



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE VICTORIA BRIDGE CLUB ON 24 NOVEMBER 2006.**

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**PRESENT:** Alister Stuck (Chair), Karen Cumpstone, Susan Edwards, Murat Gence, Arie Geursen, Tony Lenart, Kay Nicholas, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Richard Solomon, Noel Woodhall and Fran Jenkins (Secretary).

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September and tele-conference meeting on 24 October 2006 were accepted as a correct record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

*Brochures:* Kay advised that she had obtained revised quotes for the printing of brochures. It was decided to put this on hold until the budget for 2007 had been discussed.

*Tournament Schedule:* Dates from Wellington Centre had been received and included in the 2007 tournament schedule.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The inwards/outwards correspondence had been tabled.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

Discussion of Special Projects were held over until Saturday.

### **Masterpoints & Grading:**

Richard advised that he would be holding a competition to rename the Junior and Intermediate grades.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **Administration:**

*Bridgemate:* This was being dealt with by Richard who would be including an advertisement in the next Bridge Magazine.

*Masterpoints:* A recommendation regarding masterpoint charges was given for discussion at tomorrow's meeting.

*Dan Gifford Estate:* A request had been received from Auckland Centre for funding to purchase a new dealing machine. They had been asked to apply, in the first instance, to a Charitable Trust. If this was not successful, their application to the Gifford Estate would then be considered.

*Mailing Lists:* Following a recent request for mailing addresses, the NZCBA's policy not to release any addresses held for members was reconfirmed.

## **Tournaments**

A 5A tournament had been approved in Christchurch at the end of the Zone 7 Trials.  
A 3A tournament had been approved in Auckland for the Masters Event.

*Thames Congress.* The minimum number of boards policy had been discussed and Thames to be advised that they needed to comply with the current requirements.

*Schedule:* It had been agreed to revise the closing dates for the application of tournaments to 28 February for 10A and 15A and 31 May for all others.

Tony Lenart enquired whether Alan Grant's queries regarding the 2007 Tournament Schedule had been addressed. Kay advised that Alan had been informed of the final decisions made following input from the National Coach.

**Scoring Programme:** The Meeting moved into Committee to discuss this item.

Alister Stuck/Norm Silcock

## **B. CONGRESS**

Richard asked whether the Treasurer had made any progress with credit card facilities. It was noted that the ASB bank would charge a 3% merchant fee which would need to be added to the Congress fees; an alternative was to use internet banking. The Congress sub committee were asked to consider the matter further.

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

### **Finance:**

Payment schedules for 12 July to 15 September and 20 September to 20 November amounting to \$102,824.88 and \$90,482.30 respectively were approved.

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

*Zone 7:* A Zone 7 meeting would be held in Christchurch in May. Several issues were discussed which would need input from the ABF before proceeding further. Alister hoped to attend an ABF meeting in early 2007.

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

*Manual changes:* Proposed manual changes for 2007 had been circulated.

*Appeal:* As no further progress had been made regarding the appeal from the 2006 National Trials, it was agreed THAT “Norm Silcock take over the Chairmanship of the Appeals Committee and obtain agreement by Wednesday 29 November.”

**Alister Stuck/Karen Cumpstone**

**CARRIED**

**Abstain: Arie Geursen**

**F. SERVICES** (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

**Bridge Development:**

*Bridge Teachers Weekend:* The weekend had been very successful and a summary of the weekend had been circulated.

SPARC: Richard had updated SPARC on bridge achievements over the last year but could still not obtain recognition from them as they would only consider “physical” groups. It was suggested that a copy of the SPARC Regulations be obtained.

**Sponsorship:**

ASB had advised they could not provide sponsorship unless the NZCBA could show how it could generate business for them.

Murat suggested approaching the universities for sponsorship.

**Coaching Grants:**

The final version of Alan Grant’s teaching material had now been received. A link was required from NZCBA website to House of Cards for teaching material.

An application from Wellington Centre for Schools/University coaching grant of \$1446 was approved.