



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held Wednesday 13th March 2013 at the Koru Lounge
Wellington Airport commencing at 10am**

PARTICIPATING: Patsy Walters, Jenny Wilkinson, Alan Turner, Allan Barclay & Graham Wakefield (from 10.30am until 20.30pm)

In Attendance: Alister Stuck, Secretary & Arie Geursen, Chief Director (from 1.30pm)

Apologies: Kay Nicholas & Lynne Fegan

1. WELCOME

Alister welcomed all to the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Copies of the following minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

- Board Meeting – 6 March 2013

Moved confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meetings held 6th March 2013

CARRIED 8/2013

3. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of Correspondence tabled at, but carried over from, the meeting held 6 March 2013 were discussed:-

Letter- Possible 4th Tournament Grade

A letter from the Wellington Bridge Club was received and referred to the Congress Organising Committee and the Chair of the Regulations Committee for a response in due course.

Email- Possible new Individual Event

An email from Patrick Carter was discussed. It was agreed that Graham would respond inviting Patrick and the Auckland Bridge Club to trial the proposed event as a club session and report back as appropriate.

Process for appointment of 15A Directors for 2013

An email was received from Russell Watt in his capacity as President of the Auckland Bridge Club expressing concern that neither Patrick Carter nor Julie Atkinson had been offered an assignment for 2013.

It was noted that Graham & Arie would meet with Russell Watt and Allan Morris of the Auckland Bridge Club to resolve the issues once and for all.

Changes to the Tournament Grade Bands

Letters from the Otaki and Upper Hutt Clubs expressing concerns were discussed. It was agreed that Graham would respond outlining the rationale for the changes.

Interprovincials 2013

A letter from Hamish Brown was discussed. It was agreed that Graham would respond outlining the rationale for the changes.

4. BOARD REPORTS**▪ Operations**

Alister presented his Operations which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the Operations Report as circulated, be received.

CARRIED 9/2013

Zone 7 Meeting

Alister advised that he hoped to convene a Zone 7 Committee meeting at the APBF event in Hong Kong.

Sponsorship Opportunity

Alister reported on a meeting he attended in Australia with Greg Clayton of Cruise Travellers. This Company has an existing association with the QBA and there is an opportunity for NZB Bridge to engage in something similar. It was agreed that Alister would seek a proposal from Greg for consideration at a future meeting.

▪ Marketing, Development & Comminations Committee

Allan presented his which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the Marketing Report as circulated, be received.

CARRIED10/2013

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Earthquake Status of Bridge Club Premises**

The copy of the mailout from the Kairangi BridgeClub was noted.

- **Communication Policy**

Moved that the Communication Policy document (copy attached) be adopted.

CARRIED11/2013

- **Appointment to Auckland Northland Regional Committee**

Moved that Susan Humphries be appointed to the Auckland Northland Regional Committee.

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- **Appointment to Canterbury Regional Committee**

Moved that Giles Hancock be appointed to the Canterbury Regional Committee.

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- **Board Elections - Appointment of Scrutineers**

Moved that Dr Alan Doddridge and Mr Ross Hadwin be appointed as Scrutineers for the forthcoming Board elections.

CARRIED14/2013

- **APBF Meeting June 2013- Appointment of Delegates**

Moved that Derek Evennett & Alan Turner be appointed as Delegates to the APBF Meeting in Hong Kong in June 2013.

CARRIED15/2013

- **Regulations – Policy Announcing**

Moved that the announcing of 1Club and 1NT opening Bids be compulsory in all Club sessions and Tournaments from 1 May 2013 and may be trialed now in accordance with the amendments to the Alerting Regulations.
(Copy attached to these Minutes)

CARRIED16/2013

- **Regulations – Policy New System Cards**

Moved from 1 July 2013 that it be compulsory to carry NZ Bridge System Card in all Tournament events and no other forms of the System Card will be acceptable unless specified by New Zealand Bridge in any instance.

Currently no other events are specified for that purpose.

CARRIED 17/2013

Note: The new version of the System Card will be available for download on via the NZ Bridge Website as soon as it is finalised and the licensing and copyright agreement with the ABF executed.

Alister will obtain a quote to print sufficient hard copies of the Card to be distributed to all Clubs at no charge.

