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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE
ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON
BRIDGE CLUB ON 4 FEBRUARY 2005.**

PRESENT: Alister Stuck (Chair), Murat Genc, Lindsay Lawrence, Tony Lenart, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Jenny Wilkinson, Noel Woodhall, Robin Young and Fran Jenkins (Secretary).

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Solomon (Bridge Development Officer).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Kay Nicholas.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2004 were accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

The Secretary confirmed that John Wignall was the National Recorder for New Zealand and John Lenart was the Recorder for Congress.

NPC REPORTS:

Following receipt of the three NPC Reports from the 2004 World Olympiad, Stephen Blackstock had been invited to attend the Management Committee Meeting to provide an overall view on ways in which the NZCBA can improve its international teams preparation.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Inward Correspondence as listed was tabled.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION (Administration, Scoring Programme, Tournaments, Website,)

Scoring Programme:

Alister circulated a paper outlining the latest position regarding the Scoring Programme.

Website:

Alister circulated a discussion paper on the inclusion of a Forum on the website. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

B. CONGRESS

The Minutes of the last Congress Meeting had been circulated. As it was unlikely that sponsorship from ASB would be available until next year, it was agreed that the brochures be printed in time for distribution at Surfers.

The Secretary confirmed that the Recorders Report had been received for the 2004 Congress.

C. FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP (Finance, Budgets, Investments, Sponsorship)

Finance:

Payments from 26 November 2004 to 1 February 2005 amounting to \$39,545.98 were ratified. The Treasurer advised that the Bank Account would be changed to ASB on Monday 7 February 2005. It was proposed that “cheque signatories on the new ASB account be Tony Lenart (Treasurer), Alister Stuck (Chairman), Fran Jenkins (Secretary) and Noel Woodhall with any two to sign.”

Tony Lenart/Norm Silcock
CARRIED

Investments:

Tony Lenart and David May had met earlier in the day to discuss the investment strategy.

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

Trials:

The following committee members declared an interest in 2005 Trials and were excluded from discussion:

Open: Richard Solomon
Women: Jenny Wilkinson
Seniors: Noel Woodhall and Tony Lenart

Open Teams: (Richard Solomon not present). Four entries had been received. The International Committee recommended that:

“All entries be accepted, subject to those pairs who had not complied fully with entry requirements, doing so to the satisfaction of the Management Committee by 12.00 p.m. on Friday 11 February.”

Norm Silcock/Murat Genc
CARRIED

Womens Teams: (Jenny Wilkinson not present). Six entries had been received.

The eligibility of Jan Cormack to represent New Zealand was discussed. Advice received from the Honorary Solicitor was considered and it was agreed that “Jan Cormack was ineligible to represent New Zealand in 2005 under Rule 2 and Rule 1c of the New Zealand Qualifications and, further, would be ineligible to play for New Zealand in 2005 under WBF Regulations.”

Norm Silcock/Murat Genc
CARRIED

It was further agreed that “With the approval of Jan Cormack, NZCBA would write to the WBF to seek clearance for her to represent New Zealand in 2006.”

Norm Silcock/Murat Genc
CARRIED

The International Committee recommended that “All entries be accepted, subject to those pairs who had not complied fully with entry requirements, doing so to the satisfaction of the Management Committee by 12.00 p.m. on Friday 11 February. The Yule Team was accepted as a four-person team.”

Norm Silcock/Murat Genc
CARRIED

Seniors Teams: (Tony Lenart and Noel Woodhall not present). Six entries had been received.

The International Committee recommended that:

“All entries be accepted, subject to those pairs who had not complied fully with entry requirements, doing so to the satisfaction of the Management Committee by 12.00 p.m. on Friday 11 February.”

Norm Silcock/Murat Genc
CARRIED

Alister Stuck was formally appointed to the International Sub Committee. The Committee would be considering the method of trials entry and acceptance together with the reintroduction qualification points. Norm Silcock had circulated a proposal for qualification points to be introduced for 2006 Trials. This was discussed and it was agreed that “the document, as amended, be adopted effective from 1st February 2005.” Norm would circulate the amended document to the Management Committee.

Norm Silcock/Jenny Wilkinson
CARRIED

Screens: No progress had been made on the purchase of new screens. Jenny promised to follow up with Christchurch again but with the use of the 4 screens in Hamilton, there should be enough for this year’s trials.

System Cards: It was agreed that as a Word document was now available for the WBF System Card and had been used by some players, each Team Captain would receive one hard copy of other team system cards.

The Secretary was asked to write to Arie Geursen appointing him Director for the Trials and to Auckland Centre advising the requirements

Zone 7:

John Wignall had advised that he would be organising a Zone 7 meeting during the Surfers Congress in Australia. This would be attended by Alister Stuck and Richard Solomon. Items to be included on the Agenda for New Zealand were:

NZ participation in Australian State Championships
Reintroduction of Test Match between Australia and New Zealand
Zone 7 Womens Committee

The New Zealand representatives would prefer to have the meeting earlier in the week and would need to know the precise details of where and when, in advance.

C. REGULATIONS (Appeals, Constitution, Directing, Laws & Regulations)

Appeals:

A request had been received from the 2004 Open Team NPC to correspond with WBF over concerns they had with an Appeal at the Olympiad. Arie Geursen would be discussing the matter with Richard Grenside before any action was taken.

Directing:

Canterbury had expressed concern over the requirement for National Director supervision for 10A tournaments. It was considered that the Centre should be encouraging more directors to take the National Exam. This matter would be considered further by the Committee. It was noted that there were still several half qualified National Directors and it was agreed that these either needed to complete the exam or return to Tournament Directors status. The Secretary was asked to write to the Centres concerned.

Laws & Regulations:

Green System: The Committee had clarified the description of opening two bids in the Green System and this would be circulated to Centres for inclusion in their Rubber Bridge notices.

The request from Canterbury Centre regarding oversubscribed tournaments was passed to the Administration Committee for consideration.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

The latest Bridge Development Report from Richard Solomon had been circulated.

Coaching: The Committee undertook to clarify the coaching grant for distribution to Centres.

Youth:

It was agreed that the Services Committee nominate an NPC for the Youth Team attending the World Youth Championships in Sydney in August. It was suggested that the youth training squad be continued for 2005/6 with a view to attending the PABF. Richard was asked to submit a proposal and budget to the next meeting.

Richard had drawn up some teaching notes which would be made available to clubs through the website.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. It was agreed that the NZCBA would pay \$142.66 towards the cost of the 2004 Clash between Canterbury and Wellington. This was the last year of NZCBA involvement in the event.
2. Tony Lenart submitted a discussion paper on the Inter Provincial Championships and Australian State Championships. It was agreed this be put on the Agenda for discussion at the Zone 7 meeting.
3. It was agreed that NPC allowances be included in the International Review.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be : **Friday 15 April 2005**