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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB ON 15 APRIL 2005.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Solomon (Bridge Development Officer).

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2005 were accepted as a correct record.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Inward Correspondence as listed was tabled.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Administration:

A 10A tournament was approved for Canterbury Centre to be run in conjunction with the Zone 7 Championships.

Scoring Programme:

A Beta 6.0 version was now available and currently being tested. The Management Committee were not satisfied with the time being taken to complete the programme and it was agreed that a copy of the Contract would be sent to the Hon. Solicitor for advice. A letter would be sent to Duncan Badley informing him of this action.

Website:

It was agreed to progress the Website forum.

B. CONGRESS

The 2005 Congress brochure had now been distributed to clubs. This would be put on the website once an electronic copy had been received.

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

Finance:

Payments from 17 February to 11 April amounting to \$567,377.59 were ratified. Draft accounts for the year ending 31 March 2005 were tabled. Sub committees were asked to submit budget requirements for the forthcoming year.

Investments:

Noel Woodhall had circulated a report on future investment proposals.

Sponsorship:

Richard Solomon and Tony Lenart would be meeting ASB representatives on 18 April to discuss sponsorship. They expected to arrange a reciprocal package whereby NZCBA promoted ASB to its clubs and ASB provided sponsorship funds to NZCBA. Tony Lenart had also arranged sponsorship for Congress through the Association's insurance broker, Jardines.

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

International

New Zealand international teams for 2005 were confirmed as:

NPC	Team	Reserve Pair
<i>Open 1: Zone 7 Championships and Bermuda Bowl</i>		
Alan Turner	Martin Reid / Peter Newell Michael Cornell / Dwayne Crombie Tom Jacob / Malcolm Mayer	Stephen Blackstock/Stephen Henry
<i>Open 2: PABF</i>		
Jan Cormack	David McLeish / Stephen Burgess Ashley Bach / Michael Whibley Val Gardiner / Stephen Lester	Peter Newell / Martin Reid
<i>Women 1: Zone 7 Championships and Venice Cup</i>		
Jan Alabaster	Kathryn Yule / Rose Don Paula McLeish / Tania Lloyd Carol Richardson / Eileen Horsman	Linda Cartner / Glenis Palmer
<i>Women 2: PABF</i>		
Richard Solomon	Carol Richardson / Eileen Horsman Linda Cartner / Glenis Palmer Kathryn Yule / Rose Don	Paula McLeish / Tania Lloyd
<i>Senior 1 : Zone 7 Championships and Senior Cup</i>		

Tony Thomson Tony Lenart / Noel Woodhall Stan Abrahams / Paul Wannop
Trevor Robb / Alex Moore
John Wignall / Bob Scott

Senior 2: PABF

Tony Thomson John Wignall / Bob Scott Tony Lenart / Noel Woodhall
Stan Abrahams / Paul Wannop
Trevor Robb / Alex Moore

NPC Allowances: The following NPC allowances were agreed:

WBF Open and Women: \$2,000 each
WBF Senior: \$1,500
PABF All categories: \$1,500 each
Zone 7 All categories: \$200 each

WBF Event:

It was proposed “THAT the Open and Women players and NPC at the Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup be awarded an additional subsidy of \$500 each if they qualify in their event.”

Murat Genc/Norm Silcock

CARRIED

It was noted that a discounted entry fee was available if the teams book accommodation at the venue. It was agreed that the teams be advised that if they take advantage of this offer, the amount saved on entry fees will be allocated to them.

Commonwealth Games 2006: A budget was required for costs involved in sending a team to the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Zone 7: Jenny Wilkinson advised that there were now 3 teams entered in the Womens competition and New Zealand had been invited to make up a 4th team. As our second placed Womens team was now incorporated into the first placed team, it was decided not to field a second team. Jenny would advise John Wignall.

NPC Duties: The International sub committee would consider amendments to this document before it was distributed to NPCs. NPCs would also be asked to consider training requirements for their team(s) and submit a training plan and projected costs within two weeks. Team subsidies for the PABF and Zone 7 would be paid to NPCs now and those for the WBF events to be paid as soon as possible following the Zone 7 Championships.

