



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held Tuesday 20th September via Telephone Conference Call
commencing at 6pm**

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

In Attendance: Alister Stuck, Secretary, & Arie Geursen Chief Tournament Director

Apologies: Richard Solomon (Overseas)

1. WELCOME

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

- AGM 16th July 2011
- Board Meeting – 5th August 2011
- Regional Conference 6th August 2011

Moved that the draft AGM Minutes be approved to be submitted for confirmation at the 2012 AGM and that the Minutes of the Meeting held 5 August and the Regional Conference 6th August as circulated be confirmed.

CARRIED 73/2011

3. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- **Delegation of Authority – Events Committee**
Noted that Richard previously advised that feedback had been provided by the members of the National Congress Sub Committee. The document will be finalised and ratified at the December meeting.
- **Review –Explanation re Psychic Bids**
Graham advised that he will present a proposed paging revision for the Manual for consideration at the Dec meeting.

- **Plain English System Summary**

Allan Barclay advised that this had is in abeyance pending some clarification of the differences between allowable Systems for Intermediate and Junior Tournaments.

- **Teaching Resource Project**

Alan Turner reported that he met with Shirley Newton and Jenny Wilkinson in Christchurch over the previous weekend to progress this project. Over the course of the weekend 9 of the teaching modules were drafted and would be forwarded to Kay for formatting.

Alan is now compiling the set hands to complement the lessons and advised that the Tutors notes have yet to be drafted. This group will meet again towards the end of November. The likely release date was discussed and it is envisaged that the material will be available in time for the first quarter of 2012.

4. 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 74/2011

5. BOARD REPORTS

- **Congress**

Minutes from the recent Congress de-brief meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the minutes as circulated, be received.

CARRIED 75/2011

- **Finance**

Alan spoke to his report and the updated Profit & Loss Statements to 31 August 2011 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that Alan would meet with Richard to clarify the treatment of some of the Congress expenses and would report back at the next meeting.

Moved that the Finance Report as circulated, be received.

CARRIED 76/2011

- **Operations**

Moved that the Operations report be received.

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- **International**

Minutes from the International Committee meeting and the resolutions ratified by epoll were circulated prior to the meeting.

Graham asked that the Committee ensure that the details of the Team subsidies are promulgated to the players involved once these are determined.

Noted that this detail was unlikely to be finalised until the adoption of the Budget for 2013 financial year.

Moved that the information be received.

CARRIED 78/2011

- **Chef de Mission & APBF NPC Reports**

The reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the International Committee would review these in detail at their end of year debrief meeting and would escalate matters and or recommendations to the Board as appropriate.

Moved that the information be received.

CARRIED 79/2011

- **National Directors Examination - (Martin Oyston)**

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

Moved that the information be received.

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Moved that Martin Oyston be accredited as a National Director and that he be congratulated on his success.

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6. REGIONAL REPORTS

Minutes from 5 Regions had been received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

It was noted that the concerns raised by the Wellington Region regarding the performance of the electronic scoring and the delays with updating results to the Congress Website and associated issues had been considered at the Congress Committee debrief meeting, with a view to improve outcomes in the future.

Moved that the Minutes from Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury & Otago Southland Regional Committees be received.

CARRIED 82/2011

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- ***Outstanding Costs – Mr Gerard Palmer***

Kay and Graham have obtained advice from the Honorary Solicitor regarding the options available regarding the options available to recover this outstanding debt.

Moved that authority be given to commence a Proceeding in the name of New Zealand Bridge Inc in the District Court seeking judgement for the outstanding amount.

CARRIED 83/2011

- ***Appointments- Central Districts Regional Committee***

Moved that Messrs Don Nightingale and Alan Doddridge be appointed to fill the current vacancies on the Central Districts Regional Committee.

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- ***Resignation TOTS Regional Committee***

The resignation of Sally Moore from the Top of the South Regional Committee was noted.

Moved that the TOTS Regional Committee be invited to consult and recommend an appointment to fill the casual vacancy.

CARRIED 85/2011

- ***Real Time Scoring Display***

Graham spoke to the communication received from Hutt Bridge Club seeking an amendment to Regulations to legalise the display of "real time scoring results " at Tournaments and noted the range of viewpoints with respect to issues arising, and also the current Laws, and Regulations, which bear upon the proposal.

It was agreed that the display of real time scoring results should not be approved at present. Both WBF and ABF have the use of electronic devices and electronic scoring under review presently and it is likely that further/amended Regulations will be promulgated in due course and a further assessment could be undertaken by the Regulations Committee and the Board at that time. Graham, in consultation with Kay and Arie, will draft the official response to the Club.

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

During 2010 an investigation was sponsored by the Regulations Committee to consider the announcing of 1NT opening bids. At that time a trial was conducted at 3 Clubs (Auckland, Wellington, and Otago). Following the various trials no findings or recommendations were formally presented to the Board; however Patrick Carter has now sought an update regarding this initiative.

The current members of the Regulations Committee had been invited to comment upon the proposal, including, for consistency, to also announce 2NT opening bids. Graham advised that he had not received any feedback to date from members but felt this proposal warranted support. It was agreed that Arie would discuss the concept with his counterparts at the ABF in the interim and that the matter be further discussed at the December Board meeting. Noted that such changes are normally introduced only after the consultation process that occurs at the NOT and Surfers Congress and coinciding the publication of the next manual.

Due to time constraints on this occasion the remaining agenda items were agreed to be carried over to the October meeting.

Next Meetings

6pm – 29 Sept 2011	(Phone Conference)
6pm – 15 November 2011	(Phone Conference)

Meeting Closed – 7.05 PM