

Teachers' Weekend Flyer, prepared by House of Cards will go out with NZCBA newsletter

Youth two sides, the international – youth squad or trials and the development of young people to play bridge. Still unsure of the situation in Beijing next year in terms of support which will be given for attendance.

Financial Year to date position - Actuals to Budget presented.
Sub Committee budgets presented and discussed.
Payments schedule presented. MYOB programme has been upgraded.

MOTION That the accounts as presented be accepted
Moved Tony Lenart Seconded Murat Genc **CARRIED**

MOTION That \$25,000 a year over next four years be set aside for PABF 2010 and deposited into a special account
Moved Arie Geursen Seconded Norm Silcock **CARRIED**

Administration

Current and projected Budget presented

Charities Act Administration sub committee to follow through on this Norm to follow up around bulk registration, specifically whether Clubs would be able to apply individually for funding or whether would need to go through our Committee.

Constitution If new constitution passed at AGM suggestion that a constitution template be made available for clubs

Meetings Propose that Management Committee meetings be held in Christchurch given the reduced accommodation costs

Masterpoint Programme proposal – specifications, quotes and funding – support for further investigations and independent IT expert be involved in any interview. Training of another person capable of inputting results proposed and supported. Proposed rating changes to be followed up with C Jared.

Regulations Not aware yet whether the draft new laws will be ratified by the WBF at their meeting in Beijing.
Constitution review costs discussed

Congress Figures up for attendance; 74 Australians coming possibly as a response of the advertising done at Canberra and Gold Coast Congress. Discussion regarding brochure presentation and ability to register on line.

Alert There was a suggestion that if there were expected changes to occur within the alerting system that a Directors' Forum be held during Congress for this – NZCBA not aware of any upcoming changes

Club Championships - re-affirmation of teams of four for each grade.

International

Budget – this is bulk funded. Discussion regarding current situation and possible end result.

WBF Meeting in Beijing – Delegate attendance. Non-playing Captains will be asked to fill the role.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Constitution

Since the previous meeting Centres' responses had been received from the circulated amended Constitution. These responses indicated support, support in principle and many issues for clarification. Graham and Alister attended a meeting in Central Districts and Graham and Arie a meeting in Wellington. Issues raised included: who is able to speak at the AGM; control of budgets; date for end of financial year; ability of clubs to introduce remits needs to be more explicit (currently through Centres); club affiliation would be to New Zealand Bridge (currently to Centres); levy fixing; way the structure would be administered; eight regions – whether current six is preferable; social membership; minimum membership of Clubs; handling of appeals, disputes and discipline; annual returns; postal addresses of all membership giving ability to contact directly with newsletters; funding / CEO; Conferences meeting twice a year inclusive of Regional Committees – consensus decision making; number (4 – 6) on Regional Committee; degree of control of Board of Management (7 members) ; rotational 3 year term giving some continuity of a core group, as done in local government. Transitional period should this be adopted by the AGM was also discussed, e.g. if the remit is passed at the AGM then the existing Management Committee would continue in office until displaced by an election of the Board of Management, meaning that elections would not be required. Centres would continue until 1 July 2008 at which time the Regional Committees would commence.

The meeting discussed each of the key issues and gave guidance to the Constitution Project Group which will meet again on Saturday, 1 September to revise the present draft of the proposed Constitution to respond to the matters raised and the decisions now taken. A final version will be circulated early next week, accompanied by a further updated Explanatory Memorandum addressing the changes, to Centres and to Clubs to allow adequate time for consideration prior to the AGM. The documents will also be posted on the website. The subcommittee will respond to the emails received from Centres, Clubs and individuals who had provided feedback.

The large volume of work which has been done by the Constitution Special Projects Committee over the last few months, particularly in the last few weeks was acknowledged.

General Business

Masterpoint Programme

Investigations / discussions continuing regarding; specifications and requirements for possibility of upgrading the current programme and how any upgrade might be funded.

Next Meetings

AGM 22 September in Hamilton at 9.45 am

Management Committee Meeting following the AGM

Next Meeting Date to be arranged