance: Alister Stuck Secretary & Arie Geursen Chief Tournament Director

Apologies: Richard Solomon (Overseas)

1. WELCOME

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Copies of the following minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

- Board Meeting – 20th August 2011

Moved that the Minutes of the Meeting held 20 August subject to resolution 80/2001 being amended to read “accredited” rather than appointed to read as follows:

Moved that Martin Oyston be **accredited** as a National Director and that he be congratulated on his success.

CARRIED 86/2011

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of Inward and Outward Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the report summarising the Inward & Outwards Correspondence be received.

CARRIED 87/2011

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Social Media - Facebook page**

As Allan Barclay had not joined the meeting discussion on this topic was deferred until the next meeting.

- **Outstanding Insurance Claim**

The meeting discussed the lack of progress with completing the Travel Insurance Claim relating to the disruptions caused by the ash clouds which affected the NZ Teams travel to and from the ABPF event in Malaysia. It was noted that those players who had made their own initial travel arrangements but subsequently rebooked at NZ Bridge's expense had not yet confirmed their refund from Jetstar. This has contributed to the delay in completing the claim.

It was agreed that Alan Turner would take responsibility for completing the claim process to ensure that it is lodged with Jardines no later than Friday 7th October.

- **Electronic Scoring- Amendment to Regulation**

As Allan Barclay had not joined the meeting discussion on this topic was deferred until the next meeting.

- **Discussion Item – Establishing an 8th Region**

Graham spoke to the paper that he had circulated prior to the meeting regarding the establishment of an 8th Region. A discussion followed and there was an overarching view that any proposal to create a further Region would be best initiated at a Regional level rather than by a top down approach initiated by the Board. It was agreed that this concept be flagged for discussion at a Regional Conference in 2012.

- **Discussion Item – Club Websites**

Graham led this discussion regarding the possible provision of Websites for all affiliated Clubs. Graham also outlined a promotion aimed at the Auckland Northland Region Clubs in conjunction with Contractbridge.net who were offering Club Websites with a deferred fee.

- **Discussion Item- Review of Grades and Rankings**

Graham circulated a proposal to realign the Masterpoint ranking bands from 2012. This was not supported by the meeting but was flagged for discussion at the December meeting.

Kay advised that a significant review was undertaken in 2006 which led to the introduction of the Gold & Silver Grandmaster ranks and the shift in the grade trigger bands for Junior & Intermediate Tournaments. Kay has the Agenda and a copy of the input received from Julie Atkinson & Allan Barclay which was discussed at that Review.

- **NZ Teams – Bowl Events 2012**

Jenny Wilkinson and Alan Turner will be absent for the next meeting as they will be attending the World Teams Championships in The Netherlands. Kay wished them, and our representative team members and officials, a safe journey and a successful tournament.

Next Meeting

6pm – 15 November 2011

(Phone Conference)

7.00pm Meeting Closed