



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE VICTORIA BRIDGE CLUB ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2006.

PRESENT: Alister Stuck (Chair), Karen Cumpstone, Susan Edwards, Arie Geursen, Kay Nicholas, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Richard Solomon and Fran Jenkins (Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Murat Genc, Tony Lenart and Noel Woodhall.

MINUTES

Youth: Richard advised that the match between Australia and New Zealand youth teams in Hamilton should be referred to as the Trans Tasman Challenge not a Test.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2006 were then accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Bridge Marathon: Richard confirmed he had spoken to Val Gardiner on this and the proposal would be discussed by the Services Committee.

Action: Services Committee

Masterpoint Charges: This would be discussed when Noel returned from overseas.

Action: Administration Committee

CORRESPONDENCE

The inwards/outwards correspondence had been tabled.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Constitution Review

The Committee had scheduled a meeting in Wellington on 7 October.

PABF 2010

The PABF had requested that a written proposal be presented to next year's PABF meeting. Richard advised that Tony Thomson had retired from this Committee.

Masterpoints & Grading:

Alister advised of the formation of this Committee consisting of Richard Solomon, Alister Stuck, Alan Barclay, Russell Watt and Kay Nicholas.

International Programme Review:

A meeting would be held on 24 September with Alan Turner and Tom Jacob to review the current year and consider the requirements for 2007. An advertisement for the position of National Coach had been put in the latest edition of New Zealand Bridge Magazine and would also be put on the website. It was considered important that youth be included in the review and Richard was asked to prepare and circulate a report for the year to date and recommendations for the future.

**Action: Fran (website)
Richard (youth report)**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Administration:

Brochures: A further sample of publicity brochures had been obtained which were in the NZCBA website colours but more expensive to produce. Kay was to see if these could be matched in Timaru.

Action: Kay

Tournament Schedule: Kay advised that this was now ready to go to Centres for final checking but no input had been received from Wellington Centre. Kay was asked to ring the Wellington Secretary early next week and advise that the final schedule would be published on 1st October. If Wellington were unable to produce their schedule in time, it would be included as an Addendum at a later date.

Action: Kay

Scoring Programme: The Meeting moved into Committee to discuss this item
Alister Stuck/Norm Silcock

B. CONGRESS

Accounts for the 2006 Congress had been circulated. Richard advised that pencil bookings had been made with the Kingsgate Hotel in Hamilton up to 2010 with confirmed bookings for September 2007 and 2008.

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

Finance:

In the absence of the Treasurer, no financial papers were received.

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

PABF Womens Bridge Festival : This was to be held in October and was an ordinary tournament which anyone could attend. Details would be put on the website.

Action: Fran

Yeh Bros. Cup: An invitation had been received to send a team to the 2007 Yeh Bros. Cup. Details would be included on the website.

Action: Fran

Eligibility to represent New Zealand: A revised Eligibility criteria had been circulated. It was agreed that it could be amended for youth at a later stage if required.

It was agreed “**THAT** the revised eligibility criteria to represent New Zealand be adopted, effective from 1st January 2007.”

Norm Silcock/Arie Guersen
CARRIED

Zone 7 Championships: Richard had received an email from John Wignall advising that the Zone 7 Championships would probably be held in early May and that he was currently discussing the matter with the ABF. Concern was expressed at the need, cost and format of the Zone 7 Championship and it was agreed that this should be included in the International review. The requirement for a formal Zone 7 meeting to take place was also discussed.

Richard would respond to John Wignall once further information was received.

Action: Richard

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

Manual changes: Norm advised that the process for manual changes had commenced and all input should be sent to him by the end of September.

Appeal: Finalisation of the appeal from the 2006 National Trials was still outstanding.

Action: Scott Smith

F. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

A report had been received and circulated from Richard Solomon. He had attempted to get recognition of the New Zealand Womens’ achievement at the PABF through various newspapers with little success. Auckland clubs had been asked to send letters of protest to the New Zealand Herald.

The Services Committee were asked to consider the report received from the House of Cards regarding School Bridge On-line. They required a list of club contacts to include on the on-line site.

**Action : Services Committee (report)
Fran (club contacts)**

Coaching: Several clubs/centres had applied for a grant for members to attend the bridge teachers’ weekend in Christchurch. It was agreed that the Services Committee should work out

appropriate subsidies. The House of Cards would be asked to acknowledge all entries and produce a list of attendees.

**Action : Services Committee (report)
House of Cards (acknowledgements)**

Youth:

Richard advised he had received a report from Michael Whibley on the World Youth Bridge Pairs.

Canberra: The four pairs to be sent to Canberra in 2007 would be decided following the final training weekend. Although there were no legal requirements to provide supervision for all youth players, it was agreed “**THAT** a person be appointed to supervise and captain the youth team in Canberra.”

Arie Geursen/Sue Edwards
CARRIED

Services Committee were asked to discuss this urgently and put together a plan setting out the responsibilities of the person appointed and a list of possible candidates. A budget would be required to cover expenses of the supervisor/captain.

Action: Services Committee

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) *Olympic Committee/SPARC:* A report on John Wignall and Tony Thomson’s attendance at the Olympic Committee meeting had been received and circulated. This would also be sent to the Constitution Sub Committee for consideration. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Olympic Committee advising them of the success of the New Zealand Womens’ team at the PABF Championships.

Action: Richard

It was also agreed that a further approach should be made to SPARC and the International Review Committee would be asked to draw up a proposal that Richard could present to SPARC.

Action: Richard

- b) *Strategic Plan:* Richard advised he had started work on this and the first draft would be circulated when available.

Action: Richard

- c) *NZBTA:* The Secretary was asked to contact the NZBTA regarding funds held in their account.

Action: Fran

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be : Friday/Saturday 24/25 November