



New Zealand Bridge

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
of NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE  
Conference Call Meeting Held Monday 15 September 2008 at 6.00 pm**

**PRESENT** Kay Nicholas (Chair), Patsy Walters, Michael Ware, Jim Murray,  
Murat Genc, Murray Wiggins  
**In Attendance** Arie Geursen, Chief Director: Richard Solomon, Bridge Development  
Officer and Trish Scott, Secretary  
**Apology** Norm Silcock (overseas) and Murat Genc for leaving early

**1 WELCOME**

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF AUGUST MINUTES**

**52/2008** Following the clarification of Richard Solomon's query it was moved that the minutes were a true and correct record of that meeting. **CARRIED**

**3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**BridgeMates** Bridge Development Officer had acknowledged and responded to this approach.

**Bridge Teachers' Assn** Bridge Development Officer to follow up during Congress

**NZ Bridge Foundation** Yet to be finalised – with Graham Wakefield

**Masterpoint Prog.** Australia has advised they also are looking to upgrade their masterpoint retrieval system

**Scoring Package A/c** Nothing to report.

**Strategic Plan** Ongoing

**Gradings** Credits for players from overseas being reviewed on case by case basis

**4 CORRESPONDENCE**

**53/2008** That the correspondence as tabled be accepted **CARRIED**

Noted that Caroline Chapman has achieved level of National Director.

## 5 REPORTS

### **Administration Committee**

Administration and Regulations Committee to prepare guidelines for acknowledging points earned by players prior to living in New Zealand, including points earned overseas for local Rankings, e.g. new Gold Grand Masters

### **Finance Committee**

Bank accounts for the Regional Committees still being followed up, given the difficulties being encountered with having NZ Bridge number with different suffix, e.g. posting out of statements, cheque books. Internet banking also an issue, authorised to look at their own suffix but not able to authorise payments. New accounts would not be charged any fees and each would have their own address, investment accounts, etc. Michael following up again with ASB who will send communication to the Regional Committees.

Issues also for Bridge Magazine and Congress Committees.

Insurance: to go on Regional Conference Agenda for discussion with regions.

### **Marketing / Development / Communication**

Jim is back from overseas and will arrange meeting with Richard

### **International Committee**

The Committee held a meeting looking at developing a four year cycle / programme, another meeting is planned during the first weekend of Congress. Some years within this cycle will have higher involvement than others, need to manage within the budget set by the Board for these years (possibly \$100,000 a year), e.g. some self funding, some partially funded events, trials = a mix of pairs/teams, continue to fund a Coach, get a squad of players to travel together, subsidy of some sort for one event a year. Do not know yet where the World Youth Champs are to be. The programme will be developed more fully, so players know what is to happen over the next four years and this will be put with recommendations to the Board for approval.

### **Regulations Committee**

Followed up on the information RonKlinger website and recommendation is not follow up further at this stage – in the interim will circulate information to the Board.

### **Event / Congress**

Bridge Development Officer's report, previously circulated to the meeting members. Awaiting response from the ABF regarding future date clashes with our Congress. Board approved recommendation from Congress Committee that a new trophy be introduced for best performing region – to be called Dougal McLean Trophy. Presentation to be made by Richard at the Regional Conference in Hamilton regarding Congress venues after 2010.

Confirmation that Andy Braithwaite is a new Gold Grand Master.

Bridgepads – funding has been obtained from Southern Trust and the balance will be paid for by NZ Bridge.

Room will be required by NZ Bridge at Congress for the Regional Conference and the AGM.

### **Conduct, Disputes & Discipline Committee**

Pamphlet outlining role of this committee being checked by Chair of this Committee and will then be distributed to Clubs.

**Regional Committees**

Reports will be requested from Committees for future Board meetings

**6 Regional Conference**

Agenda has been sent to the Chair of the Regional Committees – meeting at 9.30 am on Saturday, 27 September in the Kingsgate Hotel

**7 Annual General Meeting**

Booklets for the AGM have been forwarded to Clubs and names of Delegates are being sent to the Office of NZ Bridge. AGM 10 am Sunday 28 September 2008.

**8 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Helman Awards** – being finalised in time for presentation at Congress.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Informal meeting 8.15 am Saturday 27 September 2008 in Hamilton.**