



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held Monday May 21 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 & Allan Barclay

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.

- AK Club & Region - 24 April 2012
- Board Meeting - 24 April 2012
- Regional Conference - 25 April 2012

Moved that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 24 April 2012 and the Regional Conference held 25 April 2012 and the notes of the meeting of delegates from the Auckland Bridge Club, the Auckland Northland Regional Committee and the Board be confirmed.

CARRIED 43/2012

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.

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Two items of correspondence were flagged for further discussion.

Coaching Grant Application Canterbury Regional Committee

The Canterbury Region sought approval for two Coaching Grant requests which fell outside the scope of the currently policy. The Administration Committee had reviewed the requests and recommended that approval for the application of money from the Coaching Fund be declined.

It was agreed that the Board would support the Regional Committee should they wish to assist the applicants by way of a payment from the Regions General Fund. Alister to advise the Regional Committee of the decision.

Levy Invoices

Alister had recently received requests from 4 Clubs seeking a revised Levy invoice based on revised membership figures recalculated by the Clubs after the cut off date of February 10th.

It was agreed that no adjustment to the levy invoices would be approved.

Alister to advise the Clubs concerned, including with respect to the rationale.

4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

Graham advised that the document is finalised and would be distributed to the Clubs and regions in hard copy and be placed on our Website shortly. It was agreed that the document would be included in an early Congress Bulletin.

5. BOARD REPORTS

▪ Bridge Development

Richard summarised his report that had been circulated prior to the meeting

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

CARRIED 45/2011

▪ Finance

Alan presented the updated Profit & Loss Statements to 20 May 2012.

Moved that the Financial Report as circulated, be received.

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Alan presented the finalised budget for the year to 31 March 2013.

Moved that the Budget as circulated be adopted.

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It was agreed that Alister would take of the responsibility for the production and distribution of future P & L Reports to be compiled within 5 working days of the end of the month being reported.

- **Administration Committee**

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

CARRIED 48/2012

- **Operations**

Moved that the Operations Report as circulated, be received.

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7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Revision – NZ Bridge Manual**

Graham advised that work is proceeding and the revised Manual will be available for distribution midyear.

It was agreed that the list of Directors would be reformatted so as to be able to identify those Directors who are active from those who are no longer available to direct but retain the qualification.

Keith Nicholas had undertaken to update the section of the Manual and to prepare a mail out to Clubs so that the status of their Directors can be confirmed.

- **Central Districts Regional Committee**

The resignation, for personal reasons, of Les Gould (Chairperson Central Districts) was received with regret. It was noted that the Region would not canvas a replacement given that the current tenure for the Regional Committees expires 30 June.

- **Nominations – Regional Committees**

Moved that the Regional Committee Nominations as circulated (excluding Top of the South Region) be ratified and appointed as the members of the respective Regional Committees as from 1 July 2012 when the current memberships lapse.

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A comprehensive list of these appointments is annexed to these minutes.

It was noted that the Nominations received for the Top of the South Region exceeded the number of vacancies necessitating an election. The members of that Committee will be ratified by the Board at the conclusion of the elections process.

Kay has undertaken to write to the successful candidates and to those current members who have not sought reelection.

- **Policy - Cash Transactions**

This matter is deferred until the June meeting to allow the Finance Committee further time to develop and distribute a policy paper for consideration by the Board.

- **Feedback- Huntly Bridge Club**

Further to the issue raised by Brett Glass at the Hamilton Regional Conference Alister undertook to research this and circulate some statistics relating to membership and Masterpoint grades.

The Conference was advised that the Huntly Club has not, and does not wish to include its day time session for Masterpoint purposes. It was suggested that the reason behind this was that in smaller Clubs often the same people were winning regularly and thus accumulating significant Masterpoints.

Based on the research presented, there was no evidence that Huntly Club Members were at the risk of a grade change due to their regular participation and success in Club Sessions.

A response to the Waikato Bays Regional Committee and the Huntly Club is to be drafted.

- **Review of the Constitution**

The Working party established at the Dec 2011 Board Meeting had not met but had undertaken to do so with the view to presenting any proposed changes to the Constitution at the Region Conference in August. The members of the working party had indicated that they intend writing to all Clubs and Regions seeking feed back and suggestions to improve the Constitution.

- **Bridge Teachers Assn**

It was noted that efforts to have the residual funds passed to the New Zealand Bridge Foundation had stalled.

It was agreed that Lynne Fegan would convene a meeting of former members of this informal organisation to review the current circumstances with respect to such funds at an agreed time during Congress.

Allan Barclay is to prepare a list of invitees being those who previously administered the group and assist Lynne with the mail out.

- **Policy- System Card Regulations**

Moved that NZ Bridge System Cards policy detailed on Page D37 of the Manual be amended as follows:

“All Pairs must carry System Cards in all Tournaments.”

“The Board of NZ Bridge requires Directors of all Tournaments to ensure that all Players in all Tournaments are made aware of these regulations at the commencement of each session of the Tournament.”

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

Discussion on this topic was deferred to the June meeting pending consideration further consideration of the information circulated.

- **Scope & Delegation Document- Marketing & Communication Committee**

Moved that the document as circulated be adopted.

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

The draft document was circulated prior to the meeting. Amendments were suggested and will be considered by the Remuneration Committee at a meeting in Christchurch. The revised document is to be circulated to the Board members for adoption by epoll.

Next Meeting

9.30 am Saturday 26 May 2012 – Strategy Workshop - Christchurch

10.00am Monday 18 June 2012 – Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington

4.45pm Meeting Closed