



New Zealand Bridge

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
OF New Zealand BRIDGE**

Held Friday July 24th at 5.00pm at the Christchurch Bridge Club

PRESENT Kay Nicholas (Chair), Norm Silcock, Alan Turner, Patsy Walters,
Graham Wakefield, Michael Ware & Murray Wiggins.

In Attendance Alister Stuck, Secretary; Arie Geursen CTD. Kris Wooles – Chef
de Mission joined the meeting at 5.30pm to give a short
presentation.

1 WELCOME

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- June 7th 2009

It was moved that the minutes of the June meeting were a true and correct
record of the meeting.

CARRIED 25/2009

3 MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The Board spent considerable time working through the list of outstanding
items with the view to clearing a number of long overdue items.

Letter- WBF re Mind Sport Games

Kay advised the meeting that following little or no feedback from Board
members regarding the draft letter that the matter is closed and the letter will
not be sent.

Charities Commission

Graham Wakefield is working on the Assn's Charities status accreditation

NZ Bridge Foundation

Graham Wakefield spoke about the Draft Document which had been
circulated prior to the meeting. Some minor changes to the Draft Document
were agreed and this would be discussed at the Regional Conference
scheduled for the following day. It was further agreed that the Regional
Committees give consideration to potential trustees to be approached to
serve an initial term. Kay thanked Graham for the considerable work that he
had undertaken in preparing the Trust Deed.

Committee Roles, Objectives,

As little progress has been made with this long overdue assignment Kay indicated that all Committees must present the completed work to the August meeting.

Teachers Accreditation

Alan Turner reported that he was to discuss this with Tina McVeigh over the weekend. Alister reported following his discussions with Tina that there was an opportunity to work with Joan Butts of Queensland to put an accreditation plan in place that could be adopted on either side of the Tasman. This topic was flagged for further discussion at the Regional Conference.

Events/Congress- Scope & Delegation of Authority document

Kay advised that the Draft Document has been circulated to the Events Committee and that she would follow up with the Chair Richard Solomon to finalise the content.

Tournament Schedule Review

In the absence of any progress by the Administration Committee a work group comprising Kay, Alister, and Sue Edwards had prepared some background information and undertaken some initial research re this project.

Initial findings / suggestions include:-

- A number of clubs are running numerous sessions without Masterpoints
- There are events being held that contravene current Masterpoint Regulations
- Review of current Regulations with the aim to update them to better reflect current needs and expectations of Clubs & Regions
- It is important that Event date clashes be mitigated where possible including Tournaments held in neighbouring regions.

The group will progress this project and report again at the next meeting. Kay to present an outline at the Regional Conference.

Jean Peche Awards – Policy

A Draft Policy Document had been circulated prior to the meeting. Michael is to recirculate the document with the amendments agreed prior to the August Board meeting.

Directors Forum at Congress

Murray advised that no details re the time or location have been agreed. This is to be formalised ASAP so that the forum can be published and circulated to interested parties.

Hireage Policy – Bridge Pads

The Policy Document has been agreed and circulated to the Regional Committees and is being trialled before being reviewed in January 2010.

Trophies Register

Evelyn Hurley has agreed to put this in place as part of the Archivists role. Alister to follow up with the Regions for details of any trophies presented at 10A and 15A events so that details can be included in the Central Register.

Vacancy- Hon Solicitor

Kay reported that the matter should be finalised before the August Meeting.

Policy Document- Regional Recorders Roles'

Arie reported that he was holding discussions with Kris Wooles over the weekend to draft a roles and responsibility document covering the Regional Recorders roles.

Account – Lenart Estate

Alan reported that this matter has been resolved and the account paid in full.

Banking Arrangements

Alister reported that the changeover to BNZ was progressing well. The Boards accounts were opened and would be activated early in August. The regions accounts would be transferred soon after.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

The list of inwards and outwards correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting with originals available at the meeting for viewing and further clarification if required.

It was moved that the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence as tabled be accepted.

CARRIED 26/2009

5 BOARD REPORTS

Chef de Mission

Kris Wooles joined the meeting and gave a brief report as to his activities year to date. Of note was the likely savings of approx \$18k on the international budget for the year. This has come about through careful planning, favourable exchange rates and significant reductions to budgeted travel costs. Kay thanked Kris for his Report and his efforts.

Bridge Development Officer

The report from Richard Solomon was received and discussed.

PABF 2010

Arie reported that the PABF organising Committee were negotiating with a potential sponsor and would be looking to start promoting the event soon after their next meeting on August 9th.

Operations

Alister spoke to his report and detailed two further items since preparing the report. Firstly it was discovered that the transfer of \$25 000 to the PABF fund

for the 2008 financial year (Minutes Nov 2008) had not been actioned. This has now been completed and the fund stands at \$53k approx. It was moved that the transfer of \$25 000 for the 2009 year be made by the Secretary during the first week of November

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The second point relates to a meeting with the Masterpoint programme designers at Treshna held earlier in the day. Murray, Graham, and John Kriuniger also attended. The designers' demonstrated their work to date after which payment of \$3,000 +GST for milestone 1 was approved. The programme has been uploaded to the Laptop and will be tested over the next couple of weeks by Alister. It was agreed that Arie would seek and report on a likely date for final completion of the redesign of the programme.

International

In the absence of a formal Committee Report the Board received and discussed the NPC and Chef de mission reports on the PABF held recently in Macau. It was agreed that Alister would write to the NPC's thank them for the work they had undertaken.

Chef De Mission

The report from Kris Wooles had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Finance & Strategy

Alan Turner, spoke to his report that had been previously circulated. The budget for the current year was ratified and would be presented at the regional conference the following day.

Alan further reported that the draft accounts for the 2008 year had been received. Initial discussions have been held with Peter O'Boyle and it was agreed that he was to make some adjustments to the chart of accounts and the treatment of funds introduced when the regional Committees were established. The draft accounts were to be made available at the Regional Conference and Peter O'Boyle would attend to answer any questions. Alan advised that the accounts and supporting documents were to be forwarded to the Auditor David McDonald the following week.

Regional Reports

Copies of meeting minutes from Otago Southland, Canterbury, Auckland, and Waikato (2) were received after having been circulated prior to the meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Proposal Online Poker

Michael spoke to the proposal which had been circulated. While there was little support for the proposal it was agreed that Michael would circulate further information and a Website link so that the matter can be dealt with at the August meeting.

Accommodation Costs – Kingsgate

Alister reported that he had feedback from players regarding the accommodation rate negotiated with the Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton. The Hotel is advertising special rates of \$99 per night including breakfast for 2 people for bookings outside the Congress period. This offer was in place last year.

While it is unlikely that anything can be done this year it was agreed that our representatives should be aware of these generous concessions and discuss with the Hotel when they negotiate future rates. Patsy is to table this information at the Events Committee meeting scheduled for August 9th and report back at the August Board meeting.

Corporate Account- Air New Zealand

It was agreed that Alister would investigate the possibility of a Corporate Travel Account with Air New Zealand and report back at the August meeting.

The Meeting closed at 10.00pm