



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held via at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport on
Wednesday 10th December 2014 commencing at 8.30am**

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Allan Joseph, Shirley Newton, Graham Wakefield,
Phil Rutherford, Alan Turner & Anthony Hopkins.

In Attendance: Alister Stuck, National Secretary until 1.15pm, Richard Solomon,
Bridge Development Officer, & Murray Wiggins, Chief Director.

1. WELCOME

Arie welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES Nil

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes 4th December 2014

Moved that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 4th December 2014 be confirmed.

CARRIED 93/2014

4. DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PROJECTS

Development of a Strategic Plan & Business Plan

A Project Team should be established to rework the Draft Strategic Plan (Dated 1 June, 2014) into a document that sets out a Strategy for NZB which resonates with our Key Stakeholders, Clubs and their players, and a Business Plan to deliver on that Strategy.

It was agreed that one of the goals for the Business Plan should be the development of a Roll of Honour or Certificate of Appreciation to recognise the outstanding work of our many volunteers with nominations for such awards to be initiated at a Board, Regional and Club level.

Moved that a Project Team comprising Shirley (leader), Richard, Alister, Anthony & Phil be established.

CARRIED 94/2014

Drafting of new Tournament Regulations

A Project Team should be established to draft new and comprehensive Tournament Regulation at underpin the Constitution and encompass all the relevant Tournament Regulations that are currently scattered throughout sections A, B, C and D of the Manual and clarify the Board's position on those parts of the 2007 Laws that impart a discretion on the Regulating Authority (NZB Board), the Tournament Organiser or the Director.

Moved that a Project Team comprising Allan Joseph (leader), Murray & Graham be established.

CARRIED 95/2014

Constitution Review

A Project Team should be established to review and rewrite sections of our CD&D Committee, National and Regional Recorders, Constitution and Appeals process.

Moved that a Project Team comprising Arie Geursen (leader), Graham Wakefield, Allan Joseph, Fergus More, Kris Wooles, Alan Dormer, Malcolm Smith, Murray Wiggins with the power to co-opt be established.

CARRIED 96/2014

Development of a Board Manual, Employment Manual & Health & Safety Manual

A Project Team should be established to draft the above documents so as to tighten up all Board administrative procedures, employment policies, Personnel Manual, Health and Safety policies for Board members, Employees and Contractors of NZ Bridge.

Moved that a Project Team comprising Phil Rutherford (leader) & Alister be established.

CARRIED 97/2014

Marketing & New Website

NZ Bridge needs a new modern single communications channel for itself, its clubs and their players and the public, with the aim of growing the game and generating sponsorship and advertising.

One suggestion which could be investigated is Cinema advertising through a Val Morgan advertisement which could be adapted to highlight local Clubs and lessons.

Moved that a Project Team comprising Anthony Hopkins (Chair), Shirley Newton, Alister Stuck, Richard Solomon, Phil Rutherford, Karen Martelletti with the power to co-opt additional members be established.

CARRIED 98/2014

It was agreed that this Project Team be allocated an initial budget of \$5000.

Tournaments & Participation- Refreshing the Brand

A Project Team should be established to research and determine if the Tournament offerings by NZB are serving the needs of Bridge players in 2014? An objective will be to develop a number of new ideas around a unified Brand for NZB Tournaments across the country.

Moved that a Project Team comprising Alan Turner (Leader), Rona Driscoll, Alister, Richard, Murray & Fiona Temple.

CARRIED 99/2014

Director of Marketing

Moved that this position and the existing Committees reporting to the role be now disestablished.

CARRIED 100/2014

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Letter to Board from Murray Wiggins

The Chief Director and the Board discussed various matters in relation to the role.

Report- 2014 Interprovincials

Anthony Hopkins provided a brief informal overview of the 2014 IP Competition held at the end of November in the Auckland Bridge Club's premises. While the overall tournament arrangements and the event itself went very well there were technology difficulties encountered with the scoring and consequently the progressive posting of the interim results to the web. The formal debrief will look at recommendations to address these issues, the necessity to identify one person associated with the host Club as having overall responsibility for all matters other than the actual conduct of play, start times and timing between match play and length of sessions including the provision of the evening meal for contestants, prior notification of team members and system cards and other concerns.

This event is seen by the Board as a key competition highlight to complete the calendar year and will continue to be part of the bridge calendar in 2015. With regard to a Friday/Sunday date or a Saturday/Monday alternative the Board noted that it appeared easier to negotiate accommodation deals over the Saturday and Sunday nights rather than the Friday and Saturday option, and there had been little comment from players at the Auckland event over the switch this year.

Moved That the Christchurch Bridge Club, in consultation with the Canterbury Regional Committee, be offered the responsibility for hosting the 2015 Interprovincial Tournament over either the period Friday 27 November – Sunday 29th or Saturday 28 November - Monday 30 November 2015 and that the Board seek a formal response directed to the Bridge Development Officer, Richard Solomon, not later than 10 January 2015.

CARRIED 101/2014

The Board noted that the Rendezvous Hotel is within reasonable walking distance

from the proposed venue and will likely be the preferred accommodation location for the organisers.

Meeting with NZ Bridge Foundation

Graham Wakefield provided an overview of the recent meeting between Board representatives (Arie, Graham, Anthony & Allan Joseph) and the current Trustees and Secretary of the Foundation, which had covered a range of issues. The Trustees and the Board have agreed to consider a Memorandum of Understanding be completed between the two entities to clarify various matters and expectations going forward. A link will be available from the NZB website to the Foundation's website to facilitate the relationship.

Meeting Closed 3.00PM

Confirmed Meeting Dates 2015

Date	Day	Venue
3 Feb 2015	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
14 April 2015	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
12 May 2015	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
13 June 2015	Sat - National Conference	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
14 July 2015	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
18 Aug 2015	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
26 Sept 2015	Sat – AGM	Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton
20 Oct 2015	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room