



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport Thursday 17th
April 2014 commencing at 10.15am**

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Graham Wakefield, Shirley Newton, Allan Joseph, Murray Wiggins, Alan Turner, & Allan Barclay

In Attendance: Alister Stuck, National Secretary (until 3.40pm) & Richard Solomon, Bridge Development Officer (from 11.30am)

1. WELCOME

Arie welcomed all to the meeting and outlined the plan for the day. The first segment would be dedicated to clearing a number of outstanding matters and the remainder of the day review its activities and achievements to date and identify areas on which it would focus during the current term.

2. APOLOGY

Nil

3. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

An updated list had been circulated.

- **Vacancy- Chief Director** – Moved that the Chairperson in consultation with selected members of the Board document the key roles, responsibilities, tasks and attributes applicable to the position of Chief Director with a view to seeking expressions of interest in the near future for an initial term of 5 years.

CARRIED 29/2014

Moved that in future an annual honorarium be paid with respect to the position of \$5000 to be fixed from time to time.

CARRIED 30/2014

Moved that an interview panel comprising Arie, Alister and Allan Joseph be formed with the final decision re the appointment to be made by the Board.

CARRIED 31/2014

Note: Murray Wiggins took no part in the discussions and did not vote. Allan Joseph indicated that he would not be applying for the position.

- **Vacancy- CDD Committee** - Alister advised that he had initial discussions with a suitable person and would be in a position to report further after Easter.
- **NZ Bridge Foundation** – Graham updated the Board following his recent meeting with Foundation Chairperson Jo Clark, and tabled a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Trustees held 16 March 2014.
- **Website Sponsor Escape Direct** – Richard outlined the proposal to enter an arrangement with Australian based Travel Company Escape Direct. The Board endorsed the proposal and agreed that the Marketing group would formalise arrangements with Escape Direct.
- **Sports Tribunal Hearing - Burrows** - The Secretary confirmed that a valid Notice of appeal had been lodged by W. Burrows with the Sports Tribunal against the decision of the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee dated 7 February 2014, under No BT 01/14.

New Zealand Bridge is required to constitute by resolution the Tribunal utilising not less than three current members of the Sports Tribunal established by the Board of Sport and Recreation New Zealand. The Chair of the Sports Tribunal has requested that an appropriate resolution be considered at this time.

Resolved That the appeal by W. Burrows be determined by the Bridge Appeal Tribunal constituted in accordance with Rule 28.2 of our Constitution comprising three members of the Sports Tribunal under the Chairmanship of Sir James Bruce Robertson KNZM, QC.

CARRIED 32/2014

Note Arie Geursen, Alan Joseph and Murray Wiggins took no part in the discussion or voting in relation to the above resolution.

- **Directors Workshop** – Allan Joseph briefed the Board regarding arrangements for the Bridge Directors Workshop to be held at the Wellington Bridge Club over the weekend of 21-22 June 2014.
- **Youth Survey & Congress Subsidies** – Allan Barclay presented the findings of the recent survey of youth players who were canvassed following the decision to discontinue the Youth Interprovincials in favour of increased support for youth to attend the National Congress. It was agreed that youth players who are full time students or at school will be offered entry to the Intermediate / Junior package at a reduced cost of \$50 (discounted from \$190).

It was agreed that Youth players who are in full time employment will be offered entry to the Intermediate / Junior package at a reduced cost of \$95 (discounted from \$190).

It was agreed that all Youth players would be able to claim the Congress travel subsidy as applicable to their place of residence.

A social gathering (poolside BBQ) would be held for youth players on the Thursday night of Congress.

Richard to draft a suitable Bulletin outlining the concessions.

4. BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS

Marketing, Membership & Media

Alan, Shirley and Alister spoke to the Board paper that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The presenters outlined their plans for the restructure of the existing Marketing & Communication Committee into a Portfolio comprising 3 workgroups and the appointment of Allan Barclay as Director of Marketing who would head the group.

It was agreed that the portfolio and the launch of a number of activities would be rolled out after the members of the workgroups attend a meeting in Wellington scheduled for May 16th 2014.

Moved that the report on Marketing, Membership and Media as circulated be received.

CARRIED 33/2014

5. BOARD MEMBERS WORKSHOP

At the conclusion of the business segment the Board took the opportunity to review its activities over the past 6 years and identified a number of key areas on which it would focus over the current term of the Board.

▪ Confirmed Meeting Dates 2014

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

Future Board meetings would commence at 8.30am

Meeting Closed – 4.00pm