



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport on Wednesday
14th April 2015 commencing at 8.30am

PARTICIPATING:, Allan Joseph, Karen Martelletti, Alan Turner, Shirley Newton,
Anthony Hopkins & Arie Geursen from 9.05am

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

1. WELCOME

Alan Turner welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES Phil Rutherford

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes 11th March 2015

Moved that the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 11th March 2015 following one correction be confirmed.

CARRIED 12/2015

4. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

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

- Central Districts - Minutes - 21 Feb 2015
- Auckland Nthland - Minutes - 22 Mar 2015

Moved that the Minutes from the listed Regions be received.

CARRIED 13/2015

5. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

An updated list had been circulated. Murray reported that a draft of the revised Rubber Bridge rules had been prepared and would be circulated during the coming week to provide the opportunity for feedback.

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 14/2015

7. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Membership

Alan presented P & L Reports for the month ending 31 March 2015 along with a summary of the Levies invoiced as at 31 March 2015 and the Membership Report as at 31 March 2015.

Moved that the Financial Report, Levies Summary and Membership Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 15/2015

It was noted that detailed budget requests are to be submitted to Alan by 10th May 2015. As part of this process Alan agreed to provide some modelling showing various income scenarios with Levies v Masterpoint streams.

Completion of the 2015 annual financial statements was progressing well with a draft expected to be available within two weeks. It is likely that a reasonable surplus will be achieved for the year as a result of the increased tournament and levy income and a lower than budgeted expenditure including a lighter International programme.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Review of Regional Committee Membership

Moved that the composition of the following Regional Committee's as constituted under resolution 43/2014 be amended effective 14th April 2015 as follows:

Waikato Bays

Rona Driscoll (Chairperson)
Jan Spaans
Ray McCully
Brett Glass
Mike Neels
Anna Kalma

Wellington

Dinnie Hall (Chairperson)
Paul Maxwell
Tony Sutich
Heather Jared
Janet Mcmenamin
Joan Waldvogel (Acting Secretary)

CARRIED 16/2015

Planning - National Conference

The meeting discussed the Agenda for the National Conference scheduled to be held in Wellington 13th June 2015. It was agreed that in addition to the presentation from Rona Driscoll on tournament scheduling and the Waikato Bays remit, that the following items be included:

- Proposed Constitution changes
- Regional Conference reports and feedback
- Board and Regions budgets
- Board Strategy document
- Board taskforce reports
- Marketing initiatives
- Bridge Teaching Group report

Alister will contact the Regions to confirm delegate's details and seek any further items to be included.

Funding Request - Congress Organising Sub Committee

Moved that the Congress Organising Sub Committee be authorised to spend \$7,640.00 +GST to purchase 40 Bridgemate scoring units for use at the 2015 National Congress and 15 & 20 A-point tournaments, if required.

CARRIED 17/2015

Complaint- Geraldine Bridge Club

The meeting discussed the correspondence received from the Geraldine Bridge Club Committee regarding the grading of two of their members. As a result of their participation and success in the Club heat of NZ Bridge Foundation's Fundraising Pairs for the NZ Youth Team in 2014, the players were awarded 5 A points which immediately propelled them from Junior to Intermediate rank for tournament purposes for 2015.

After much debate it was moved that the players concerned be given the opportunity to each surrender 1 A of the 5 A Point received in the event and be granted an interim grade of Junior for tournament purposes for the remainder of 2015.

CARRIED 18/2015

Alister to respond to the letter and advise of the decision.

It was then moved that with immediate effect all future single session A point fundraisers including the NZ Wide Pairs and any hosted by the NZ Bridge Foundation be downgraded from 5A to 3A to be awarded 3,2,1 at a regional level.

CARRIED 19/2015

Report- Otago Southland Regional Conference

Allan Joseph and Murray Wiggins gave a report regarding the Regional Conference and the directing seminar held the day before. The weekend was deemed very successful and it was noted that the Board had received positive feedback from a number of Clubs who participated in particular the presentation and seminars by Jane Sterns.

9. TASKFORCE REPORTS

Constitution Review

Arie advised that there had been no progress since the last meeting and would work with Allan Joseph and Graham Wakefield to progress the matter. Sharon Simiona has volunteered to assist with the project by undertaking to format the required documents for the constitution changes and the new tournament regulations. The Board is grateful for Sharon's assistance.

Tournament Regulations

Allan Joseph summarised progress since the last meeting with the drafting of new Tournament Regulations.

Strategic & Business Plan

Shirley summarised the changes made to the draft document since the last meeting. It was noted that the draft was available via the Dropbox and board members were invited to review the changes and provide any feedback to Phil.

Board Manual

Alister reported that work had commenced and that a template document had been sourced and that the group was now working to customise for NZ Bridge purposes.

Website Review

It was agreed that Alister would contact Blacksheep to arrange a day for training purposes. Richard, Karen & Anthony to attend. It was also noted that the possibility of establishing a National Database and Website for results be looked into.

Tournament Participation

This is a longer term strategic project and will be initiated as soon as other priorities have been completed.

Meeting Closed 3.15PM

Confirmed Meeting Dates 2015

Date	Day	Venue
12 May 2015	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
13 June 2015	Sat - National Conference	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
14 July 2015	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
18 Aug 2015	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
26 Sept 2015	Sat – AGM	Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton
20 Oct 2015	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room