



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB ON 28 APRIL 2006.

PRESENT: Alister Stuck (Chair), Arie Geursen, Tony Lenart, Kay Nicholas, Norm Silcock, Richard Solomon, Jenny Wilkinson, Noel Woodhall and Fran Jenkins (Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Arleen Schwartz, Murat Genc and Gary Duncan.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2006 were accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Womens Bridge: Although nothing further had been heard on this matter, it was considered that we should still discuss it with Robyn Freeman-Greene.

Brochures: Fran advised that Rapid Copy would produce these at a reasonable rate once the content had been finalised. This was now to go on the priority list.

Youth Bridge: Jenny advised that she had spoken to John Wignall and advised that we would not be sending a youth team to the PABF.

Congress: Richard reported that the Congress website was now up and running and a link had been provided from the NZCBA website.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- a) *Disciplinary Hearing:* Arie reported that the matter had now been finalised through a mediator and both parties had signed a binding, confidential agreement. The Disciplinary Committee had accepted the recommendations from the Mediator. A letter of thanks would be sent to Alan Turner and Karen Cumpstone.
- b) *Constitution:* A proposal had not been received and Gary Duncan was absent from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The inwards/outwards correspondence had been tabled. All applications for a pub charity grant for the production of new screens had been turned down. Kay suggested application be made to the Lions Foundation.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Administration:

An Administration sub committee meeting had been held earlier in the day.

NZCBA system cards: These would be amended to include pre-alerts and be based on the WBF Word format card.

Employees: Kay had prepared Position Descriptions for the Secretary and Bridge Development Officer.

AGM: Seven nominations for Management Committee had been received and no remits. The following nominations would be made by the Management Committee.

Hon. Solicitor	John Lenart	Kay Nicholas/Noel Woodhall
Auditor	David Macdonald	Kay Nicholas/Noel Woodhall
Treasurer	Tony Lenart	Jenny Wilkinson/Noel Woodhall

Wellington Centre: Advice had been received that the Wellington Contract Bridge Centre had been struck off by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. An email had been sent to them on 13 April regarding this but no response received. As this was in breach of the NZCBA Constitution, advice would be sought from the Hon. Solicitor regarding the legal position of the Centre, especially with regard to the forthcoming AGM and voting rights. A further urgent communication would be sent to the Centre requesting that they rectify the matter as quickly as possible.

Treasurer's Honorarium: The Administration Committee recommended that no change be made to the Treasurer's Honorarium for the 2006/7 financial year. The recommendation was accepted.

Scoring Programme:

Duncan Badley had met all three deadlines to provide updates for the Scoring Programme and these were now being trialled. Arie was asked to ensure that the updates be put on the Auckland Bridge Club computer and trialled.

Tournaments:

The draft skeleton 2007 schedule had been circulated to Centres and various input received. This would now be sent to the National Coach for his recommendations.

B. CONGRESS

Richard advised that a firm booking had been made in Hamilton for September 2007 and 2008 and a pencil booking for September 2009.

A proposal was put forward to run a New Zealand Interclub Teams event with the final to be held at Congress. A \$100 equalisation entry fee per club would be charged. It was agreed “THAT we adopt the concept of a New Zealand Interclub Teams Event”

Arie Geursen/Noel Woodhall

CARRIED

Kupari Sponsorship: The arrangement with Kupari had been very successful but was likely to lapse because of the change of venue at the Gold Coast. Kupari had advised they were happy to continue the sponsorship but would require a guarantee for eight rooms. It was agreed that this guarantee could not be made and Tony was asked to write and advise them and thank them for their past support. Tony advised that he was looking into alternative sponsorship arrangements.

Reciprocal Promotion – Gold Coast: Alister advised that the Gold Coast organisers wished to hold a prize draw at the Gold Coast Congress and NZ National Congress offering free entry for two people to the other event. This would be discussed further with Therese Tully at the National Congress in July.

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

Finance:

Payments from 3 February 2006 to 27 April 2006 amounting to \$78,994.70 were ratified.

