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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB ON 12 AUGUST 2005.

PRESENT: Alister Stuck (Chair), Murat Genc, Tony Lenart, Kay Nicholas, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Noel Woodhall, and Fran Jenkins (Secretary).

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Solomon (Bridge Development Officer).

APOLOGIES: Robin Young, Lindsay Lawrence, Jenny Wilkinson

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2005 were accepted as a correct record with the following points clarified:

1. *Australia/New Zealand Tests:* Richard would put a proposal to Australia setting out the costs involved.
2. *Youth Coach:* The appointment of a coach was for the training weekend only.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Inward Correspondence as listed was tabled and discussed. The Pub Charity Grant application for team uniforms had been declined. A nomination had been made to the New Zealand Olympic Committee for their Women and Sport Working Group but nothing further had been heard. The Secretary was asked to follow this up.

FEES/HONORARIUM

Director Exam Papers: (Alister Stuck left the meeting during this discussion and the Chair was taken by Murat Genc).

Payment for the setting of director exam papers had been briefly discussed at the last meeting and, in Lindsay's absence, Noel had circulated a proposal. Following discussion, it was proposed "THAT a payment of \$500 per annum be paid for setting both club and tournament director exam papers."

Noel Woodhall/Norm Silcock
CARRIED

Treasurer's Honorarium (Tony Lenart left the meeting during this discussion)

Noel had circulated a proposal for an increase in the Treasurer's honorarium. Following discussion, it was proposed "THAT the Treasurer's honorarium be increased to \$4,500 for the 2005/06 financial year."

Kay Nicholas/Arleen Schwartz

CARRIED

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION (Administration, Scoring Programme, Tournaments, Website,)

Administration:

AGM: The remits received from Wellington Centre were discussed and the Secretary was asked to seek clarification on some points. The following nominations would be made by the Management Committee – Treasurer, Tony Lenart; Auditor, David Macdonald (subject to official clearance from Deloitte), Honorary Solicitor, John Lenart. Nominations for President and Vice President had been received from Canterbury and Wellington Centres.

Scoring Programme:

Duncan Badley had agreed to meet with Management Committee representatives and this was expected to take place before the AGM.

Tournaments:

Kay advised that the final draft of the 2006 Tournament Schedule was ready, with the exception of Waikato/Bays. Their input was not expected until the beginning of September. It was agreed that the schedule be published to Centres for final checking on 16 September.

Website:

Forums: Administration training was required for the Secretary and moderators for the various sections were to be appointed. Arie Geursen was appointed for Directing and Richard Solomon for Teaching. Other appointments would be made when appropriate people were identified.

B. CONGRESS

Sponsorship: Tony Lenart was asked to contact Kupari regarding an accommodation voucher for the 2006 Surfers event.

Inter-Provincials: A recommendation received to change the maximum carryover in the inter-provincial finals from 30 to 20 was agreed. Bulk funding for the 2006 inter provincials would be discussed at the next meeting.

Cormack Cup: Kay had contacted the Centres and received 3 responses. The matter would be discussed further with Jan at Congress.

C. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP (Finance, Budgets, Investments, Sponsorship)

Finance:

Payments from 1 June to 11 August amounting to \$54,375.68 were ratified. The Treasurer advised that annual accounts were finalised and awaiting the audit report from Deloitte.

A budget for the 2005/06 financial year was still awaited from the Regulations Committee. An amended budget would be circulated as soon as this was received. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for work done on the budgets.

Helman Prize: It was agreed that an amount of \$150 each would be awarded for the 2004 prize. The two winners were Michael Whibley and Blair Fisher.

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

International

PABF: NPC Reports had been received for all three teams and these were accepted. A Delegate's Report had also been received from Richard who had suggested New Zealand offer to host the PABF Championships in 2010. Richard was asked to draw up a proposal detailing an organising committee and all financial implications. It was noted that the dates for the 2006 event in China had not yet been confirmed.

