



## **MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**

**Held via Zoom linkup Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 commencing at 4.00pm**

**PARTICIPATING:** Allan Morris (Chair), John Skipper, Anne Barrowclough, Karen Martelletti & Greg Whitten.

**In Attendance:** Richard Solomon, Manager Major Events & Bridge Education, Murray Wiggins, Chief Director & Alister Stuck, National Secretary.

**Apologies – Sue Brown**

### **WELCOME**

Allan welcomed everyone to what was primarily scheduled as a “welfare check” meeting. Following a brief update from each participant the following items were noted and or resolved.

### **Funding Request – Auckland BC for online sessions**

Agreed to support upon receipt of a revised proposal. It was noted too that the Foundation Trustees have agreed to make a contribution.

An opportunity to market this. Anne to approach the PR person to put a story out in the market.

### **Complaint (ex Auckland BC) and possible CDD referral**

The meeting received and discussed a formal complaint from the Auckland Bridge Club regarding allegations of cheating during the NZ Bridge sanctioned sessions being conducted on BBO.

Moved:

That having regard to the complaint received from the Auckland Bridge Club and now provided to the Board containing various allegations of cheating during recent online bridge sessions, held by the Club on BBO, and sanctioned by NZ Bridge, the Board resolves these matters to be sufficiently significant, concerning and important as to warrant referral to the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee for enquiry and/or determination as provided by Rule 25 of the Constitution.

(Allan/Greg)

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### **Assisting Clubs with specific issues**

Allan provided an update to the meeting regarding support offered to two Clubs who sought NZBridge assistance to deal with recent issues.

### **Club “Health check” Survey Form**

Allan shared with the meeting the draft letter to Clubs and the health check survey that is intended to be sent to Clubs.

## **NZ Bridge Manual**

Murray gave a report as to the finalising of the Manual. All sections completed apart from a couple of sections under Tournament Regulations. All sections to be formatted and any page references are to be checked.

## **Reference in Manual to CCD Committee**

John reported to the group regarding the references to the CDD Committee that are moved from the old constitution and to be included now in section A of the updated Manual. John will seek legal advice regarding the content of the additional material to be included prior to finalising.

## **Regional Ctte Review Group**

At the meeting of this group held last week the participants resolved that given the current situation we are facing as the country works through the Covid-19 Virus issue that the project be suspended and revisited in 6 months' time.

## **Congress 2020**

The meeting discussed the issue of Congress 2020 and the possible financial implications of an extended lockdown period and travel restrictions may have. It was agreed that this would be reviewed at the conclusion of the current lockdown period and certainly by the end of June.

## **Email reply (Minister of Sport)**

The meeting noted the response to Allan's email to the Minister of Sport regarding financial implications and support available to sporting bodies. Allan will copy this to Sport New Zealand so that NZ Bridge is considered for any relief packages that are offered.

## **ABF (extract from recent Management Committee meeting)**

The meeting noted the extract from the ABF regarding their plans for their international teams for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021 should target events in 2020 be cancelled as expected. Alister has copied the information to the members of the International Committee.

Meeting Closed at 5.20 pm

Future meeting dates:

21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Zoom Link up	(Welfare Check)
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Zoom Link up	(Scheduled meeting)