



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CHRISTCHURCH BRIDGE CLUB ON 3 FEBRUARY 2006.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25/26 November 2005 were accepted as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Womens Bridge: As no response had not yet been received from Annette Henry with regard to the position of New Zealand representative for Womens Bridge, it was agreed to approach Robyn Freeman-Greene.

Website Forums: Tony Taylor and Mike Cornell had agreed to moderators for bidding and card play.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- a) *Disciplinary Hearing:* Arie reported that mediation between the parties was on-going and a further meeting would be held on 8 February. He was requested to provide a copy of the report from the 15 November Hearing.
- b) *Constitution:* Gary had prepared a brief outline to send to Centres and would also be talking with John Lenart. A more detailed proposal would be brought to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The inwards/outwards correspondence had been tabled. Kay advised she had responded directly to Alan Grant regarding his problems with the 2006 tournament schedule. It was agreed that no 10A or 15A events would be changed this year and that the National Coach would have input to the schedule for 2007 to accommodate national teams' training.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Administration:

The Secretary reported that Waiheke Bridge Club had affiliated to Auckland Centre.

Scoring Programme:

The first update had been received from Duncan and had been sent to John Eldridge and Patrick Carter for testing. A report had been received from John and he would be asked to liaise with Patrick to provide a full report by the end of February. The second update (Swiss Pairs only) had also been received and had been sent to Patrick Carter for testing.

A response regarding contractual arrangements with Duncan was still awaited from the Hon. Solicitor.

Website:

Enquiries had been received from trialists regarding the Code of Conduct which was not on the website. It was noted this was still with the Hon. Solicitor and was not available for release yet.

B. CONGRESS

Richard reported that the hotel would be increasing its rates for both accommodation and playing room hire in 2006. The rates would be fixed for 2 years and still constituted a significant discount. The new Congress website was expected to be launched soon.

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

Finance:

Payments from 20 November 2005 to 31 January 2006 amounting to \$37,024.52 were ratified.

Budgets for 2007 had not yet been compiled as the Treasurer was still awaiting input from some sub-committees. He was asked to provide each Committee with budget and actual figures for the previous year and sub-committees were asked to submit a current budget together with details of any increase in funding required by the end of February. Action – Tony and all Sub Committees

A deficit was expected at 31 March and it was agreed that future budgets should include a contingency for unexpected expenses.

The Treasurer advised that a response had not been received from the ASB Bank regarding sponsorship.

Tony Lenart submitted a discussion paper on the proposal made at the AGM to incorporate a free copy of the NZ Bridge Magazine into annual levies. It was noted that costings would be required before proceeding any further. A motion was put “**THAT** a sub-committee be formed to investigate the proposal as outlined by Tony Lenart”

Tony Lenart/Alister Stuck
LOST

PABF 2010:

A funding decision was also required regarding the 2010 PABF but could not be considered before the 2007 budget was available.

Pub Charity Grants:

1. It was resolved “**THAT** application be made to the New Zealand Community Trust for \$5,000 for the purchase of 20 bridge screens.”
2. It was resolved “**THAT** application be made to the Unison Trust for \$5,000 for the purchase of 20 bridge screens.”
3. It was resolved “**THAT** application be made to the Pub Charity for \$5,000 for the purchase of 20 bridge screens.”

Alister Stuck/Jenny Wilkinson
CARRIED

D. INTERNATIONAL (International, Trials, Zone 7)

International:

Commonwealth Nations Cup: Arleen reported that practice for the team had been organised, uniforms ordered, various funding received and publicity organised. An amount of \$180 was returned to NZCBA which was no longer required.

WBF Championships – NPC Reports: A report from each NPC had been received and circulated. The three Reports were accepted.

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

Discussion took place on the new Regulations included in the 2006 Manual and how to ensure that club players were aware of the changes. Kay had already summarised the major changes for Canterbury Clubs and would provide a copy of this to be included in the next Newsletter.

D. SERVICES (Bridge Development, Coaching, Youth)

Bridge Development:

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

Ethics Video: Arleen was to follow this up with Chris Ackerley.

ABF Initiatives: Richard advised that the ABF were trying to get a series of lessons produced for Australian television and it was possible New Zealand could become involved and repeat them on NZ television. The Australian Bridge Directors Association were discussing the provision of a DVD dealing with the Laws – again New Zealand may be able to participate. It was agreed that we needed to see some figures first and Richard agreed to follow up on these suggestions.

Brochures: Kay had obtained costings for the production of bridge brochures. A comparative price would also be sought.

Coaching:

The request from Waikato/Bays for a Directing Seminar could not be considered until a cost was submitted.

Youth:

Coaching Weekends: Richard was concerned that insufficient entries to the youth weekend(s) would be received and requested guidance as to the minimum number required to run the events, especially the 2nd and 3rd weekends. It was agreed to wait and see how many entries were received for the first weekend, which did not close until 15 March.

World Junior Bridge Camp/World Youth Pairs: A proposal to sponsor Michael Whibley to these events in 2006 was discussed. Michael had expressed his interest in attending. It was proposed "THAT a grant of \$3,000 be offered to Michael Whibley to attend the World Junior Bridge Camp with the proviso that he submit a full report on the event on his return."

Arleen Schwartz/Jenny Wilkinson
CARRIED

John Wignall, for Zone 7, had requested some information on our youth programme for submission to WBF and Alister agreed to discuss this with John at Surfers.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a) *On-line Bridge Lessons:* Alister advised that he had visited the House of Cards following the presentation made at the last meeting and would circulate a report to the Committee.
- b) *Employees:* Alister advised that meetings with the two Association employees had been held earlier in the day. Kay was to look at the job descriptions and update them. Richard would apply to attend a appropriate Marketing Course which would be beneficial in seeking publicity for bridge and Richard and Alister would be visiting each Centre to outline current matters before the Management Committee and answer any queries they may have.
- c) *Zone 7:* NZCBA had been requested to provide information to John Wignall regarding membership, youth programme etc. in order that he could continue to support Zone 7 receiving two spots at the WBF Bowl and Venice Cup. Richard would provide information on the youth programme and Alister would discuss declining membership figures with the ABF later in the month.
- d) *Senior Trials:* The International Committee were asked to submit a recommendation as to a venue for the Seniors Trials.

- e) *Sub Committees*: Arie considered that Management Committee meetings were too involved with day-to-day administrative matter. He suggested these tasks should be left to the Officers and sub-committees leaving the Management Committee to conduct itself more like a Board of Directors by debating and setting the long term strategic direction for the Association and signing off on major policy initiatives.

Kay asked if the Association's Policies were documented in one place. Fran advised that this had been considered in the past and was on the long term "to do" list. It was, however, something that would require a large time commitment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be :

Friday 28th April
Friday 16th June