Draft accounts to 31 March 2006 were presented and discussed. The Treasurer was congratulated on producing draft accounts within 30 days of the balance date.

The Budget for the year to 31 March 2007 had been circulated and showed a deficit of \$17,000. The budget figures were discussed and it was agreed “THAT the budget as presented be adopted.”

Tony Lenart/Noel Woodhall

CARRIED

PABF 2010:

Richard reported that the cost of funding the 2010 PABF would be between \$145,000 to \$170,000 depending on the location.

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

International:

Commonwealth Nations Cup: The NPC Report had been received and was accepted.

Seniors Age Eligibility: It was agreed to revise the age eligibility for Senior Teams in line with the WBF policy which was effective during the year in question, rather than 1st January. This would be effective from 1st January 2007.

Yeh Bros. Cup: It was noted that the team that actually played in this event was very different from the one ratified by NZCBA. Alister advised that he had spoken to Val Gardiner regarding this and it was agreed that in future team members could not be replaced without prior notification to, and agreement from, the Management Committee.

World Wide Pairs: It was agreed that we should promote the World Wide Pairs in the next Newsletter to clubs.

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

Appeals:

An appeal had been received from the National Trials and an appeal committee was being formed, with Scott Smith as Chairman.

Laws:

Arie advised that Matthew McManus and Julie Atkinson would run a seminar for directors on pre-alerts at Congress.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

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

Centre Visits: Richard and Alister had only visited one Centre so far and would be making arrangements to visit the other Centres as soon as possible.

House of Cards proposal: (Jenny Wilkinson left the meeting during this discussion due to a conflict of interest).

Following meetings earlier in the year, Graeme Tuffnell had put together a full proposal covering schools bridge and a bridge teachers' weekend training course.

The schools bridge proposal, which would be run through a website, would cost NZCBA \$2,500 with each participating school paying \$500. It was not clear what was covered by the \$2,500 and Richard was asked to negotiate with House of Cards when visiting Christchurch in May.

The bridge teachers' weekend involved a cost of \$2,000 to NZCBA with those attending covering their own travel and other costs. Centres would be able to use their coaching grant if necessary. It was agreed that the course could be run with a minimum number of 10 and a good lead-in time and promotion would be required.

It was agreed "THAT the Committee support a bridge teachers course run by the House of Cards and the establishment of a website dedicated to the use of schools bridge and Richard Solomon be authorised to negotiate a deal on behalf of NZCBA as outlined in the proposal."

Arie Geursen/Kay Nicholas

CARRIED

(Tony Lenart asked that his vote against the proposal be recorded)

The notes produced by Alan Grant would also be put on the NZCBA website when available and when he had resolved his copyright issues.

Youth:

Congress: Central Districts had advised they were not entering a youth team into the Inter Provincials but they did have one pair available. It was agreed that they could apply to use players from another Centre in order to make up a team. Australia was sending two youth teams and authority was delegated to the Services Committee to make a decision on youth representation for the Test at Congress.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) *Gifford Estate Review Group:* The current status of the Gifford funds was discussed and Jenny was asked to ring Khris Wooles for his opinion.
- b) *Masterpoint Scheme:* It was suggested that the Masterpoint Scheme be reviewed from a marketing viewpoint. This would be done by Richard Solomon and Alister Stuck and promoted during their Centre visits.
- c) *ABF:* The ABF had invited Alister to attend one of their Management Committee Meetings and he would probably go to their 26 May meeting. The purpose would be to promote closer relations between New Zealand and Australia, share ideas and discuss similar issues.
- d) *Youth Team:* A proposal had been received from Val Gardiner in which she wished to fund a New Zealand representative youth team to the WBF Youth Team Championships in Bangkok, appoint a Captain, appoint a Coach and select the players. The proposal had been received 48 hours before entries closed and 24 hours before the Management Committee Meeting.

It was agreed "THAT the process outlined in the proposal from Val Gardiner was not acceptable."

Arie Geursen/Tony Lenart
CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be : **Friday 16th June**