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## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB ON 25/26 NOVEMBER 2005.**

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**PRESENT:** Alister Stuck (Chair), Gary Duncan, Murat Genc, Arie Geursen, Tony Lenart (25 only), Kay Nicholas, Norm Silcock, Jenny Wilkinson, Noel Woodhall and Fran Jenkins (Secretary).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Richard Solomon (Bridge Development Officer).

**APOLOGIES:** Arleen Schwartz

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2005 were accepted as a correct record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

*Norfolk Island:* The Secretary advised that further contact had been made with the Travel Centre regarding the Norfolk Island celebrations and the information was now on the website. One person had already expressed interest in assisting.

*Womens Bridge:* A response had not yet been received from Annette Henry with regard to the position of New Zealand representative for Womens Bridge.

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

Alister Stuck/Norm Silcock

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **Website:**

*Forums:* Alister had obtained instructions to set up moderators for the website forum and the following were agreed:

Directing	Arie would approach Julie Atkinson
Bridge Teaching	Richard Solomon
Youth	Richard Solomon
Bidding	Jenny Wilkinson

Others, outside the Management Committee, would also be approached to assist.

## **B. CONGRESS**

A report on the 2005 Congress together with the accounts had been circulated. Following the survey carried out by Congress Committee a recommendation that the 2007 Congress be held in late September was accepted.

It was also agreed that:

- a) fines (matchpoint and imps) be introduced for people smoking in corridors and using staff corridors as short-cuts.
- b) a permanent website for Congress be established.
- c) amendments be made to the number of boards for the NZ Teams event for the Round of 16 and Quarter Finals and the NZ Teams Plate be abandoned.
- d) inter-provincial travel costs be bulk-funded to Centres.

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

### **Finance:**

Payments from 8 August to 25 November 2005 amounting to \$28082.32 were ratified.

In order to facilitate the smooth transfer of money within the current bank account, it was agreed “**THAT** a letter be sent to ASB Bank authorising the Treasurer to make transfers between the Call Account and the Cheque Account without the requirement for a second signature”.

Tony Lenart/Noel Woodhall  
**CARRIED**

The Treasurer advised that he had made further approaches to the ASB Bank regarding sponsorship.

## **D. INTERNATIONAL** (International, Trials, Zone 7)

### **International Programme Review:**

The International Programme Review Committee had met in Auckland on 13 November 2005 and a report from that meeting had been circulated.

It was recommended “that the role of National Coach be established and the International Programme Review Committee provide a detailed proposal within seven days.”

The recommendation was accepted and the sub committee advised that they would be able to provide a proposal for consideration the following day.

The verbal proposal was received from the sub-committee and discussed in detail. A written version would be provided and circulated as soon as possible.

It was agreed “**THAT** the management of the international programme for 2006 be delegated to a national coach, who is to be appointed, and that the appointment and terms of reference for the national coach be delegated to the International sub-committee.”

### **Commonwealth Nations Cup**

A letter had been received from the team regarding their status in this event. It was agreed that Alister should contact Keith McDonald (ABF) to request that New Zealand be treated in the same manner as other overseas teams. Norm Silcock would consider other requests made by the team.

**Graeme Tuffnell from the House of Cards** joined the meeting to demonstrate on-line bridge lessons and associated products. It was agreed that the possibility of an arrangement between House of Cards and NZCBA be explored.

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

### **D. SERVICES** (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

#### **Bridge Development:**

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

Richard expressed his frustration at some aspects of the Bridge Development Officer's role and the need for the Management Committee to review the current status and future requirements. The Secretary concurred with his sentiments and it was therefore agreed that a review process for both employees would be carried out in February.

#### **Coaching:**

No progress had been made since the last meeting and the sub-committee were asked to finalise all grant requests as quickly as possible.

#### **Youth:**

Jenny had circulated reports on both the WBF Youth Championships in Australia and the New Zealand/Australia test in Hamilton. She considered that, although the results were extremely disappointing and there was a huge gap in the ability of New Zealand youth players compared to other countries, the youth programme should continue.

The youth programme for 2006 was discussed and it was considered that any future youth team sent overseas needed to be well prepared and that it may be better to invest money in training during 2006 than send a team to the PABF. Richard was asked to put forward a proposal once the dates and venue for the 2006 PABF had been confirmed.

### **E. SPECIAL PROJECTS**

## **2010 PABF**

Richard provided an initial budget proposal based on costs for holding the event in Hamilton and Christchurch. The sub-committee were also exploring costs in Wellington.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be :

**Friday 3 February 2006 - Christchurch**