Alister advised that the Womens Team had already paid their airfares to the WBF World Championships which were subject to cancellation penalties.

Team Uniforms: Jenny Wilkinson had already obtained quotes for polo shirts and was asked to obtain an updated quote for 2 sets of t-shirts for all teams and blazers for Open, Women and Seniors. Once the quote was obtained It was proposed “**THAT** we apply to Pub Charity for a grant for uniforms for all international representative teams in 2005”

Norm Silcock/Murat Genc

CARRIED

Trials:

Qualification Points: Letters regarding Qualification Points had been received from Emma Barrack/Karen Cumpstone and Jan Alabaster/Jan Cormack.

The following amendments to the Policy were agreed:

- As the new policy had been released later than intended, the timeframe would be extended, for 2005/6 only, up to the date of the Trials. This would allow events scheduled between 1st February 2006 and the 2006 trials to be counted twice. (once in each period).
- Dispensation would be given for previously established partnerships.
- A maximum of 10 points would be allowed for internet play, providing it was a qualified tournament event and final results were submitted.
- The inclusion of the Canberra Swiss Pairs would be reviewed next year.

The two pairs requesting exemptions would be asked to submit a list of events which they would be playing.

Representation Eligibility: It was agreed that a letter be sent to the WBF supporting Jan Cormack's intention to trial for New Zealand in 2006.

2005 Trials. A detailed report on the 2005 Trials had been received from Arie Geursen. The Secretary was asked to write to Auckland Centre to thank all those who had helped make the event a success.

Screens: A proposal for new screens had been included in Arie's report from the Trials. Alister would liaise with Arie to obtain a quote.

Zone 7:

A Zone 7 meeting would be held in Christchurch during the Championships. Jenny Wilkinson was appointed as the New Zealand representative.

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

Appeals:

Arie Geursen had discussed the 2004 Open Team appeal from the Olympiad with Richard Grenside and it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

Directing:

It was agreed that the next Club Directors exams be held on the weekend of 11/12 June. As one application had been received for the National Theory exam this would be arranged for the same weekend and Centres advised.

The sub committee were asked to include requirements for directors seminars (tournament level) to be included in their budget for 2005/6 and to draw up a plan.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

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

NZ/Australia Test Matches: Richard outlined suggestions for the reinstatement of the NZ/Australia tests for international teams. He was asked to circulate a proposal to the Management Committee.

Coaching: The sub committee approved the Wellington Centre request for a schools grant amounting to \$895.

Youth:

Richard outline his long term plan for Youth players which included sending a Youth Team to the PABF in 2006. It was proposed “**THAT** a youth training weekend be held around April next year with a budget of \$5,000.”

Jenny Wilkinson/Murat Genc
CARRIED

It was suggested that the 2005 Youth Team attend the Australian Butler Pairs prior to the WBF Youth Championships. Richard was asked to email a proposal to the Management Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. *WBF Youth Championships:* Trials were being held this weekend to produce a team for the WBF Youth Championships. Alan Taylor had been asked to produce the Bulletin at the event and it was agreed that he should also be appointed the official representative for the NZCBA. An amount of \$1,000 would be allocated to cover his expenses.
2. Tony Lenart advised that Congress had requested an advance of \$5,000 to cover travel costs for Canterbury and Otago/Southland inter provincial players. He was asked to obtain further details from Richard Solomon.
3. Kay Nicholas had:
 - a) Produced a brochure “About Bridge” that could be adapted for use by all Clubs
 - b) Produced a brochure “About Affiliation”
 - c) Suggested that there is potential to produce CD’s with information “About Bridge” that would most likely appeal to school pupils.
 - d) Distributed an example of lesson hands – scanned and presented with a commentary.
 - e) Commented that she would be presenting lessons in Powerpoint when Multi Media Projector received (Pub Charity had funded its purchase).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be :

Friday 10 June 2005
Friday 12 August 2005