



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

Held at the Koru Lounge Wellington Airport Thursday 13th March 2014 commencing at 10.00am

PARTICIPATING: Kay Nicholas, Patsy Walters, Alan Turner, Graham Wakefield & Shirley Newton

In Attendance: Alister Stuck National Secretary & Arie Geursen Chief Director

1. WELCOME

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGY

Murray Wiggins, Richard Solomon & Allan Barclay

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

- Board Meeting – 5th February 2014
- Regional Conference – 6th February 2014

Moved confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meetings held 5th February 2014 and the Regional Conference held 6th February 2014.

CARRIED 13/2014

4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

An updated list had been circulated.

- **Bridge NZ Ltd** – The agreement transferring the rights to the Scoring Programme from NZ Bridge Inc to Bridge NZ (2004) Ltd had been drafted by Murray and Graham. At this stage no response had been forthcoming from Bridge NZ Ltd. It was agreed that Alan Turner would contact Murray upon his return from Australia to follow-up and complete this exercise with urgency.
- **New Zealand Club Championships** – At the last meeting concerns were expressed as to the amount of Entry Fees paid for the 2013 Club Heats of this Championship in the Waikato Bays Region. A letter to be sent to all Regions

reminding them that the \$100.00 Entry Fees for each participating Club must be paid to provide a realistic travel equalisation fund for those who have to travel long distances. Murray & Kay had agreed to prepare a draft for approval and Alan Turner will contact Murray upon his return from Australia to follow-up.

- **Vacancy- CDD Committee** -The vacancy remains following the resignation of Allan Taylor last year.

Vacancy – National Recorder - The vacancy remains following the resignation of Noel Woodhall last year.

- **NZ Bridge Foundation** – Graham advised that he has still to arrange a meeting with Foundation Chairperson Jo Clark but undertook to do so prior to the April Board meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of inward and outward Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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

CARRIED 14/2014

Alister tabled the letter from the Oamaru Bridge Club in which they detail their concerns with the service provided by Bridge NZ and the Scoring Programme. Alister reported that he had asked Murray Wiggins to respond. It was the Board view that Alister now write to the Club advising of its intention to exit from the Scoring Programme.

6. REGIONAL REPORTS/ MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 3 Regions were received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

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| 1. Wellington Region | Minutes of 3 rd December 2013 |
| 2. Wellington Region | Minutes of 28 January 2014 |
| 3. Auckland Northland Region | Minutes of 9 th February 2014 |
| 4. Canterbury Region | Minutes of 14 February 2014 |

Moved that the Minutes from the listed Regions be received.

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7. BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS

Finance

Alan spoke briefly and presented the following Report.

- P & L Report to 28th February 2014

Moved that the P & L Report as circulated be received.

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Alan tabled the first draft of the organisation's budget for the year ending 31st March 2015. It was agreed that all Committee Chairs would review their divisional requirements and submit any adjustments to their budgets and any requests for Capital expenditure so as to be ratified at the Board meeting of 17th April 2014.

Marketing Committee

Minutes for the Marketing Committee meeting held 9th January 2014 and 13th February 2014 and a report of recent activities were circulated prior to the Board meeting.

Moved that the Minutes from the Marketing Committee meeting held 9th January 2014, 13th February 2014 and the report of activities be received.

CARRIED 16/2014

Operations Report

In the absence of a written report Alister gave an overview of recent activities including the four meetings he participated in while in Australia recently.

Bridge Development Officer Report

Alister presented Richards report which had been circulated prior to the meeting

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

CARRIED 17/2014

Richard sought clarification from the Board as to the appropriate level of involvement to pursue the establishment of a formal mind sports group in NZ. It was agreed that this should be the responsibility of the Marketing Committee in the first instance.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Regional Committee Membership Changes**

The meeting received details as follows of two recent resignations to Regional Committees (Central Districts & Wellington) along with nominations to fill the vacancies until 30th June 2014 being the end of the current term.

Central Districts

Resignation received from Evelyn Hurley, to be replaced by Les Gould.

Wellington

Resignation received from Joan Waldvogel, to be replaced by Anna Herries.

Moved that the memberships of the Central Districts & Wellington Regional Committees be amended as above.

CARRIED 18/2014

- **Youth Interprovincials**

It was agreed in principle to discontinue the Youth Interprovincials from 2014 and reallocate the financial resources to supporting youth participation at Congress. A survey / consultation process will be initiated, supervised by Shirley.

- **Interprovincials**

Alan advised that he had not received the information sought from the Regional Committees at the Regional Conference as to their actual income & expenditure for the 2013 Interprovincials although Richard had circulated a spreadsheet. Alan will follow up with Richard to clarify his figures and make further contact the Regions if necessary.

The Regions to be advised that as part of the annual budget process they will be required to prepare and submit a details budget specific to the interprovincials.

- **Board Elections - Scrutineers**

Moved that Mr Ross Hadwin and Dr Alan Doddridge be thanked for acting as Scrutineers for the 2014 Boards member elections, and that the ballot papers be destroyed.

CARRIED 19/2014

▪ **Special Project Team- Review of NZ Bridge Tournament Regulations**

Arie signaled that he will establish a special project team tasked with reviewing the Tournament Regulations. Any amendments to the regulations will be adopted in time for them to apply to the 2014 National Congress.

▪ **Online Newsletter & Opt-in Campaign**

The meeting noted that the opt-in forms will go out with an explanation of the benefits to both NZB and players, to join up.

▪ **Selection Events for 2015 National Teams and beyond**

The International Committee recommended that the Board endorse the following which will impact on the scheduling of 3 major tournaments from 2015 and beyond.

Moved that the following events be scheduled annually as follows from 2015 to enable their inclusion in the mix for International Teams selection:

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| • National 15A Teams | November or December |
| • South Island 20A Teams | February |
| • North Island 20A Teams | March |

CARRIED 20/2014

Alister reported that as the 2015 schedule was all but finalised it will be necessary to move the 15A Teams to a weekend in Dec 2015 so as to avoid any significant clashes.

▪ **Confirmed Meeting Dates 2014**

Thursday 17 th April	Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington
Thursday 15 th May	Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington
Saturday 28 th June	Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington
Sunday 29 th June	Regional Conference / Miramar Golf Club Wellington

Kay thanked all who had prepared Reports and / or Presentations for the Meeting.

Arie thanked both Kay and Patsy for their significant contribution to NZ Bridge over the past 6 years and wish them both well for the future. As a token of appreciation Kay and Patsy were each presented with a suitable gift in recognition of their services.

Meeting Closed – 3.45pm