



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE VICTORIA BRIDGE CLUB ON 6th FEBRUARY 2007.

PRESENT: Alister Stuck (Chair), Karen Cumpstone, Susan Edwards, Murat Genc, Arie Geursen, Tony Lenart, Arleen Schwartz, Norm Silcock, Richard Solomon, Noel Woodhall, and Johnny Lenart (Honorary Solicitor).

APOLOGIES: Kay Nicholas as result of the airport closure.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th & 25th November were accepted as a correct record.

Noel Woodhall/Arlene Schwartz

MATTERS ARISING

Brochures: It was decided to put this on hold until the budget for 2007 had been discussed.

Strategic Plan: Arie to get an indication of the cost from the facilitator and will pencil in dates available at the same time.

CORRESPONDENCE

The inwards/outwards correspondence had not been tabled.

Treasurer's Honorarium:

After discussion it was moved that the Treasurer's honorarium remain the same.

Noel Woodhall/Arie Geursen
CARRIED

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Constitutional Review:

Arie reported good progress. First draft from the legal advisor, Graham Wakefield, was circulating amongst sub-committee.

2010 PABF :

Richard reported that the committee needs to produce a report for the 2007 PABF in Indonesia. There is a possibility of another under 20 category. He will circulate at a future meeting before June.

Arie suggested that PABF Planning should move to the Congress Sub-committee given their expertise in organising large events in Hamilton. To be discussed at Congress Sub-committee.

Masterpoints & Grading Review:

A lengthy discussion was held. Alister will investigate further regarding the masterpoint review. Regarding the grading review, Richard will publish suggested new rankings and solicit feedback from the bridge public.

Administration:

Masterpoint printouts: After discussion it was moved that individual masterpoint printouts be reduced to one run per year in September.

Noel Woodhall/Tony Lenart
CARRIED

Noel will arrange for the masterpoint manual to be updated, published and posted.

Masterpoint charge increase - feedback: Otago-Southland Centre are going to cover youth tournament fees out of their increased masterpoint rebate.

Alister informed all Centres and asked them to inform individual clubs. This was not always done in a timely matter and has caused a few problems. Generally though there has been positive feedback.

Scoring Program: Arie has met with Duncan, there is a beta copy of the latest release being field tested in Auckland, Palmerston North and Dunedin. So far there has been no negative feedback and Duncan expects to have a new release before the end of February and hand over the source code to the Association.

Congress:

Gold Coast Promotion/Draw: Kay's offer for making vouchers was accepted.

Finance:

Payment schedule for 20 November 06 to 1 February 07 amounting to \$30,242.25 were approved and ratified.

Tony Lenart/Norm Silcock
CARRIED

Services:

Coaching Grant Canterbury: For the consideration of the Services Sub-committee.

Congress: Credit Card Facilities are now available for Congress Entry Fees.

Bridge Development: Richard spoke on his Bridge Development Report (circulated).

It was moved that entry fees for Congress be slightly increased as recommended by the Congress Sub-committee, as follows:

Full Congress	\$300
NZ Pairs only	\$185
NZ Pairs re I/Ps	\$125
NZ Teams	\$225
Inter Club special	\$ 75

Arie Geursen/Noel Woodhall
CARRIED

It was moved that there be a change in the Masterpoints awarded for the following Congress events:

NZ Intermediate Pairs – now 3A
NZ Mixed Pairs – now 10A
Seniors I/P – now 10A
Women's I/P – now 10A

Arie Geursen/Noel Woodhall
CARRIED

Noel to include these changes in the updated masterpoint manual.

Secretary Changeover:

Trish Scott starts 1st March 2007. There will be a likely overlap period.

Youth Team to Canberra - Manager: The Meeting moved into Committee to discuss this item
N.Silcock/A.Schwartz

A letter of thanks to be written to Jane Skipper for all her work with the youth trip to Canberra.

Richard reported the success of the NZ Youth in the International Challenge:

Final: NZ All Whites defeated Australian Vets 69-25

Playoff: NZ All Blacks defeated Australian A 58-54

Research Proposal: Richard discussed Tamsin Meaney and her research proposal to look into bridge teaching in NZ. .

At this stage we are not willing to commit any funds to this project. Richard will circulate the proposal to the Management Committee and we will review it then.

Finance:

Budgets (as circulated): Discussions regarding the budget and deficit. What cuts can be made? Alister and Arie will discuss future Zone 7 championships at Surfers Congress meeting.

The 2008 budget currently shows a \$19,000 deficit. This trend of losses will be addressed. Tony will revamp and make adjustments to the 07/08, 08/09 and 09/10 budgets.

General Business

Discussion on providing a vehicle for receiving and administering bequests. The Constitutional Review Committee will incorporate this in the review of the constitution.

Tony discussed free advertising offered on Radio Sport. Richard will look into this.

A notice has been sent to clubs regarding the Bridge for Brains Research.

Is the Congress event for Clubs being promoted? The Centres and Clubs are organising this.

Regulations:

Trials Appeal Review. Norm reported that a decision has been reached and Scott Smith is completing the paperwork.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm

Next Meeting: 5.30 pm. April 27, 2007 at Victoria Bridge Club.