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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB ON 7 OCTOBER 2005.

PRESENT: Alister Stuck (Chair), Gary Duncan, Arie Geursen, Tony Lenart, Kay Nicholas, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Noel Woodhall, and Fran Jenkins (Secretary).

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Solomon (Bridge Development Officer).

APOLOGIES: Murat Genc, Jenny Wilkinson

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2005 and 29 September were accepted as a correct record.

SUB COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS

A schedule of sub-committee appointments had been circulated. This was amended as necessary and approved.

Three Special Project Committees were also established.

1. *Constitution Review:* Gary Duncan (Chair), Arie Geursen, Fran Jenkins, John Lenart, Kay Nicholas. The Committee was to review the Constitution especially with regard to membership and disciplinary procedures. This was to be done in consultation with Centres.
2. *International Management:* Alister Stuck (Chair), Richard Solomon and the International Sub Committee. The Committee to consider how international teams are managed in terms of selection, training, tournaments and follow up.
3. *2010 PABF:* Richard Solomon (Chair), Arie Geursen, John Evitt, Stephen Henry and Tony Thomson. The Committee to consider the possibility of New Zealand hosting the PABF Championships in 2010 and initially to provide budget requirements for consideration at the next Management Meeting. NZCBA to write to PABF advising that we are considering hosting the 2010 Championships.

The meeting moved into Committee at 6.00 p.m. to discuss two items of business.

Alister Stuck/Norm Silcock

CORRESPONDENCE

The Inward Correspondence as listed was tabled and discussed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Scoring Programme:

A meeting had been held with Duncan Badley to discuss the status of the Scoring Programme. A schedule of outstanding work and completion dates had been drawn up. A signed commitment to the schedule was required from Duncan and, once received, the schedule would be circulated to Centres and published on the website. Any default in the completion dates would result in the forfeiture of the remaining contract money.

Tournaments:

The following recommendations were received and approved:

1. Effective from 2006, all Centres be required to furnish a final Tournament Schedule by 31 July. Gary Duncan was asked to discuss the advance allocation of Centre Tournament venues with Wellington Centre, so that they could be published in the National Schedule.
2. *Metropolitan Events:* Following the request from the AGM, metropolitan events had been reviewed by the sub committee. The recommendation was that metropolitan A Point events be limited to three per year, with only one event replacing normal club sessions and all A Point events must have a minimum of 20 qualifying pairs. In addition, three 8B Point events would be allowed without restrictions at this time.

Website:

Forums: Alister Stuck would meet with the Forum designer to clarify the requirements for moderators and administration.

B. CONGRESS

The Management Committee were advised that Jan Cormack would consider changes to the Cormack Cup over the coming year and the matter was deferred until 2007.

Richard provided a progress report on the response to questionnaires regarding the date for future Congresses. There were still more responses to be received by mail and the result would be published as soon as possible.

A de-brief from Congress was not yet available but Richard advised there had been a lot more partial entries this year.

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

Finance:

Chairman's Expenses: (Alister Stuck not present for this discussion and Kay Nicholas took the Chair)

Noel advised that Alister had recently taken two days unpaid leave to attend NZCBA meetings (scoring programme and Disputes Tribunal). It was agreed that a long term solution was required to cover the situation in future and the issue would be included in the review of the Constitution. In the short term, it was agreed “**THAT** a payment of \$1,000 be made to the Chairman to cover retrospective expenses and \$250 per day be allowed for future Association activity which falls outside the normal scope of the position.”

Noel Woodhall/Arleen Schwartz
CARRIED

Payments from 10 August to 7 October 2005 amounting to \$41,708.76 were ratified.

The addition of Gary Duncan as a signatory to the bank account was approved.

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

International

Team Training: It was noted that John Wignall and John Scott had not attended either International Team Training session for the Seniors Team. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the NPC requesting an explanation.

Commonwealth Games 2006: (Arleen Schwartz and Richard Solomon not present for this discussion)

Paul Freeland, Dean Eidler, Margaret Perley and Murat Genc, were confirmed as the New Zealand representative team at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006. Arleen Schwartz was confirmed as the Non-Playing Captain. It was agreed that the competition did not warrant the inclusion of an additional pair and the NPC could act as a substitute if required.

A subsidy of \$1,000 to each team member (including the NPC) would be provided by the Association together with the entry fee. A bonus of \$1,000 would be paid to the team if they reached the semi-final stage of the competition.

Yeh Bros Cup: As only one verbal entry for the Yeh Bros Cup had been received, it was agreed to extend the entry date to 14 October. The International Sub Committee were given jurisdiction to approve the final team.

WBF Youth Championships: A report was required from the Youth NPC for both the World Championships and the Australia/NZ test at Congress.

Trials:

2006 Trials: A first draft of the 2006 Trials Notice was discussed. Trials would run from Easter Friday morning to Easter Monday afternoon. An entry form would be drafted with a closing date of 31 January. The venue for the Trials would be Wellington Bridge Club. It was agreed that the requirement for all pairs to play 40% of boards be removed from the Notice and dealt with in the Regulations. The International Management Committee would be required to meet and discuss all aspects of international/trials before the Notice was issued.

Screens: Prototype screens had been viewed and used at Congress and were successful. It was agreed “**THAT** a Pub Charity grant be sought to purchase 20 screens.”

Alister Stuck/Noel Woodhall

If the application was not successful, the use of Gifford Estate money would be considered. It was decided that the old screens be assembled and labelled, then boxed and held in a central location. Arie would ask Lesley Chubb in Hamilton if she would be prepared to organise this.

PABF Senior Training: The Management Committee were updated on the Disputes Tribunal Hearing brought by the NPC of the Seniors PABF International Team. The team had sought reimbursement of \$2,262.46 for incidental items incurred during their training weekend without receiving prior approval for the expenditure. A Disputes Tribunal Hearing had been held on 15 September in Wellington, attended by the Chairman and Secretary. NZCBA was required to pay \$1,440 to cover the cost of airfares only to the training weekend.

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

Directing:

Noel advised that Gisborne Club had enquired about the possibility of a Directing Correspondence Course. This was not considered feasible and it was suggested that a course be held in the Napier region and Gisborne people could travel down.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

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

Bridge Teachers Forum: Richard had still to approach clubs regarding this.

Ethics Video: Arleen advised that this was progressing.

Coaching:

There were many coaching grants outstanding either awaiting approval or paperwork from the club/centre concerned.

Youth:

Richard outlined his suggestions for a Youth Trial in 2006 to be held on 13/14 May with the winning pair automatically forming part of the team. Entry fee would be \$100 and Centres would be asked to financially support their youth players. Fran advised that the date for the PABF youth event may change and would enquire as to the latest position.

Richard would draft a notice for a youth team to Canberra in January 2006. This team would receive a \$1,600 subsidy from the Association.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. *WBF Womens Bridge*: No response had been received from Centres and it was agreed to ask Annette Henry if she would be interested in the position of New Zealand representative for Womens Bridge.
2. *Norfolk Island*: A letter from the Travel Centre regarding the Norfolk Island Festival in 2006 had been circulated to the Committee without response. It was agreed that this should be sent to all National and Tournament Directors
3. *Robin Young*: In order to mark Robin's ten year term on the Management Committee, it was agreed that a gift and card be sent to him.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be :

Friday/Saturday 25/26 November 2005
Friday 3 February 2006