



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED
Held at 10 am on Saturday, 27 Sept 2014
In the Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton**

PRESENT NZ Bridge Board – Arie Geursen (Chair), Graham Wakefield, Alan Turner, Anthony Hopkins, Shirley Newton, Phil Rutherford & Allan Joseph

Secretary of NZ Bridge – Alister Stuck

Bridge Development Officer - Richard Solomon

Chief Director – Murray Wiggins

Auditor for NZ Bridge – David Macdonald FCA

Authorised Delegates

Lindsay Reid (Hamilton), Karen Martelletti (Tauranga), Brett Glass (Huntly), Steve Grey (Richmond), Max Morrison (Christchurch), Marilyn Jackson (Invercargill), Robin Young (Marlborough), Neil Beckett (Papatoetoe), Rona Driscoll (Taupo), Heather Jared (Hutt), Ian Brash (Rangiora), Barry Smith (Masterton), Kay Nicholas (Timaru), Trevor Robb (Franklin), Maurice Carter (Picton), Lynne Fegan (Wanaka), Margaret Perley (Otago), Lynda Rigler (Karori)

Proxies / Board Members representing Clubs

Graham Wakefield (Royle Epsom), Anthony Hopkins (Auckland), Steve Gray (Nelson, Motueka & Golden Bay)

Observers

Keith Nicholas, Anne Archibold, Sharon Simiona, Michael Johnstone, Lesley Andrew, Paula Gregory, Vivienne Cannell & Jo Clark.

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Arie Geursen, welcomed all those present at the 2014 Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Bridge Incorporated,

Board members, authorised Club Delegates (or Alternates) and Observers. A roll call was taken of those present.

APOLOGIES

Angela Royle, Kris Wooles, Jan Spaans, Joan McCarthy & Victoria Bridge Club.

Moved that the apologies be accepted

CARRIED

MINUTES of the 2013 AGM

Moved that the minutes as previously circulated be taken as read

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING 2013 AGM

Spelling correction "Lynda" Rigler

Noel Woodhall asked about the review of the Masterpoints for the Club Champs final. Alister responded advising that the Board considered the matter at its meeting held 5th February 2014 and agreed to remain with the status quo.

MINUTES of the 2013 SGM

Moved that the minutes as previously circulated be taken as read

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31 March 2014

The Chair indicated that as the Annual Report had been circulated he proposed it be taken as read.

Subject to the correction of spelling of Noel "Woodhall" moved that the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2014

Alan Turner led this segment of the Agenda summarising the Audited Financial Statements.

Moved that the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 as presented be adopted.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved that David Macdonald be appointed as Auditor for the 2014/2015 year

CARRIED

The Chairperson moved a vote of thanks for David Macdonald for the excellent work he did in the capacity as Honorary Auditor.

NZ BRIDGE FOUNDATION - PRESENTATION

Jo Clark (Foundation Chairman) and Karen Martelletti (Trustee) led this segment and presented the Foundation's Chairpersons report and the Audited Financial Statements for the year to 31 March 2014.

GENERAL BUSINESS

▪ Life Membership – Kay Nicholas

Arie spoke briefly regarding Kay's' extended contribution to bridge administration at National, Regional and Club level over many years and then worked through a Powerpoint presentation providing some background on Kay's achievements within and away from Bridge.

Moved that Kay Nicholas be awarded Honorary Life membership by New Zealand Bridge.

CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION

Following the presentation Kay thanked those present for the award and paid particular reference to Keith for his support during her long involvement with bridge in NZ.

▪ Constitutional Amendments - Remits from the Board of NZ Bridge

Remit No. 1

That Clause 16 – Regional Committees - be amended by inserting the following Sub-Clauses at the end, namely:-

“16.12 Each Regional Committee shall act in each and every year to convene between the months of July and September inclusive a meeting of delegates from each Affiliated Club within the Region, by giving not less than 21 days Notice in Writing of the date time and place of such Regional Conference to the Secretary or President of those Affiliated Clubs and to the Chief Executive and/or Secretary.

- 16.13 Each Regional Conference shall be chaired by the Regional Chairperson or in his/her absence another member of the Regional Committee and may be attended by:
- (a) Members of the Regional Committee;
 - (b) Up to three delegates from each Affiliated Club within the Region;
 - (c) Any member of the Board; and
 - (d) The Chief Executive, Secretary, Chief Director and/or Bridge Development Officer.
- 16.14 A Regional Conference shall undertake such business as the Regional Committee shall cause to be set out in the order paper accompanying the Notice of Meeting or as the Regional Conference shall agree to consider on any occasion.
- 16.15 Voting at any Regional Conference shall be by show of hands among delegates present from Affiliated Clubs but any resolutions passed are of a nonbinding nature and are by way of recommendation or are advisory only."

Amendment Proposed

Moved that 16.12 ABOVE be amended by removing the following words, namely
"between the months of July and September inclusive"

CARRIED

The amended Motion was then put to the meeting.

CARRIED

Remit No. 2

That Clause 17 – Conference - be amended as follows, namely:-

- (a) That the Clause heading be retitled "National Conference"
and
- (b) That line one of Clause 17.1 be deleted and replaced by the words "The Board shall convene a National *Conference between the months of March and June inclusive in*" in lieu

and further

That Clause 3 – Interpretation – be amended so that the definition of "Conference" read as follows, namely:-

“Conference” or “National Conference” means any meeting convened in accordance with Rule 17.1 and for the avoidance of doubt does not include a Regional Conference convened in accordance with Rule 16.12.

Amendment Proposed

Moved that Clause 17 (b) above be amended whereby the following words be removed, namely

“between the months of March and June inclusive “

CARRIED

The amended Motion was then put to the meeting.

CARRIED

Remit No. 3

That Clause 19 - Annual Return – be amended by deleting the words “but shall” from the second line of Clause 19.2 and inserting the words “which may” in lieu.

CARRIED

Remit No. 4

That Clause 11 – Termination of Position – be amended by adding at the conclusion of Sub-Clause 11.1(h) the words “or holds or is appointed to fulfil the position or role of Chief Director. “

CARRIED

▪ Health & Safety Issues

Lynda Rigler briefed the meeting as to the forthcoming changes to the Liquor Licensing act that may have an impact on Clubs in the future.

▪ Youth Interprovincials

Max Morrison asked if there was a plan to resurrect the Youth Interprovincials. The Board responded advising that it would as an alternative be promoting youth participation at Congress.

▪ Huntly Proposal

Brett Glass briefed the meeting as to the Huntly Clubs intention to sponsor a remit to the next AGM via the Waikato bays Regional Committee to overhaul the basis Masterpoints are offered and used for grading.

- Closure
There being no further business Arie Geursen, thanked the Delegates and Observers for their contribution.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.20am