



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport on Wednesday
11th March 2015 commencing at 8.30am

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Allan Joseph, Graham Wakefield, Alan Turner, Shirley Newton, Anthony Hopkins & Phil Rutherford from 9.15am

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

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 5th March 2015

Moved that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 5th March 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED 11/2015

4. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

ABF Management Committee Meeting

Arie summarised the matters covered at a recent ABF meeting which he attended. It was the wish of both organisations that they continue to work together to share ideas and best practices for the betterment of Bridge. As a first step, it was agreed that two Secretaries liaise to ensure that minutes and matters arising from the ABF Management Committee and NZB Board Meetings are tabled at their respective meetings. In addition, the ABF National Marketing Officer, Sandra Mulcahy, and the NZB Bridge Development Officer, Richard Solomon, would stay in touch as well.

The question of an Australasian Bridge Club on BBO is still a work in progress.

Zone 7 Council Meeting

Arie reported on the recent Zone 7 Council meeting held at the Gold Coast Congress. Minutes from this would be circulated in due course. Of note was John Wignall's intention to step down as the Zonal Delegate to the WBF at the end of the current 3 year term. It was also the Zone's intention to increase the

player levies from Jan 2016 suggesting an increase from 2.5 cents to 5cents per player.

Travel Insurance Proposal

Graham reported on preliminary work he had undertaken with TBIB group Australia to establish a "Travel Insurance" scheme for NZ Bridge Players and their families similar to, but separate from, the scheme currently offered to members of the existing ABF. While early days, Graham will report further once a proposal from TBIB is available to table.

Bridge Development Officers Report

Richard took the opportunity to summarise his report which was tabled at the previous meeting

Review of Rubber Bridge Regulations

Murray reported that the review was underway and the revised regulations would be tabled at the next Board meeting for adoption and release.

Publishing of Results online - 15A events and above

Murray advised that procedures were now in place to ensure that results can be accessed via a link from the NZ Bridge home page for all 15A and above events.

Vacancy- Central Districts Recorder

Murray reported that the position of CD recorder remains vacant and that he was working with the National Recorder Malcolm Smith to make a suitable appointment as soon as possible. As an interim measure Malcom will cover the Central Districts Region.

Supplementary Regulations - 15A events and above

Allan Joseph has prepared and will circulate a checklist for Regions/ Clubs charged with the organising and hosting of events at this level.

5. TASK FORCE REPORTS

Constitution Review

Arie outlined the initial draft of the changes to the Constitution which will be finalised and presented at the 2015 AGM. Although stepping down from the Board at the end of March Graham confirmed that he would be available to continue the work with the project team.

Tournament Regulations

Allan Joseph summarised that progress since the last meeting with the drafting of new Tournament Regulations.

Strategic & Business Plan

Shirley led this segment. It was agreed that the visual presentation of NZB's strategy needs to be developed before it is rolled out to all Club's. The working party will meet prior to the next meeting to finalise the document.

Board Manual

Phil reported progress to date and advised that Kay Nicholas had agreed to join the group to assist with the drafting of the Board Manual.

Tournament Participation

Alan Turner reported that this project had not yet commenced but that he would be calling for volunteers to assist. It was agreed that this was a long term project and that any recommendations / outcomes would not be implemented before 2017 at the earliest.

Marketing- Growing the Game

Allan Turner and Anthony reported the work they had done with the view to making a firm recommendation re the future of the NZ Bridge Website at the April Board meeting.

A general discussion then took place regarding some opportunities to grow the game. Any such projects would be budgeted for the next financial year.

At the conclusion of the formal part of the meeting Arie thanked Graham for the sterling job he had done as a Board member over the past 6 years and with NZCBA prior to that.

Meeting Closed 3.15PM

Confirmed Meeting Dates 2015

Date	Day	Venue
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