



## **MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**

**Held Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 via Telephone Conference Call  
commencing at 5.30pm**

**PARTICIPATING:** Kay Nicholas, Patsy Walters, Alan Turner, Allan Barclay until 6.10pm, Graham Wakefield, Murray Wiggins, & Shirley Newton until 6.40pm.

**In Attendance:** Alister Stuck, Secretary

**Apologies:** Arie Geursen

### **1. WELCOME**

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

### **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

- Board Meeting – 18 April 2013

Moved confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meetings held 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**CARRIED 29/2013**

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of inward and outward Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the Report summarising the Inward & Outwards Correspondence be received.

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The following items of Correspondence were then discussed:-

#### ***Rangiora Bridge Club – Electronic Scoring devices***

An email from Bob Calder was received seeking further information regarding the Boards stance and commitment to the future of Scorer.

Kay to draft a response covering various relevant matters and referring the Club to the Board meeting minutes of 18 April 2013.

### ***Social Media***

An email was received regarding this topic. After discussion it was agreed that no action be taken at this time.

### ***Youth Interprovincials 2013***

Emails from Susan Humphries and Nick Jacob were received. It was agreed that Graham would draft responses.

### ***Interprovincials 2013***

A letter from the Marlborough Bridge Club was received. It was agreed that Graham would respond.

### ***Complaint – Canterbury Regional Committee***

A letter from the Canterbury Regional Committee was received. The Committee expressed concern at what they perceive as a lack of consultation and communication with both the implementation of announcing and the decision to move the 2013 Interprovincials away from the National Congress. Kay to draft a response.

### ***Peter Bowyer – Clarification re Announcing.***

Peter Bowyer had sent a further email regarding the introduction of "announcing". He sought clarification as to the need to continue to "alert" bids that would now be announced. Graham advised that he had contacted Laurie Kelso in Australia seeking the ABF's stance and had received a response earlier in the day which Alister forwarded to the Board members at 6.12pm.

It was agreed that NZ Bridge would continue to align with Australia and reaffirm the earlier Bulletin that "announcing" of a1 club or natural 1NT bid would negate the need to also alert any such bid by either circling on the Bidding Pad or presenting an alert card if Bidding Boxes are used. Murray to draft a further Bulletin for distribution to Clubs and Regions.

### ***Napier Bridge Club – 2013 Levies***

Agreed that Murray to contact and meet with Napier Club personnel to discuss and reconcile the discrepancy in membership numbers for 2013 levy purposes.

### ***Karen Martelletti – New Website***

A letter expressing concerns with the new Website was received. Allan Barclay to respond.

### ***Upper Hutt Bridge Club***

An email from the President John Rosevear was received. This was in response to an earlier email from Graham dated 19 March 2013. Graham to consider and respond as appropriate.

## **4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

A revised list had been circulated prior to the meeting –

***Preparation New Manual***

Kay reported that the draft had been completed and hard copies distributed to all Board members and officers for review and comment.

***Board Committee Memberships & Allocation of Portfolios***

Draft to be circulated by the end of next week

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

Allan advised that he had contacted John Wignall who would follow-up at WBF level.

***Internet Banking Access***

Alan advised that he had contacted the BNZ and would be meeting with someone there next week to seek additional access codes to enable all Regional Committees to use this facility.

***Coaching Grant Returns***

Alister advised that the review of Coaching Grants and the replenishment of the Regional Coaching funds had not been completed as three Regions (Waikato Bays, Wellington & TOTS) have yet to furnish their returns.

***NZ Bridge Scorer***

Graham advised that he had followed up with Bridge NZ Ltd but had not yet received their proposal and outline of likely costs to implement the various improvements to Scorer that were discussed between the two parties at a meeting held in Auckland on Good Friday and agreed to in principle by the Board at the April meeting.

A follow-up letter to be sent to BridgeNZ requesting that the information be received as soon as possible.

**5. BOARD REPORTS**

▪ **Operations**

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

Moved that the Operations Report as circulated, be received.

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▪ **Finance**

Alan presented the updated Profit & Loss Statements to 30 April 2013.

Moved that the Financial Reports as circulated, be received.

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Alan also presented the draft budget for the current financial year. The initial cut shows a forecast deficit of \$40 000 despite omitting some intended expenditure, which is unsustainable. The Budget is to be reviewed and finalised for adoption at the June Meeting.

## **6. REGIONAL REPORTS/ MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from 4 Regions were received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

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|----|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Wellington Region         | Minutes of 19 March 2013 |
| 2. | TOTS Region               | Minutes of 20 April 2013 |
| 3. | Canterbury Region         | Minutes of 12 April 2013 |
| 4. | Auckland Northland Region | Minutes of 21 April 2013 |
| 5. | TOTS Region               | Minutes of 5 May 2013    |

Moved that the Minutes from the listed Regions be received.

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### **▪ Meeting Dates 2013**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat June 29 <sup>th</sup> | Board Meeting Wellington         |
| Sat Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Board Meeting Wellington         |
| Sun Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Regional Conference – Wellington |

**Meeting Closed – 7.00pm**