



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held Wednesday November 23rd 2011 via Telephone Conference
Call commencing at 5pm**

PARTICIPATING: Kay Nicholas (Chair), Graham Wakefield, Patsy Walters & Allan Barclay, Lynne Fegan & Alan Turner.

In Attendance: Alister Stuck Secretary, Arie Geursen Chief Director & Richard Solomon Bridge Development Officer

Apologies: Jenny Wilkinson (Overseas)

1. WELCOME

Kay welcomed all to the meeting and congratulated Patsy who with Matthew Brown won the recent NZ Wide Pairs event.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- Board Meeting 20th September 2011
- Board Meeting 29th September 2011
- Board Resolutions 1st November 2011

Moved that the Minutes of the Meetings held 20th September 2011, 29th September 2011 and the Board Resolutions 1 November 2011 as circulated be confirmed.

CARRIED 90/2011

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.

CARRIED 91/2011

5. BOARD REPORTS

- **Administration**

Moved that the Administration Committee Report as circulated, be received.

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- **Operations**

Moved that the Operations Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 93/2011

- **Congress / Bridge Development**

In the absence of a formal report Richard briefed the meeting regarding the Magazine promotion which resulted in 35 new subscribers. The NZ Wide pairs event was a success with over 60 Clubs (including 4 non affiliated) participating. So far this initiative had resulted in a further 8 Magazine subscriptions.

- **Finance**

Alan spoke to his report and the updated Profit & Loss Statements to 22 October 2011 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Noted that these Statements do not include any recovery proceeds from the current claim under our Travel Insurance policy.

Moved that the Financial Report as circulated, be received.

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Moved that the budget for the year to March 2012 as previously circulated be adopted.

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National Directors Examination - (Allan Joseph)

Arie advised the meeting that Allan Joseph had successfully passed the practical component of the National Directors Exam at the recent North Island Pairs Tournament. A formal Report will be circulated prior to the Dec Board meeting.

Moved that Allan Joseph be accredited as a National Director and that he be congratulated on his success.

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The Board was advised by Alister that the following further candidates had been successful in the recent Director's Examinations, namely:-

Club Directors

Vivienne Murray	Marlborough
Keith Dare	Napier
Jenny Cleaver	New Plymouth

Liz Crawshaw	New Plymouth
Anne Fitzgibbons	New Plymouth
Alan Metcalfe	New Plymouth
Sue Rollo	New Plymouth
Marion Furneaux	Wanaka
Deirdre Lynch	Wanaka
Nan Ottrey	Wanaka

Tournament Directors

Nicholas Bailey	Otago
Peter Bowyer	Howick
Steven Coulter	Wellington
Andrea Gluyas	Wellington
Ed Roggeveen	Hamilton
Moss Wylie	Invercargill

Moved that the Board congratulate all the successful candidates on their achievements.

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6. REGIONAL REPORTS

Minutes from 6 Regions had been received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

It was agreed that Alister would contact Robin Young regarding the narration in the TOTS minutes relating to GST.

Moved that the Minutes from Auckland, Waikato Bays, Central Districts, Top of the South, Canterbury & Otago Southland Regional Committees be received.

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7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Appointment – Congress Organising Sub Committee**
Moved that Murray Wiggins be appointed to the Congress Sub Committee.

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- **Annual Return as at Dec 31 2011**
It was agreed that the draft document be adopted and circulated to Clubs for completion as at 31 December 2011. It was noted that the document would include questions to establish the number, days and timing of sessions held.

- **Electronic Scoring Regulation**

A discussion was held regarding the current Regulation which limits the information that can be displayed on electronic scoring devices during Tournament sessions. Allan Barclay wished to have the Regulation discontinued but to date had not prepared and circulated a formal proposal to the Board supporting such change. In the absence of any formal Resolution the matter lapsed.

- **Regulations – Announcing on 1NT Bids**

Graham reported that a trial is currently being undertaken at the Auckland Club whereby 1NT opening bids are announced rather than pre-alerted. A discussion followed and it was noted that the Board had not currently sanctioned the Trial for Tournament sessions and that any recommendation to amend the Regulations as a result of the Trial would have to be supported by the Board and could only come into effect when the next edition of the Manual is released.

- **NZ Bridge System Cards**

Following a discussion with regard to System Cards It was agreed that Graham would lead a project to review the format and perhaps the regulations around the carrying of such, and to consider the option of closer alignment with Australia in that regard.

- **Youth training Weekend**

Richard outlined a proposal to hold a training weekend for a group of up to 12 Youth players who currently, or have the potential to, form part of any National Youth Team. Ashley Bach has indicated a willingness to facilitate the sessions. It was agreed that the matter would be deferred until the December meeting at which time a detailed proposal would be considered.

6.09 pm Alan Turner left the meeting.

- **Sponsorship Arrangement – Nestle**

Richard reported that the Nestle group had agreed to continue their sponsorship of NZ Bridge with both product and a cash component at a number of events during 2012 including the National Congress. Richard is to draft a response to Nestle and prepare a bulletin detailing the agreement.

▪ **Outstanding Costs- Mr Gerard Palmer**

Moved that the Board notes that Mr Gerard Palmer, Napier, has failed to date to pay the sum of \$1787.10 being the amount of costs ordered on 11 April 2011 by the Bridge Appeal Tribunal to be paid to NZ Bridge.

As a result, the Board determines as follows :-

(a) That with effect from 1 January 2012 Mr Palmer be ineligible to participate as a Player in any scheduled competition, tournament or event other than Club sessions, and

(b) That no further annual subscription levy be accepted from any Affiliated Club with respect to any ongoing membership by Mr Palmer of such entity, and

(c) That the above determinations (a) and (b) shall be deemed to be rescinded forthwith upon payment in full to NZ Bridge of the amount of costs ordered by the Bridge Appeal Tribunal, being \$1787.10.

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Note: The Board's intent is that this resolution does not restrict Mr Palmer's ability to remain a member of an affiliated club nor his participation in Club sessions.

Next Meetings

5pm Friday 9th December 2011

Palmerston North

6.40pm Meeting Closed