



New Zealand Bridge

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
Of NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE  
Conference Call Meeting Held Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**PRESENT** Kay Nicholas (Chair), Patsy Walters, Michael Ware, Jim Murray, Murat Genc, Murray Wiggins and Norm Silcock

**In Attendance** Arie Geursen, Chief Director and Alister Stuck, Secretary

**1 WELCOME**

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

**2 ELECTION RESULTS**

Alister reported that the process went smoothly with Evelyn Hurley and Trish Scott acting as Scrutineers. Alan Turner (Tauranga) & Graham Wakefield (Auckland) were the successful candidates. Kay has written to all candidates following the elections, welcoming Alan & Graham to the Board and to thank both Jim and Murat for the work they have done in the past.

**3 OFFICE RELOCATION**

Alister advised that the relocation of the office from Christchurch was completed successfully with minimal disruption.

**4 DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY**

The Board was briefed as to progress with the completion of various “Delegations of Authority” as follows:

**Regulations-** Document circulated by Murray was adopted by the Board subject to a final read and sign-off by the Chief Director who had not had time to do so.

**Finance-** The draft document nearing completion as will be circulated by Kay shortly.

**Congress-** The draft document has been completed and circulated to the Congress Committee for their input.

**5 REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

It was agreed that Gift Vouchers be purchased for Trish Scott and Fiona Temple as an acknowledgement for the good work they had done while employed by the Board.

***Kay is to purchase the vouchers and prepare a suitable card to accompany them.***

## **6 FINANCE**

The task of opening call accounts for the regions was delegated to Alister. He reported that this project was now well in hand and that he would be able to provide the Regions with their respective account numbers by the end of this week. As part of this project Alister is to review the list of authorised signatories and update as necessary.

Discussion was held around the state of the financial reporting. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet in Wellington prior to the next Board meeting scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Secretary, Chairperson, and Treasurer (Peter O'Boyle) will attend.

## **7 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Some discussion around the timing of the major events on the annual tournament calendar and whether they should be further spread to enable more players to participate in more events.

It was agreed that the Admin Committee to undertake a review of the schedule and present its findings and recommendations to the Board.

## **8 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

With the change in the make up of the Board Kay undertook to complete an exercise to ascertain the most cost effective location for future Board meetings. Kay will circulate her findings to the Board.

## **9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### ***John Lenart***

It was with much sadness that the Board noted the passing of John Lenart and his significant contribution to NZ Bridge as a player, our Hon Solicitor, and National recorder. The Board to consider a suitable remembrance for John Lenart in the near future.

Note: Richard Solomon represented the Board at the funeral service and a floral tribute was sent to the family.

### ***Vacancies***

The positions of Hon Solicitor and National Recorder need to be filled as soon as possible. Suitable people to be canvassed about their interest in these important roles.

### ***Top Of The South Region***

The Board is to receive a proposal supporting the establishment of the 7<sup>th</sup> region covering the Marlborough/ Nelson area. The information will be received and circulated prior to the April meeting.

### ***Eligibility- Interprovincials***

A brief discussion was held around the residency criteria that apply to Interprovincial Trials and Championships. The followed an enquiry from a club in the Canterbury Region. Kay to provide additional information to the Board to enable the matter to be resolved.

***Masterpoint Programme***

Advice from the project manager (John Kruniger) that Treschna were behind schedule because of other assignments that they have taken on. John is to continue to pressure them to ensure that all agreed milestones are reached.

**NEXT MEETING**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 5.00 pm at the Victoria Bridge Club.