



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held Monday June 18 2012 at the Koru Lounge Wellington
Airport commencing at 10.00am**

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

In Attendance: Alister Stuck Secretary & Richard Solomon Bridge Development
Officer

Apologies: Arie Geursen, Patsy Walters

1. WELCOME

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Copies of the following minutes / Meeting Notes were circulated prior to the meeting.

- Board Meeting - 21 May 2012
- Resolutions by Epoll - 12 June 2012

Moved that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 18 May 2012 and
Resolutions passed by Epoll 12 June 2012 be confirmed.

CARRIED 53/2012

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 54/2012

4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Plain English Guide to Systems/Treatments permitted at Junior and Int Level

The finalised document was presented to the meeting and will be published during the following week.

5. BOARD REPORTS

- **Bridge Development**

Richard summarised his report that had been circulated prior to the meeting and mentioned in particular the pleasing response to the Youth Weekend scheduled for early August in Wellington for which in excess of 40 registrations had been received to date.

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

CARRIED 55/2011

- **Finance**

Alan presented the updated Profit & Loss Statements to 31 May 2012.

Moved that the Financial Report as circulated, be received.

CARRIED 56/2012

Graham sought clarification from the meeting regarding the International Committee budget and initiated a discussion regarding the changes to the Budget since formally adopted at the previous Board meeting. Graham was not aware that the International Committee was working to a 4 Year Budget cycle as it was delegated to do. It was Graham's view that this was not good practice and suggested that all Board Committees should work with a 12 Month budget cycle.

Moved that the International Committee be responsible for preparing and submitting a budget in respect of its activities in each financial year to the Board and the Board finalise the annual budget request in each year in conjunction with its overall annual Budget.

CARRIED 57/2012

- **International Committee**

Moved that the International Committee Minutes be received.

CARRIED 58/2012

The Board noted the success of the International selection method used this year and the positive impact on attendances at the 15A Tournaments involved. It was agreed that the International Committee be directed to consider a similar selection method in the future and any implications that arise.

- **Operations**

In the absence of a formal Report Alister briefed the meeting as to activities since the last meeting. Of note was the progress report with the development of the new Website and the Audit of the Financial Statements which had commenced during the week prior to the meeting.

6. REGIONAL REPORTS

Minutes from 4 Regions had been received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

Moved that the Minutes from Central Districts (2), Canterbury, TOTS, & Otago Southland Regional Committees be received.

CARRIED 59/2012

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Top of the South Regional Committee**

Moved that the following successful candidates be ratified and appointed as the members of the TOTS Regional Committee as from 1 July 2012 when the current memberships lapse.

Phil Donaldson
Steve Gray
Dot Rapley
Robin Young
Phil Rutherford
Chris Marshall

CARRIED 60/2012

- **Information Club Hub Software**

Alister reported on a meeting he attended with Maurice MacLaren, Director of Club Hub Ltd while in Auckland recently.

This Company provides administration / membership Software and designs and hosts cost effective Websites for numerous Sports Clubs. It was agreed

that Alister would arrange a further meeting to be attended by Graham and Allan to consider the offering and gauge its suitability for rollout to Bridge Clubs.

- **Scope & Delegation Document- Remuneration Committee**

Moved that the document as circulated be adopted.

CARRIED 61/2012

- **Development of Scorer- Interface with Bridgemates**

The meeting discussed the response from Martin Oyston of Bridge NZ Ltd and agreed in principle that NZ Bridge Scorer would be modified to enable it to interface with Bridgemate Scoring devices. It was further agreed that Alister would contact Martin to arrange a “face to face” meeting with Board representatives to progress the matter.

- **Policy - Cash Transactions**

The draft policy documents were circulated by the Finance Committee but too late for consideration by the Board at this meeting. The topic was deferred until the July Meeting.

- **Format & Timetable – August Regional Conference Blenheim**

It was agreed that the Board would assemble in Blenheim late afternoon on Friday August 24 2012 for the Board meeting to be held that evening prior to the Regional Conference on Saturday August 25 2012.

Alister noted to advise the Regional Committees and make travel and accommodation arrangements for the delegates and Board members attending.

- **Policy- B Point Awards at 8B Events for Junior & Int Participants**

The meeting discussed this topic which was tabled at the April Regional Conference by the Top of the South Region.

The proposal before the Board relates to 8B Point Tournaments and if adopted would see the highest placed all Intermediate and all Junior Pair finishing outside the placings that qualify for Masterpoints receive bonus B Points at a rate of 5B for the Intermediate Pair and 3B for the Junior Pair.

The meeting did not support the proposal as presented given the potential for affected pairs to be upgraded prematurely.

Alister agreed to draft and present a modified proposal at the July meeting for consideration.

- **Policy- Publication of Tournament Results**

The meeting discussed recent feedback received regarding the availability of tournament results online. It was noted that there is an expectation amongst

the bridge population that results for all major events be available online soon after the conclusion of sessions and if not then soon after the event was over. It was agreed that this was not only possible in most instances but deemed an essential marketing tool for the game. It was the Boards view that this become a requirement and that the tournament section of the NZ Bridge Manual be amended to include a suitable statement to that effect.

Alister advised that he does and will continue to add links to tournament results from the NZ Bridge Home Page but is unwilling to do this if the said results are not available in a timely manner.

Moved that the timely publication of results on a website for all 10A Tournaments and above including the National Congress be a requirement.

CARRIED 62/2012

▪ **Policy- Certificate of Proficiency**

Following earlier discussion at the Board member's Strategy Day the Board considered a proposal to amend the provisions of the Masterpoint Scheme by renaming/replacing the entry level Rank of Junior Master with an award by NZ Bridge of a "Certificate of Proficiency" in lieu. This status will be awarded when a player has aggregated a total of 5 B points and will be formally acknowledged and recognised with a new look Certificate which will be forwarded to the players Home Club for presentation to the designated recipient. There will, however, be no change for those players who have already achieved the Junior Master rank which will be deemed equivalent in status for all purposes to the new Certificate. The first actual rank under the Masterpoint Scheme following the introduction of the new Certificate will then be Club Master, requiring 20 A or B points in aggregate as at present.

Moved that the first rank within the NZB Masterpoint Scheme of Junior Master be replaced by the award by NZ Bridge of a formal "Certificate of Proficiency" with effect from 30 June 2012

CARRIED 63/2012

Alister agreed to work with Chris Jared to implement the necessary changes to the Masterpoint Programme in time for the June quarter run scheduled for early July. Kay agreed to design an A4 sized certificate and Graham will draft a suitable Bulletin to accompany the initial awards.

▪ **Board Governance Manual**

Lynne presented the draft document and went through the sections drafted to date. It was agreed that the finalised document would be circulated prior to the July meeting.

Next Meeting

10.00am Monday 30 July 2012 – Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington

4.45pm Meeting Closed