WBF Team Training: The proposal received from the Open Team was accepted to a maximum amount of \$2,000. It would be suggested that they use local Wellington players rather than fly non-team Auckland players. The Womens' proposal, as circulated, was agreed at a total cost of \$1,724. The Senior's proposal was not acceptable in its current form as all players were required to be present at one training session and be within the budget of \$2,000. Alister would respond to the NPC.

Commonwealth Games 2006: The Selection Conditions would be redrafted and circulated.

Taiwan: An invitation had been received to participate in the 2006 Yeh Bros Cup in Taiwan with a US\$3,000 sponsorship available for the team. Entries would be called for by the end of September and a selection process would be used if necessary. Entries would be restricted to current international players and Grand Masters. No funding would be provided by NZCBA.

Trials:

Qualification Points: Norm would redraft and circulate the Qualification Points criteria.

Screens: A quote for new screens had been circulated and a prototype would be demonstrated at Congress.

C. REGULATIONS (Appeals, Constitution, Directing, Laws & Regulations)

There were no matters for discussion from the Regulations Committee.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

The latest Bridge Development Report from Richard Solomon had been circulated.

Bridge Teachers Forum: Richard had suggested a forum be set up for bridge teachers in order that they can gain and share information. The Management Committee supported the concept and Richard was asked to canvass clubs and centres to determine the level of support and interest for a bridge teachers' seminar to be held within the next six months, and the level of funding they were prepared to contribute.

Trans Tasman Games: The Management Committee agreed to support the 2006 Trans Tasman Games in Auckland with a maximum budget of \$1,000 and 5A points for both pairs and team events.

Ethics Video: Arleen advised that a group of interns at Otago University were interested in producing a video for the NZCBA. They had provided a budget figure of \$800 for a 15-20 minute film plus expenses. A sub committee of Richard Solomon, Arleen Schwartz, Chris Ackerley and Arie Geursen was approved to provide the input for the video. Victoria Club had been asked if they wished to be involved but no response had been received.

Coaching:

An application had been received from Alan Grant for an additional coaching grant of \$1,000 to develop Bridge Introductory materials designed to support bridge in schools. The finished material would be available in electronic form which the NZCBA would be allowed to replicate and make available for Schools Bridge in New Zealand. The application was approved.

Richard agreed to provide his current teaching notes to put on the website.

Youth:

Youth Policies: The current youth policies were discussed and it was agreed:

- a) entry fee for Congress be subsidised by 50%.
- b) entry fee for Australian youth for Congress be subsidised by 100%. (reciprocal with Canberra)
- c) A youth team be sent to Canberra 2006 and the current Congress/Canberra Youth Notice be removed from the website.
- d) The total youth budget of \$26,000 be reviewed, broken down to specific purposes and circulated.

The Services Committee were delegated the power to select a team for Canberra 2006.

Code of Conduct: It was agreed that youth players selected for international events be required to sign a Declaration of Availability which would include their age (this would also apply to Seniors in future) and, if under 18, be endorsed by a parent or guardian.

WBF Youth Championships: It was noted that due to unfortunate circumstances, Alan Taylor had not been able to attend the WBF Youth Championships as New Zealand's representative and the \$1,000 grant would be refunded.

Youth Database and Levies: In order to increase the membership numbers, it was proposed that all youth players (25 and under) must be included on a separate Youth Database. Any players on this database would not be liable to pay the \$14 NZCBA levy as no levy was payable by NZCBA to WBF. Any youth player wishing to be included in any NZCBA event (training, tournaments etc.) must be on the Youth Database in order to participate. Clubs and Centres would be informed and asked to co-operate with this policy.

Arleen Schwart/Alister Stuck
CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. *WBF Womens Bridge:* The email received from Zone 7 representative for Womens Bridge would be circulated to Centres with a request to provide information.
2. *Disciplinary Issues:* Alister would follow up with John Lenart regarding outstanding matters.
3. *Bridge Development Officer:* The Employment Contract for Richard Solomon was to be renegotiated at the end of August. The Chairman would conduct negotiations and advise the Management Committee of any suggested amendments.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be :

Saturday 24 September 2005
(08.30 breakfast meeting – Hamilton)