



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport on Monday 20th
October 2014 commencing at 8.30am

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Alan Turner, Allan Joseph, Graham Wakefield,
Anthony Hopkins, Shirley Newton & Phil Rutherford

In Attendance: Alister Stuck, National Secretary, Richard Solomon, Bridge
Development Officer & Murray Wiggins, Chief Director.

1. WELCOME

Arie welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES Nil

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes 24th August 2014

Moved confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 24 August 2014

CARRIED 76/2014

4. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from a number of Regions were received and circulated prior to the
Meeting namely

- Waikato Bays Region - Minutes - 30 July 2014
- Waikato Bays Region - Minutes - 18 Aug 2014
- Waikato Bays Region - Minutes - 29 Aug 2014
- Canterbury Region - Minutes - 18 Aug 2014
- Central Districts Region - Minutes - 18 July 2014
- TOTS Region – Conference Minutes - 06 Sept 2014
- Report TOTS Regional Conference - 06 Sept 2014
- Minutes W Bays Area Pairs Ctte 03 Aug 2014
- Auckland Northland Region – Minutes - 12 Oct 2014

Moved that the Minutes from the listed Regions be received.

CARRIED 77/2014

5. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

An updated list had been circulated and progress with respect to each of the respective items were discussed.

It was agreed that Alan Turner would follow-up with Keith Nicholas regarding the establishment of a Datums register for International players as agreed at the Board meeting of 22nd Nov 2013.

6. 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 78/2014

The letter (and interim response) from the Ashburton Bridge Club was discussed. It was acknowledged that there is an acute shortage of Directors qualified to National Level actively directing in the South Island. It was agreed that the Chief Director take steps to remedy this with a recruitment programme and that Richard contact the Ashburton Club regarding their concerns as to the difficulties running 10A Tournaments.

7. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Finance

Alan spoke briefly and presented a financial summary, P & L Reports for the Months ending 31 August 2014 & 30 September 2014 and a summary of the Levy invoices issued as at 30th September 2014.

Moved that the financial reports as circulated be received.

CARRIED 79/2014

Zone 7 Bridge Federation

Minutes of a meeting of the Zone 7 Council held 27th February 2014 and the financial report for the year ended 31 March 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the Minutes of the meeting held 27 February 2014 and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 be received.

CARRIED 80/2014

NPC Report – NZ Youth Team August 2014

The report prepared by NPC Alan Turner was circulated prior to the meeting and formed part of the debrief held by the International Committee the day prior to the Board meeting.

Moved that the Youth Team NPC Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 81/2014

NZ Bridge Foundation

The Foundations Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 were presented by the Trustees at the recent AGM of NZ Bridge.

Moved that the Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 be received.

CARRIED 82/2014

Arie reported that he had met with Foundation Chairman Jo Clark and Trustee Karen Martelletti during the National Congress. At that meeting the Foundation representatives suggested that the two parties meet formally at least annually. The Board endorsed this suggestion and it was agreed that Alister write to the Foundation advising that the Board members will be available to attend a meeting of the Foundation and ask that this be scheduled as soon as possible.

Bridge Development Officers Report

Richard summarized his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Richard expressed ongoing concerns with the online magazine and the feedback he was receiving from people who found it difficult to opt in.

The Marketing Committee are reviewing the whole way NZB currently communicates, including the Magazine and will report back to the Board in due course.

Richard also raised the current policy whereby non affiliated Clubs were able to contest the NZ Wide Pairs. This was introduced as a way to establish a relationship with these Clubs and pave the way to hold discussions with them about possibly affiliating in the future. It was agreed that Richard would visit such clubs after the event and get the dialogue going.

Moved that the Bridge Development Officer's Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 83/2014

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Appointment – Chef de Mission

Shirley reported that at the recent International Committee meeting Derek Evennett indicated a willingness to continue in the role of Chef de Mission for a further 2 years through until the end of 2016. This had the support of the International Committee.

Moved that Derek Evennett tenure as Chef de Mission be extended through until 31 December 2016.

CARRIED 83/2014

Youth Events at Congress

The International Committee recommended and the Board subsequently endorsed a recommendation to the Congress Organising Committee that at least one Youth event is added to the Congress schedule for 2015. It was suggested that these be held on the Thursday and Friday prior to the commencement of NZ Pairs. A budget of \$5000 to be made available and participation in the event and the composition of teams would not have geographical restrictions.

Bridge Appeal Tribunal

Graham led this segment and outlined the most recent developments. At this point the following left the meeting, Arie Geursen, Alister Stuck, Murray Wiggins, Alan Joseph and Richard Solomon.

Moved:

That the information provided by W Burrows regarding the abandonment of his appeal against the decision of the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee dated 7 February 2014 be received.

That subject to payment by W Burrows of the outstanding contribution to costs of \$1200 as ordered by that decision not later than Wednesday 22 October 2014 all matters currently before the Conduct, Discipline and Disputes Committee involving Mr Burrows are regarded by the parties as closed.

That it be noted that W Burrows has also contributed \$1500 to the Bridge Appeal Tribunal's costs from the monies already paid in by Mr Burrows as a security deposit.

That the Board issue an appropriate Bulletin to all Clubs and Regional Committees.

That the Board record its unqualified support and appreciation for, and confidence in, its directors and officials who were involved in these circumstances.

CARRIED 84/2014

It was agreed that Graham would draft a suitable bulletin for distribution to all Clubs and Regional Committees.

Levies 2015

The Meeting discussed the likely player levy effective 1 April 2015.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, it was moved that the levy remain unchanged at \$5 +GST per home club member per quarter.

CARRIED 85/2014

System Card Policy- Compliance at Congress

Graham reported that it was his experience that the carrying of System Cards was poorly adhered to particularly in the senior's events. It was agreed that the Congress Committee would be asked to promote and monitor this more visibly next year.

Murray was asked to remind Directors officiating at Tournaments to be more diligent as well.

Dan Gifford Finals

Alister raised this discussion point and suggested that various incidents over the past couple of years had compromised the integrity of the event. Murray advised that there was a plan to review and rewrite the regulations pertaining to this event so as to eliminate some of the unfortunate issues that had occurred.

Regional Conferences

Shirley briefed the meeting as to the dates and venues of a number of Regional Conferences scheduled between now and February next year. Board personnel would be attending and available to assist the Regional Committees with planning in the lead up and participation on the day.

Australasian Club on BBO

Arie briefed the meeting regarding the discussion he had with Simon Hinge of the ABF regarding the establishment of an Australasian Club on BBO. The Club would offer home country Masterpoints for Australian and NZ players and provide an opportunity to promote both NZ Bridge and the ABF.

The meeting agreed in principle to the proposal and left it with Arie to continue discussions with the ABF in this regard.

At the conclusion of the formal segment of the meeting (2.15pm) Alister, Richard & Murray were excused and the Board Members continued their discussion in private.

Meeting Closed 3.30pm

- **Confirmed Meeting Dates 2015**
TBA