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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB ON 10 JUNE 2005.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Solomon (Bridge Development Officer).

APOLOGIES: Robin Young

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2005 were accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Financial

The figure of \$567,377.59 for payments to 11 April included various transfers between accounts and reversals. The Treasurer was asked to provide a financial summary showing only actual payments.

2. International – NPC Allowances

Subsequent to the 15 April meeting, further information was received regarding both the PABF and WBF events. It was agreed, via email, that the NPC Allowances should be amended to \$2,000 for each team to the PABF and \$2,500 for each team to the WBF. No change was made to Zone 7 allowances.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Inward Correspondence as listed was tabled.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Administration:

Jean Peche Award: An application on behalf of Michael Whibley had been received from Wellington Centre. This was approved.

Ethics Video: A suggestion had been received from Victoria Club that a video be produced demonstrating bridge ethics. This was considered to be a very good idea and Richard Solomon and Arleen Schwartz were delegated to pursue the matter. Victoria would be asked if they wished to be involved in the production of the video.

Management Committee Meetings: Kay produced a comparison of costs between Wellington and Christchurch which was discussed.

Scoring Programme:

Version 5.8 had now been released. A meeting was to be arranged with Duncan Badley, Arie Geursen, John Eldridge, Alister Stuck and Fran Jenkins to discuss and agree on outstanding issues.

Tournaments:

Further tournaments “missing” from the Wellington Centre schedule were approved for 2005. A letter would be sent to the Centre regarding current and future tournaments.

Website:

Alister confirmed that the website forums were now being tested and should be operational within the next couple of weeks.

B. CONGRESS

Richard reported that a meeting had been held at the Kingsgate Hotel. He advised that the Inter Provincial finals would be on BBO. He would double check that the 2006 Congress, if held in July, would not clash with the Australian Butler Pairs. The question of air fare payments for South Island Inter Provincial teams was discussed and the possibility of a centralised booking system would be considered for next year.

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

Finance:

The Treasurer advised that a current payments schedule was not available and gave a verbal update on the Profit & Loss situation. A draft budget for 2006 had been circulated.

Sponsorship:

Richard advised that the ASB had refused sponsorship. It was agreed that a letter be sent to them expressing disappointment with this decision.

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

International

Team Training: All NPCs had been asked to provide a training schedule and anticipated expenses.

1. PABF: The Open Team submission for a training weekend at the Auckland Congress had previously been approved by the sub committee and \$1,012 had been paid. In retrospect, it was considered that this had not been a good decision and entry fees to tournaments would not be

approved in future. Richard had provided a training programme for the Womens Team which was approved. No payment had been requested at this stage. The submission for reimbursement of various expenses to attend the Wellington Provincial Teams from the Seniors Team was discussed. A motion was put “**THAT** the PABF Senior Team be reimbursed for their ‘training weekend’ to a total cost of \$1,000.”

Norm Silcock/Noel Woodhall

An amendment was put “**THAT** the amount be reduced to \$800.”

Tony Lenart/Jenny Wilkinson
CARRIED

The amended motion was put and **LOST**.

It was agreed therefore that no reimbursement be made to the PABF Senior Team.

It was noted for future years that the requirements for team training would need to be made very clear to NPCs and that training did not include assisting players to attend tournaments.

2. *WBF*: (Tony Lenart and Noel Woodhall left the meeting for the discussion on Seniors) The Open Team were still to finalise their training programme. A practice schedule had been received for the Womens Team. The NPC would be advised that practice weekends were to be organised by the NPC, not NZCBA, and that tournament entry fees would not be reimbursed. The air fare for Tania Lloyd to attend Auckland Congress had not been approved and would not be paid. An outline for a training weekend had been received from the Senior NPC and he would be asked to provide a final programme together with proposed costs to a maximum of \$2,000.

Commonwealth Games 2006: Norm had prepared and circulated a discussion paper on the selection of a team for the 2006 Commonwealth Games. It was agreed that the final paper be sent to clubs and centres, newsletter and website.

PABF Delegates: Richard Solomon and Tony Thomson were appointed official NZCBA delegates for the PABF meetings in Seoul. Richard was advised to agree to New Zealand hosting a PABF event if asked.

Australian State Championships: An email had been received from Eric Ramshaw regarding New Zealand’s participation in the Australian State Championships. It was considered there may be logistic problems because of the timing of this event. Richard would respond to Eric Ramshaw.

A sub-committee meeting to discuss other matters relating to Trials and International would be held tomorrow morning.

Trials:

Qualification Points: The suggestion from Sue Weal to include all Australian events that carry PQPs was supported.

Screens: It was confirmed that Arie was progressing well with a new type of screen, although a quote had not yet been received.

Zone 7:

A letter had been received from John Wignall requesting reimbursement of expenses incurred at the Zone 7 Trials. As NZCBA had already paid a \$3,900 entry fee, payment of additional expenses was not acceptable.

John Wignall had secured additional places for Zone 7 in this year's Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup but promised a zonal membership increase to 50,000 (New Zealand approximately 700) in return. As membership had been gradually decreasing for the last 20 years, this was not considered feasible. A letter would be sent to Zone 7 requesting further clarification.

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

Directing:

Lindsay had submitted a proposal for directing seminars in 2006. This was approved. Lindsay was asked to set dates for the November 2005 and all 2006 exams so that they could be published well in advance. A proposal would be circulated regarding payment to Lorraine Stachurski for setting exam papers.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

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

Australia/New Zealand Tests: Richard advised that this would cost up to \$17,000 and was probably not worth the expenditure. He would put a proposal to Australia with the suggestion that a Test be played on-line.

NZ Olympic Committee: It was agreed that Robyn Freeman-Greene be nominated as the NZCBA representative on the NZOC Women and Sport Working Group.

Youth:

Youth Team: The following ratifications were made:

Team: Michael Whibley/Fraser Rew; John Whyte/Blair Fisher; David & Daniel Skipper

NPC: Jenny Wilkinson

NPC Allowance: \$500

Team Funding: \$1,000 per player

Training: Richard advised that a Notice had been sent regarding a training weekend in July and a very good response had been received. As there may be up to 40 attending the weekend, it was proposed "**THAT** the budget for the weekend training be revised upward to \$8,500, excluding youth international training, and that the additional money required be taken from the unused Coaching Grants for 2004/5."

Arleen Schwartz/Jenny Wilkinson

CARRIED

It was agreed that a fee of \$500 be offered for someone to carry out development of the youth team.

The meeting moved into Committee at 9.00 p.m

Kay Nicholas/Norm Silcock

The meeting moved out of Committee at 10.00 p.m.

It was agreed that a Disciplinary sub-committee be appointed comprising Alister Stuck, Alan Turner and Arie Geursen, subject to their confirmation.

Alister Stuck/Tony Lenart
CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. *Womens Teams:* Jan Cormack had requested that the Cormack Cup become a separate event at Congress. It was agreed that there was no availability for an additional event at Congress but it may be possible to run it outside Congress. Kay Nicholas was asked to contact Centres for their opinion.
2. *Correspondence:* Noel requested that “correspondence” be put back on the Agenda for discussion in future.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be : **Friday 12 August 2005**