



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE WELLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB ON 14 JULY 2006.

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

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Richard Solomon.

MINUTES

Office: Kay advised that she had volunteered to provide only details of the charities to be approached.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2006 were then accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Vision for the Future: This had been prepared by Alan Turner and would be discussed by the new International Sub Committee.

Tournament Schedule: Suggestions had now been received from Alan Turner and a new skeleton schedule was circulated. It was now ready for the inclusion of club tournaments.

CORRESPONDENCE

The inwards/outwards correspondence had been tabled.

SUB COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Suggestions for sub-committee appointments and four Special Project groups had previously been circulated by Alister. Following discussion, these were adopted. It was agreed a letter of appointment be sent to Graham Wakefield.

Alister reminded the Committee that if they were asked for an opinion on any matter, they should always respond. There was discussion on how sub-committees should operate and it was agreed that all day-to-day operational matters should be dealt with at sub-committee level with activity reports, including decisions made, being provided to Management Committee meetings.

It was agreed that the Management Committee needed to produce a Strategic Plan for the next five years as well as guidelines for sub-committees including limits of authority, monetary limits, lines of responsibility and delegated authorities.

Discussion took place on the provision of separate email accounts (possibly Gmail) for Management Committee members in order to keep bridge work separate from other email.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Constitution Review

Following discussion with Alister, Graham Wakefield had agreed to join the Constitution Review Group. He required a copy of the Rules with current problems identified and ideas from the Management Committee as to what was to be achieved by way of changes and improvements.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Administration:

The sub committee was asked to consider the masterpoint charges with a view to raising revenue with any increase to be effective from 1st January 2007.

B. CONGRESS

Alister advised that he had spent time with Therese Tully and Tony Jackman (Gold Coast Congress) during the National Congress. They had provided copies of their professional promotional material which could be used as a model in New Zealand. Agreement had been reached on reciprocal brochures and website promotion.

The Congress Recorder's Report had been received, circulated and accepted.

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

Finance:

Payments from 12 June to 12 July 2006 amounting to \$13,047.32 were ratified.

Noel advised that he had investigated the status of the Dan Gifford funds and there was no restriction on the use of this money. He suggested that some of it be used for funding the 2010 PABF. He had also talked to John Wignall who suggested that a Trust be set up to protect the Association's funds. It was agreed that this should be included in the review of the Constitution.

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

Directing:

A letter had been received from Waikato/Bays requesting exemption from the Tournament Directors exam for two of their Club Directors. It was agreed that no exemptions would be allowed and a response would be sent to Waikato/Bays outlining the options available.

Arie advised that the new Laws were unlikely to be available before the end of 2007 and it was agreed that he should run training courses in each Centre over the next 12 months.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Ethics Video: Arleen advised that filming had been carried out at Congress and more background and narration work was to be done. It as expected that the video would be finalised by the end of the year.

Youth:

Arleen advised that no progress had been made on the legal obligations of a mentor accompanying youth players to Canberra in 2007.

Arleen also reported on the youth tests held during National Congress.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) *Reimbursement of Expenses:* Kay suggested that the previous decision regarding the reimbursement of expenses for the Chairman be extended and reviewed annually.
- b) *Schools Bridge:* Graham Tuffnell had requested a list of clubs willing to be involved with youth players. A Notice would be sent to Clubs regarding this.
- c) Alister reported that John Wignall and Tony Thomson had met with the Olympic Committee in Wellington. They had been very helpful and provided references for fund-raising. A report would be received in due course.
- d) Noel enquired as to the status of Val Gardiner's suggestion for running a bridge marathon. This was with the Services Committee and they were asked to provide an update for the next meeting.
- d) *2010 PABF Venue:* Tony Lenart had previously circulated an email regarding the proposed venue for the 2010 PABF. This was discussed and a motion put "THAT the decision of the Management Committee at its meeting on 16 June to host the 2010 PABF in Hamilton be temporarily suspended pending a future report from Jenny Wilkinson on a possible alternative venue in Christchurch."

Tony Lenart/Sue Edwards
LOST

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be : **Friday 8 September**