

# MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Held at the Christchurch Bridge Club Christchurch At 5.30 pm on Friday 22 June 2007

**PRESENT** Alister Stuck (Chair), Karen Cumpstone, Kay Nicholas, Susan Edwards, Arie

Geursen, Tony Lenart, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Richard Solomon,

Noel Woodhall and Trish Scott

APOLOGY Murat Genc Moved Arleen Schwartz Seconded Kay Nicholas CARRIED

MINUTES Minutes from the meeting held 27 April were accepted and confirmed as a

correct record

Proposed Arleen Schwartz Seconded Karen Cumpstone CARRIED

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**Brochures** Funding not available

**Draft Constitution** Workshop held 26 May – on Agenda

**Sponsorship** On Agenda

Ethics DVD Has been circulated to Clubs

**Discount Tourn. Results** Early discount still applies for early return of complete

tournament results

**Levy/Membership** Date for cut off of membership / levy invoices was considered

as part of Constitution Review during consultation with the Centres - 31 March not considered workable – 31 October was the latest date possible and provided for within the constitution

draft.

Scoring Programme On Agenda

Electronic Banking Has been investigated

**World Mind Games** Followed up regarding accommodation and travel support – not

yet able to confirm but will keep under review. Thank you to

Richard for his efforts.

Jean Peche Award Award given to Susan Humphries

**Bridge Teachers Assn** Follow up is ongoing

### CORRESPONDENCE

**MOTION** that the large volume of inwards and outwards correspondence as

tabled be accepted

Proposed Kay Nicholas Seconded Karen Cumpstone CARRIED

# **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Services** Richard spoke to the report circulated prior to the meeting.

**Sponsorship** Dorchester agreement signed on 11 June 2007 for one year to 7

June 2008. Discussion regarding conditions contained in agreement –

information to go out in Newsletter and will be contained in NZ Bridge Magazine.

Youth Weekend 13 – 15 July 25 Enrolled

**Schools Bridge** Attempts being made to commence in Hastings school **NZ Wide Pairs** 51 Clubs participating

**Research Proposal** Further discussion regarding proposal /request for funding previously supported but which has been clarified as a request from NZCBA and not the researcher – Alister following up the possible ramifications for NZCBA.

**NZ Bridge Magazine** Has run at a financial book loss (timing issue regarding funding)

**Funding** Request from Otago to support international youth players and from Cromwell for financial assistance to run bridge lessons – referred to Services Committee

#### Administration

**Rating Points** The wording in the manual is not correct and will be amended for the next printing. Wording on the web will be amended to:

**MOTION** Players rating points are calculated as follows: Previous rating points x 0.8 plus the total A & B points earned in the immediate past year:

| Example | Previous          | 80          |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|
|         | Less 20%          | - <u>16</u> |
|         |                   | 64          |
| Plus    | Last year's       |             |
|         | Total A & B       | <u>20</u>   |
| N       | lew Rating Points | 84          |

Proposed Noel Woodhall Seconded Kay Nicholas

**CARRIED** 

Administration Sub Committee recommendation that as from this year the rating points be calculated to 31 December not 1 October as current. Clarification required regarding any ramifications within the masterpoint programme

**Tournaments** Approach made by Wellington Centre for: Congress 9 – 13 July to include Youth Interprovincials. Meeting did not support Youth Interprovincials being split from IPs: Request from Wellington Centre for 5A Interclub Teams event for 2008; not supported on the grounds that this tournament would not be open to all players. Continuation of Poppy Roberts 5A and Suzanne Duncan 5A tournaments supported. Wellington Centre to be advised

**Tournament Schedule** Christchurch Club not available to host South Island Teams in 2008 – Otago could do but also due to run South Island Pairs – discussion regarding venues within Canterbury capable of running – Kay to follow up possibility of swapping. Waikato looking to run mini congress – shift the Provincial pairs from 19 – 20 April to incorporate into Congress – Kay to advise support for this.

**Ranking** All overseas players are considered Open, if now resident in New Zealand must provide proof that their ranking is below Open - the NZCBA programme ranks as 'junior' any new player – this is an anomaly.

Registered Office – Address needs amendment

**MOTION** That the registered office of the NZCBA be amended from 7 Armstrong Avenue, Carterton, to 56B Mahars Road, Christchurch within the Societies Register before 26 June 2007.

Moved Karen Cumpstone Seconded Susan Edwards CARRIED

**Scoring Programme** Request from non-affiliated club to purchase scoring programme – to be advised not able to assist at the moment but a possibility in the future.

**6.1** now available as a 'patch' download from the web. Clubs still experiencing problems after downloading the patch are to be advised to download 5.8 which will be put on web for downloading. NZCBA now has source code and looking at options for the future development with a way forward to be achieved within month or so.

## **Finance**

"Actuals to budget" year to date be provided at each meeting Accounts currently with the Auditor. Discussion regarding investment opportunities – Noel following up current rates which are available.

