



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held Friday 24th August 2012 at the Clubs of Marlborough -
Blenheim commencing at 5.30pm**

PARTICIPATING: Kay Nicholas (Chair), Lynne Fegan, Patsy Walters & Graham Wakefield

In Attendance: Alister Stuck Secretary & Richard Solomon Bridge Development Officer

Apologies: Arie Geursen, Jenny Wilkinson, Alan Turner & Allan Barclay

1. WELCOME

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Board Meeting - 30 July 2012

Moved that the Minutes of the Board Meetings held 30 July 2012 be confirmed.

CARRIED 77/2012

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of Inward and Outward Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.

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

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4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The updated list was circulated prior to the meeting. Alister reported further progress with a number of longstanding items having been cleared.

5. BOARD REPORTS

▪ Bridge Development

Richard summarised his report that had been circulated prior to the meeting and mentioned in particular the recent Youth Weekend held at the Wellington Bridge Club. Richard confirmed that the net cost of the weekend had come in under the Budget figure of \$7500.

Moved that the Bridge Development Report as circulated, be received.

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The Board acknowledged and thanked Richard Solomon and the members of the Wellington Bridge Club for their input to the Youth Weekend and its success.

▪ Finance

Alister presented the updated Profit & Loss Statements to 31 July 2012.

Moved that the Financial Report as circulated, be received.

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▪ Operations

Alister spoke to his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the Operations Report be received

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6. REGIONAL REPORTS

Minutes from 2 Regions had been received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

Moved that the Minutes from Top of the South & Otago Southland Regional Committees be received.

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7. GENERAL BUSINESS

▪ Regional Conference Planning

Alister outlined the Agenda for the Regional Conference to be held the following day and confirmed the various areas of responsibility for each Board member.

▪ Regional Conferences- Future Dates & Venues

Alister advised that subject to the availability of the Air New Zealand Meeting Rooms he would look to centralise the Regional Conferences in Wellington for 2013. Subject to availability the next Conference would be held at that venue on Waitangi Day Wednesday Feb 6th 2013.

- **Review- Club Teams Championships**

Following feedback from the Waikato Bays Region, Richard presented a recommendation from the Congress Organising Sub Committee seeking a change to the way the Club Teams final is funded.

Presently each Club who contests a Regional selection event is charged \$100 which is added to an equalisation pool to assist the participating Clubs with their travel and accommodation costs to contest the final at Congress.

The Waikato Bays Region felt that their Clubs were unfairly penalised as in the past they have contributed the most to the equalisation fund and received the least amount by way of a subsidy.

The proposal from the Congress Organising Sub Committee was based on a uniform charge of \$750.00 being invoiced to each of the 7 Regions irrespective of whether they contest the final in Hamilton or not.

The Board did not support the proposal and in doing so was very mindful of the true costs to participate that the South Island Clubs face. It was noted that this topic was scheduled for discussion at the Regional Conference and that the Board would consider any sensible suggestions that may be tabled at that meeting.

The Board did endorse a recommendation from the Congress Organising Sub Committee to amend the policy which enables two Clubs with a combined Home and Secondary membership of 120 or less to combine to form a Team to contest the event.

Moved that from 2013 two Clubs from within a Region with a combined Home and Secondary membership of 200 or less may combine for the purposes of forming Teams to contest the Club Teams Event.

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- **Helman Award**

It was noted that the Helman Awards for the 2010 & 2011 calendar years had not been finalised.

The Helman Prize is awarded to the two youth players earning the most masterpoints in New Zealand Association events in a calendar year. No individual can win the Award more than once.

It was agreed that Richard and Alister would determine the recipients for both 2010 and 2011 and forward to the NZ Bridge Foundation for consideration. Richard is to arrange for the awards to be presented during Congress.

- **Levy for 2013- 2014 Financial Year**

Moved that the 2013-2014 Levy (to be invoiced in April 2013 based upon a Club's home members as recorded in the masterpoint database as at 31 March 2013) be fixed at \$16 plus GST (i.e. \$18.40 per home club member)

and that Clubs now be advised accordingly.

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Note: This decision has been signalled now to assist those Clubs who fix their own annual subscription levies to members based upon a non-standard financial year (eg ending 30 September or 31 December).

▪ **Presentation Certificates - Grandmasters**

Following the very positive feedback received in response to the "Certificate of Proficiency" initiative it was agreed that similar styled Certificates would be produced for players when they achieve the rank of Grandmaster and above.

▪ **Technology Purchase**

Moved that Alister be authorised to purchase an Ipad or Laptop Computer for the dedicated use of the Chairperson.

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▪ **Board Members Responsibilities at National Congress**

The meeting discussed the programme and it was agreed that Board Members would attend the overseas players function scheduled for after the 1st session of NZ Pairs qualifying on Saturday Sept 29th.

In addition to presenting awards at various times during the Congress Kay would open both the Interprovincials & Congress proper and would welcome participants contesting the Interclub Teams event.

Next Meeting

8.30am – Saturday 29 Sept 2012 – Kingsgate Hotel – Hamilton

10.00am Saturday 29 September – AGM Hamilton

Meeting Closed – 9.45pm