



**MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Held via at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport on Tuesday 18**  
**August 2015 commencing at 8.30am**

**PARTICIPATING:** Arie Geursen, Allan Joseph, Phil Rutherford, Karen Martelletti from 9.19am, Alan Turner, Shirley Newton & Anthony Hopkins until 2.09pm

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

**2. WELCOME**

Arie welcomed all to the meeting.

**3. APOLOGIES**

**4. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes 14 July 2015

Moved that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 14 July 2015 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 41/2015**

**5. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from a number of Regions were received and circulated prior to the Meeting namely

- Central Districts Minutes 18 July 2015
- Canterbury Minutes 26 July 2015
- Wellington Minutes 16 June 2015

Moved that the Minutes from the listed Regions be received.

**CARRIED 41/2015**

The meeting noted the concerns raised in the Wellington Region regarding the lack of compliance in the use of System Cards. It was agreed that Allan Joseph would follow this up and offer guidance as necessary.

## 5. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Alister reported that only one Scope and Delegation document (International) had been reviewed by the appropriate committee since the last meeting.

The remaining documents were reassigned to be reviewed by the following:

Remuneration	Alan & Arie
Event Management	Arie
Administration	Alister & Alan
Congress Organising Committee	Richard
Regulations	Allan & Murray
Marketing & Membership	Anthony & Karen
Finance & Strategy	Alan & Alister
Regional Committees	Alister

Murray advised that he had not yet made an appointment of Regional Recorder for Wellington.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of inward and outward Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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

**CARRIED 42/2015**

## 7. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

### Finance & Membership

Alan presented P & L Reports for the month ending 30 July 2015

Moved that the Financial Report as circulated be received.

**CARRIED 43/2015**

Alister advised that the audit had been completed and the financial statements would be circulated the following day.

### BDO Report

Moved that the BDO Report as circulated be received.

**CARRIED 44/2015**

Matters arising:

- **Youth Weekend in Wellington (7-9 August)** 56 new players from all over NZ attended. The meeting congratulated Richard and his various helpers who contributed to the success of the recent youth weekend held at the Wellington Bridge Club.

- **National Youth Teams at Congress – 25<sup>th</sup> September.** Of the 11 Teams participating, 4 have been formed from those attending the Youth Weekend.
- **Policy for grading of overseas players:** The Board reaffirmed the policy that all players whether visitors from overseas or new residents who join or have yet to join an affiliated Club will be graded Open for Tournament play unless their new home Club provide evidence to the contrary to the National Secretary. For overseas players attending the National Congress, the Congress Committee will where possible, confirm the grading for events below open.

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### **Chief Directors Report:**

Moved that the Chief Directors Report as circulated be received.

**CARRIED 45/2015**

Matters arising

- **National Tournaments:** It is clear that in future these will require a dedicated scorer. Sam Ward a (Wellington) is being trained to help with that.
- **Qualified Directors:** A database of qualified Directors with contact details is being established
- **Wellington Regional Recorder:** An appointment is yet to be made.

### **Operations Report**

Moved that the Operations Report as circulated be received.

**CARRIED 46/2015**

Matters arising

- **Membership Registrations:** Increased by 406 since 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. The Board discussed gathering better / more detailed demographic data for new / lost registrations in future.

## **International Committee**

Moved that the minutes of the International Committee meeting held 31 July 2015 as circulated be received.

**CARRIED 47/2015**

Matters arising

- Shirley summarised the Committee's plans for the coming year and advised that details would be promulgated in a number of Bulletins, the first of which will be released shortly along with the squad application forms for 2016.
- A new 4 year budget cycle for International is being developed and will get rolled up into the NZB Budget

## **8. TASKFORCE REPORTS**

*Strategic & Business Plan-*

The phone conference call meeting agreed at the last meeting to consider presenting the Board Strategy during the National Congress had not yet taken place. Phil to organise urgently with Karen, Shirley & Richard participating.

*Tournament Regulations-*

Allan Joseph presented the latest draft of the regulations. With some minor corrections agreed it is likely that the regulations will be finalised and released in time to be implemented at the National Congress.

*Board Manual-*

On hold pending the release of Ann Barraclough's findings and recommendations.

*Website Upgrade-*

Karen reported slow progress with regard to the finalisation and roll out of the revamped website. The latest prototypes to be circulated.

*Tournament Participation-*

Alan advised that he had assembled this task force and had started dialogue with the participants. Alan is also attending Regional Conferences' where possible so as to seek input from Clubs with this project.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **AGM 2015**

Alister reported that planning was underway for the 2015 AGM. The preliminary notice of meeting including the remits from the Board had been distributed to the Clubs and Regions. Kay Nicholas is compiling the Annual Report booklet in time to be printed and released by mid-September.

### **Reprint- NZ Bridge Manual**

At the last meeting it was agreed that Allan Joseph and Murray Wiggins would coordinate the reprint of the NZ Bridge Manual. It was further agreed that Anthony would draft and circulate an outline for the formatting requirements to make the document searchable on the website.

### **Disestablishment of various Marketing Committees**

Moved that the various Marketing Committees established in 2014 be disestablished.

**CARRIED 48/2015**

Karen is to contact all of the members affected and advise them of the Boards decision.

### **Amendment NZ Bridge Manual (E28 2)**

Moved with immediate effect that the minimum board requirement for 20A Teams events be reduced from 120 to 110.

**CARRIED 49/2015**

Alister to issue a Bulletin to Clubs, Regions, & National Directors advising of the change pending the release of the updated Manual.

### **GST Treatments**

Phil presented a proposal from the Top of the South Region with regard to the impact of GST. It was agreed that Phil, Alister & Alan formulate a solution and respond to the Region.

### **Discussion- Future of the Interprovincials**

The meeting discussed various issues relating to the Interprovincials in terms of its structure, format and long term viability. While no decisions were agreed this item will remain on the table for continued debate.

### **NZ Bridge Foundation**

Arie advised that he met with Jo Clark recently who had decided to step down from the role of Foundation Chairperson. The Board will write to Jo to thank her for her efforts in the role and to wish her well for the future.

It was agreed that this role needs to be filled as soon as possible and also consideration be given to appointing a further Trustee following the resignation of Karen Martelletti.

Looking forward it was agreed that Arie and Alister would arrange to meeting with the remaining Trustees and Secretary to discuss succession planning.

### **Tournament Grading – Overseas Players**

Richard raised this issue following a couple of queries in the Auckland area. The policy as per E7 (8d) of the Manual states:

*“All overseas Players, whether visitors or new residents, are graded as Open for Tournament play unless clear evidence to the contrary is provided to the NZ Bridge Secretary. Any review of grade is at the sole discretion of the NZ Bridge Board”.*

This policy covers existing payers and not recent residents who learnt the game in NZ. It was agreed that Alister would email the Clubs to remind them of the policy.

### **Central Districts Regional Conference**

Shirley briefed the meeting following the CD Regional Conference held the previous weekend. The conference was very well organized and well received by those who participated. It was disappointing that a number of Clubs did not attend and for various reasons only 2 Regional Committee members were present.

### **Proposal- Cinema Advertising**

Shirley reported on discussions she had with Screen Vistas Limited regarding opportunity to promote Bridge via Cinema advertising. It was agreed that a suitable video advert be created for use by Clubs in Cinemas in their region Shirley to seek further clarification about a possible national roll out.

Meeting Closed 4.00pm

### **Confirmed Meeting Dates 2015**

Date	Day	Venue
26 Sept 2015	Sat – AGM	Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton
20 Oct 2015	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room