Zone 7 Fees Discussion regarding what was understood to be the fees around the Zone 7 tournament

**MOTION** That a sum of \$3,000 be paid to cover costs of the teams attending Zone 7 tournament as agreed in previous correspondence with Zone 7 Proposed Arie Geursen Seconded Tony Lenart **CARRIED** 

MOTION that payments as shown in the schedule be ratified Proposed Tony Lenart Seconded Kay Nicholas CARRIED

Charities Trust – Registration process to be achieved before 1 July 2008. Any organisation not registered will be treated as IRD taxable. Currently NZCBA exempt. Possibility of group registration. Requirement to follow up Charities Commission following review of Constitution.

Thank you to Tony for his work with Jardines who have increased the sponsorship for Congress.

## Regulations

**Baden Wilson** – this competition relates to masterpoints awarded within New Zealand. Any A's earned in Australia which are credited to a player's total will be deducted at the conclusion of the competition. This information to be included on the monthly web update.

# **Congress**

This year, and likely three out of every four years, there may be a conflict with major WBF tournament and our Congress. This is because the WBF now seem to be scheduling these around the same time in September. Will be discussed further by the Congress Sub Committee.

Australia/New Zealand Youth Support from the Management Committee for opportunity at some stage during the Congress for competition between Australian and New Zealand youth teams – to be organised with the Congress Sub Committee. The NZCBA will offer again this year up to 8 free entries to Australian Youth attending our Congress – this is reciprocal for New Zealand Youth to Canberra competition.

Richard to clarify whether the Australian policy of 50% reduction in fees for their youth applies to New Zealand youth playing in Australia as well.

**Masterpoint Charges** 

## **Gold Grand Master Awards**

A check to be made for any players due for awards – Norm and Trish

#### **International**

Noel Woodhall letter- to the International Sub Committee for inclusion in the review of the International programme to be conducted at the end of the year. Letter to be written advising this decision

Helen Thomson et al letter to be referred to the International Sub Committee for inclusion in the review of the International programme to be conducted at the end of the year. Letter to be written thanking them for their interest, that their concerns have been noted, advising of referral

**Results Bandung** Open 4th Senior 4th Womens 8th Youth 7th Norm to follow up date report on programme due

Trials 2008 Wellington has offered to conduct the 2008 trials

MOTION That the offer from Wellington to host the 2008 trials be accepted Proposed Arie Geursen Seconded Norm Silcock CARRIED

# **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

## **Constitution Review**

The current constitution has been amended over the past 70 years and it really is time that a new Constitution that is compliant fully with the Laws of New Zealand as it currently stands and reflects how the game will be governed in the future, is put in place. Following consultation with representatives from all the Centres, and the largest Clubs that would otherwise not have been represented, at an all day workshop in Wellington, the drafting committee tabled a new Constitution. The main thrust of the document is to ensure that the NZCBA is the entity for the governance of the game of Bridge in New Zealand, which in a legal sense is not strictly the case.

The governance will rest with a Board which is elected by the Clubs as the key stake holders in the new entity. The Board, which is smaller than the current Management Committee, is expected to function with the same degree of professionalism and care as any Board of a company currently has to. There is provision for the appointment of a CEO if this is deemed to be appropriate by the Board, one of whose key tasks will be to raise funds.

There will be a greater line of communication between the Board and the Clubs with six Centres being replaced by eight Regional Committees. These are Standing Committees of NZ Bridge and are elected by the Clubs in their region. A Regional Conference will be held twice a year comprising the Board and Officers of NZ Bridge and the Chairpersons of these Regional Committees.

The rules of election and conduct for all meetings of NZ Bridge, the Board and its Standing Committees, the Regional Committees and appointment of employees or other officers are all clearly described.

The Committee has made provision for (and strongly recommends the new Board establishes without delay), the NZ Bridge Foundation, to protect the assets of the Association and to act as a vehicle by which charitable donations or bequests can be made. The Trustees will be expected to administer these funds for the greater good of the game.

There will be a properly constituted Standing Disciplinary Committee to ensure these matters are dealt with according to the Laws of New Zealand and are binding on Clubs and its members.

The Management Committee thanks those who had worked on this document for the past year.

It was agreed the lawyers who had helped with this, Graham Wakefield and Johnny Lenart attend the AGM to answer questions and advise the Chair.

The meeting agreed to send a remit to the AGM that the new Constitution be adopted.

MOTION The solicitors be instructed to draft the legal resolutions that need to be considered by the AGM, in order to give effect to the Management Committee's intention that the new Constitution as tabled by the Drafting Committee following consultation with all Centres, be adopted Proposed Tony Lenart Seconded Norm Silcock CARRIED The lawyers will write the resolutions that will accompany documentation prior to AGM

PABF 2010 Booklet which had been prepared for the PABF AGM, setting out the venue for the 2010 Championships in Hamilton, was shown to meeting – acknowledgment to those who prepared this comprehensive booklet. Discussion regarding the need to set up a special account to accrue funds for the event was agreed.

**AGM** Requirements include; financial Treasurer's report; President's report; Congress results; statistics currently being prepared.

# Acknowledgment

Karen leaves New Zealand next month and likely to be away for next 2/3 years. Thank you to Karen for all her work with the Committee and Karen was encouraged to 'come back'.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Friday 5.30 pm 20 July 2007 Wellington Bridge Club