▪ **Regulations – Policy New WBF Victory Point Scale**

Moved that the new WBF Victory Point Scale be implemented for use at all Teams & Swiss Pairs Tournaments effective 31 October 2013.

CARRIED 18/2013

Note:

Arie advised the meeting that there was an error with the logarithms prepared by the WBF and that until correct data is made available any updates to the Scoring Programme to accommodate this change would be delayed.

▪ **Policy Statement- Masterpoint Awards for all Sessions**

Moved that the Board confirms that Clubs are required to include **all** sessions (excluding those held for teaching purposes) in their monthly Masterpoint returns.

CARRIED 19/2013

▪ **Participation in Tournaments (Non Affiliated Players)**

Moved effective immediately that a Player must be a member of a NZ Bridge affiliated Club or an overseas Club to participate in any Tournament event.

CARRIED 20/2013

▪ **Response from WBF (Our feedback re WMSG event 2012)**

Alister reported that he had not received any response from the WBF (other than a short email from John Wignall) to the letter sent regarding the World Mind Sports Games held in 2012.

It was agreed that Alan would follow this up with both the WBF and John Wignall.

▪ **Meeting Dates 2013**

Thurs April 18 th	Board Meeting Wellington
Sat June 29 th	Board Meeting Wellington
Sat Aug 24 th	Board Meeting Wellington

Meeting Closed – 4.00pm



POLICY – WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS NZ BRIDGE INCORPORATED

The Board's written interaction with its member Clubs, Regional Committees, player members and external agencies must be timely and consistent.

The NZ Bridge Board will ensure:-

1. An immediate response to all written correspondence (letter or email) received, acknowledging receipt and indicating when the correspondence will be considered by the Board.
 - 1.1 Unless the Board is to meet within 10 working days of receipt of the correspondence it should be dealt with by email, or if urgent and / or potentially problematic, by phone link.
2. Once the correspondence is considered by the Board, and where required a decision made, a letter advising of the outcome must be sent to the sender(s) even if that outcome is "no further action" and / or "matter closed".
3. Auditing of emailed and written correspondence performance outcomes relative to Board Policy to be undertaken by the Board at least quarterly and outcomes documented in Board Minutes.
4. When a Board member and / or a Board Committee is assigned to address specific issue(s) identified in correspondence received and propose an appropriate response, this will be recorded in the Board Minutes together with an Action Timeline and will be used as an Auditing Tool.

Released: March 2013

For Review: In or before March 2014

Amendment to the Alerting Regulations:

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Alerts during the auction

(Insert after the heading and before "Delayed Alerts")

1. ANNOUNCING of 1C and natural 1NT opening bids

The partner of a player who makes a 1C or natural 1NT opening bid, shall promptly alert the opponents by announcing their systemic agreement using the following descriptions:

- **For 1C opening bids in;**
 - Natural (Green) systems;
 - the appropriate length of the club suit should be announced
("2 plus", "3 plus", "4 plus", etc)
 - For Strong Club (Blue) systems;
 - the word "Strong" together with the minimum HCP holding (e.g. "16+") should be announced.
 - For system options other than those above (e.g. a Polish 1C);
 - the word "Unusual" should be used.
 - **For a natural 1NT opening bids:**
 - "12 to 14" (or the appropriate range)
- Note:** For mistaken announcements:
- The opening bidder may not correct the error during the auction nor may he/she indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made. If at the end of the auction he/she is to be declarer or dummy, then the Director must be called before the opening lead is made and his/her opponents informed that in his opinion an error has been made. If he/she is a defender, the Director must be called at the end of the play, but not earlier (See Law 20F5).
 - The opening bidder must carefully avoid taking any advantage of unauthorised information arising from an incorrect announcement by partner, Law 16B may apply.
 - For calls made by an opponent that are based on the incorrect announcement of the system agreement, Law 21B applies
2. You must promptly alert any other call during the auction if it is conventional (see Alerting procedure below)

Amendment to the System Regulations:

Between "Shortage" and "Convention" in the Definitions on Page D5 insert:

Balanced For the purpose of classifying NT opening bids, balanced shall mean a hand with no more than one (1) shortage and that shortage shall be not fewer than two (2) cards in length.