NZBridge

MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED
Commencing at 9.05am on Saturday, 29th September 2018
at the Distinction Hotel, Hamilton

PRESENT **NZ Bridge Board** – Allan Morris, Karen Martelletti, Jane Stearns, Clare Coles, Greg Whitten, Anne Barrowclough & John Skipper.

Secretary of NZ Bridge – Alister Stuck

Bridge Development Officer – Ricard Solomon

Authorised Delegates - Alan Gear (Otago), Robin Young (Marlborough), Mary Buckland (Ashburton), Kate Terry (Tauranga), Les Gould (Wanganui), Sue Brown (Kerikeri), Ed Roggeveen (Picton), Steve Gray (Nelson & Richmond), Rona Driscoll (Taupo), Mairi Fitzsimons (Hastings), Jenny Cooper (Motueka & Golden Bay), Geoff Norris (Rangiora), Tereska Knapp (Wellington), Brett Glass (Huntly), Ray Curnow (Westport), Nick Cantlon (Te Awamutu), Marilyn Jackson (Invercargill), Lynne Fegan (Wanaka), Dot Raphley (Timaru), Jan Whyte (Palmerston North), Mike Neels (Cambridge), Richard Bland (Whangarei), Lindsay Reid (Hamilton) & Pam Hancock (Karori)

Proxies / Board Members representing Clubs - Alister Stuck (Hokowhitu & Royle Epsom), John Skipper (Christchurch) Anne Barrowclough (Auckland), Karen Martelletti (Mt Maunganui), Rona Driscoll (Tokoroa, Omokoroa, Te Puke, Thames & Katikati).

Observers - Jan Spaans, Nigel Gresson, Craig Shannaghan, David Brewer, Alan Dick, Bev Gay, Bridget Hannaway- Wilcox, Paul Maxwell, Alan Joseph, Trish Downward, bruce Inglis & Carolyn Wood.

WELCOME - Alan Morris welcomed everyone to the meeting and paid particular thanks to former Board Member Alan Turner whose 9 year tenure ended in March 2018 and to former Chairperson Alan Dormer who retired 9 months into his term due to ill health. Alan then introduced the members of the Board and officers and outlined the programme for the meeting.

APOLOGIES - Angela Royle, David Macdonald, Murray Wiggins, Mark Hangartner, Kris Wooles, Derek Evennett & Te Puke Bridge Club

Moved – "That the apologies be accepted."
(Sue Brown / Richard Bland) **CARRIED**

MINUTES of the 2017 AGM

Moved –"That the minutes as previously circulated (subject to a minor spelling correction) be adopted"

(Rona Driscoll / Anne Barrowclough) **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING 2017 AGM MINUTES

Alan Morris advised that the constitution review project would be covered later in the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31 March 2018

Moved – "That the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2018 be adopted."

(Allan Morris / Kate Terry) **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2018

Greg Whitten summarised the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 focusing on the good result that had been achieved.

Moved – "That the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 as presented be adopted."
(Greg Whitten / Brett Glass) **CARRIED**

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved – "That David Macdonald be appointed as Auditor for the 2018 / 2019 year."

(John Skipper / Clare Coles) **CARRIED**

CONSTITUTION REVIEW UPDATE

John Skipper lead this segment and provided an outline of work achieved to date and the working parties schedule to complete this project in time for the 2019 AGM. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is annexed to these minutes.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Allan Morris introduced this segment on behalf of the Board as sponsors of the recommendation to the AGM to confer honorary life memberships to Alan Turner and Robin Young. Allan provided a summary of the contribution that both nominees had made to bridge at all levels over many years.

Moved – "That Messrs Alan Turner and Robin Young be granted honorary life membership of NZ Bridge Inc."

(Allan Morris / Greg Whitten) **CARRIED**

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sue Brown shared the news with the meeting that current International Matthew Brown had been awarded a "blues" award by the University of Auckland for his bridge successes.

Closure

There being no further business Allan Morris, closed the formal part of the meeting at 9.37am and thanked the Delegates and Observers for their attendance and wished those who were staying on for the National Congress a successful week.

Informal Presentations

At this point two informal presentations were made. Firstly Alister Stuck gave a brief update with some improvements to the new masterpoint platform. The issues with Masterpoint Invoices have recently been resolved and the delegates were asked to thank their clubs for their patience while we worked through this. Alister advised that the invoices would return to a quarterly cycle for the time being. This was to ensure that there was sufficient time between cycles to identify and remedy any issues.
The second point he covered related to the various membership categories that the Club Administrators can select from. It is likely in the near future that a number will be suspended and or only be accessible centrally.

Jane Stearns led the second presentation sharing a snapshot of the membership and participation increases achieved during year one of the Regional Bridge Mate trial. The results achieved to date and the indicators for the current year look very positive. A copy of Jane's presentation is annexed to these minutes.