



**MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at the Victoria Bridge Club Wellington
At 5.30 pm on Friday 27 April 2007**

PRESENT Alister Stuck (Chair), Karen Cumpstone, Susan Edwards, Murat Genc, Arie Geursen, Tony Lenart, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Richard Solomon, Noel Woodhall and Trish Scott

APOLOGY Kay Nicholas and Arie Geursen for lateness

MINUTES Minutes from meeting held 6 February and notes from telephone conference held 22 March were accepted and confirmed as a correct record
Proposed Arleen Schwartz Seconded Karen Cumpstone **CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Brochures	Kay to follow up given that no funding was available
Strategic Plan	Arie following up re cost / dates
Draft Constitution	Arie to report on progress made
Support for Secretary	Followed up; technical support with back up system now in place; ability for only the invoices to be run off quarterly clarified
Complaints re Masterpoint Charges	Thank you to Richard and Karen for meeting with Waikato Clubs and the letters which were sent out
Jean Peche Award	On Agenda today
Zone 7	On Agenda today
Wellington Centre	Masterpoints re-instated for 1st and 2nd places 2005 IP trials

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION That the large volume of inwards and outwards correspondence as tabled be accepted
Proposed Sue Edwards Seconded Noel Woodhall **CARRIED**

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Services Richard spoke to the report circulated prior to the meeting
Sponsorship Proposal received from Dorchester Life – looking at long term sponsorship which had two parts – a sum of money and also a project where Clubs would benefit when individual players used their products - \$25 for a page of advertising in programme books. Discussion regarding the proposal and the opportunity it presents for Bridge; exclusive access to lists of players who subscribe to the magazine; use of web site; legal situation regarding privacy issues. Richard following up.
Thank you to Richard and Noel for the work done

MOTION That we support in principle and empower Richard to follow up with the Company, subject to clarification regarding the legal issue re the use of New Zealand Magazine subscription mailing list.
 Moved Noel Woodhall Seconded Murat Genc **CARRIED**

Teachers' Weekend At the House of Cards. Increased cost will include a longer Sunday session with lunch and Graeme and Tina doing morning session at the Youth weekend in July. Discussion regarding Bridge Teachers Association funds – Richard to follow up.

MOTION That proposal to run Bridge Teachers weekend at House of Cards, Christchurch 27/28 October at a cost of \$3000
 Moved Karen Cumpstone Seconded Arleen Schwartz **CARRIED**

Discussion regarding travel for this event – Centres and Clubs be encouraged to support / subsidise those attending this course.

MOTION That no travel subsidies for Teachers weekend be provided
 Moved Arleen Schwartz Seconded Arie Geursen **CARRIED**

Jean Peche Award Recommendation from the Services Sub Committee – announcement that the Jean Peche Award to the most promising youth player – achievement for 2006 go to Susan Humphries – Richard to advise Susan

Masterpoint Review Following on from the Workshop held last November more players would be available to play in Intermediate Tournaments if the rating was raised from 61 to 100 with the Junior grade up to 30 from the current 20.

MOTION That the threshold for Intermediate Grade be raised from 60 to 100 and Junior from 20 to 30, without any change to the A point thresholds – to apply for 2008 year.
 Moved Noel Woodhall Seconded Arie Geursen **CARRIED**

Ethics DVD This is ready for distribution to affiliated clubs. A narrative needs to be prepared to go with this. Letter of thanks required to Chris Ackerley for preparation of the script. Richard to supply a copy to those who participated in the DVD.

MOTION That one copy of the DVD be supplied free of charge to affiliated clubs with a \$25 charge to other individuals / organisations
 Moved Arie Geursen Seconded Tony Lenart **CARRIED**

Research Proposal Ready to go to N Z Community Trust next month – just needs to be signed off and NZCBA seal applied.

New Zealand Wide Pairs Babich again sponsoring on 6 July

Schools / Youth Bridge Ongoing

Administration

AGM Preparation will need to be undertaken within next few weeks - Trish to follow up and Tony follow up regarding accounts.

Tournament Schedule Changes within the schedule – Centres need to be informed and in turn they inform Kay Nicholas and NZCBA office for web amendment. Discussion regarding the ongoing preparation of the schedule.

Masterpoint Processing Three processes, Club results, Team and Tournaments. Final and session information for Tournament results frequently come at different times – issue of discount for early returns – Alister following up.

Computer Back Up system Organised for weekly back up of entire system.

Cut Off date for Affiliation Levy / Club Membership Constitution has date of 1 October – would require a remit to AGM to make any change to this. Administration Sub-committee put a recommendation the cut-off date be changed to 31 December. Discussion regarding ramification of change of date, e.g. information for WBF, rating point information for members; variety of dates when Clubs hold their AGM. Meeting decided against recommendation that cut off-date be 31 December and for the Team who are looking at the Constitutional Review also look at this issue.

Scoring Programme 6.1 Single installation – ability to go to clubs as single disc. The source code requires administration. Alister and Trish to follow up.

Australian Masterpoint – Remit The current policy covers the Canberra and / or Surfers Events in Australia for transfer of any Gold points –

MOTION That from 1 January 2008 we amend the policy to include all Australian Gold Point Events

Moved Alister Stuck Seconded Noel Woodhall **CARRIED**

Finance

MOTION That payments schedule as circulated be accepted

Moved Tony Lenart Seconded Noel Woodhall **CARRIED**

Budget Finalised Accounts very nearly completed showing between \$5000 to \$7000 surplus over expenditure. \$115,000 to International programme this year – this means a change in investment money.

ASB Relationship Alister absented himself – Norm taking over the chair for the discussion. Discussion regarding difficulties which arose; need for two signatures when living in different cities; doing foreign business. Look at using the ‘net’ for banking to be investigated when Tony is in Christchurch in May. Alister resumed role of Chair.

International

World Mind Sports Games 2008 request we advise expression of interest. Discussion; no budget for this, same year as Brisbane PABF, ability of youth to fund raise, free accommodation, funded / self funded teams. Richard to write back that we are not in a position to commit to this but interested in getting more information particularly about the costs involved.

Zone 7 One open Team 2 Womens 2 Senior Teams – 2nd team self funded. Discussion regarding current situation and options.

Zone 7 Meeting Alister Stuck, Alan Turner and Tony Lenart attending **Gold Coast Congress – Gradings** Four pairs playing out of Grade. Note in newsletter that players who intend to play in Australia need to know that Open grade players are not eligible to play in Restricted Grade in Australia. Overseas players playing here play ‘open’ grade unless cleared by Arie Geursen.

Congress Minutes from sub committee previously circulated. Trophy will be awarded for Club event – need name for the Trophy
Congratulations for the new web site which is now live. Discussion regarding charge for Congress masterpoints – subcommittee to make recommendation before next meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Constitution Review Ongoing

PABF 2010 Preparation on power point presentation in Bandung. Expect to receive request for delegates.

Funding Forward budget should cover whole amount (together with entry fees).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Canadian Bridge Youth Players - Karen to send information on how to access CTV documentary

NEXT MEETING

Christchurch Bridge Club 5.30 pm Friday 22 June 2007