



New Zealand Bridge

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE**

**Held Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> commencing at 8.00pm via Phone Conference**

**PARTICIPATING** Kay Nicholas (Chair), Julie Atkinson, Graham Wakefield, Alan Turner, Michael Ware.

**In Attendance** Alister Stuck Secretary, Richard Solomon BDO, Arie Geursen CTD

**Apologies** Jenny Wilkinson, Patsy Walters (see note below)

**1 WELCOME**

Kay welcomed all to the meeting. It was intended that a Skype meeting would be held. As Alister had trouble joining the call the Skype meeting was abandoned and the group reconvened via a Phone Conference. Pasty had linked up from Australia but was unable to join via Phone Conference.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Moved the minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were a true and correct record of the meeting.

**CARRIED 17/2010**

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- March 28<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Moved the minutes of the March 28 meeting were a true and correct record of the meeting.

**CARRIED 18/2010**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of inwards and outwards correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.

Michael asked for copies of the correspondence received following the National Trials. These items were the subject of the additional Board meeting held on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. Michael was a correspondent and accordingly he did not participate in the meeting.

It was agreed that Kay would provide copies of the items received from Michael Gibson, Janet Woodfield and Derek Snelling. The items received from Patrick Carter and Grant Jarvis, which dealt with the NZ Open Team selection, would be available subject to their approval, Kay will seek this.

Moved Inwards & Outwards Correspondence as circulated be received and approved.

**CARRIED 19/2010**

**4 OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Outstanding Items as published were reviewed and updated.

***NZ Wide Pairs Results 2009***

Alister advised that the NZ Wide Pairs results had been reloaded on the Website.

***Regional Committee Minutes***

Alister advised that the Regional Committee minutes were being posted on the Website and that the Secretaries all had our Letterhead and Logo to use.

***Recorders Information Sheet***

Alister advised that he had spoken with Noel Woodhall who has a draft of the guidelines underway.

***Jean Peche Policy***

Michael prepared a policy document which was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that this policy statement following a couple of minor amendments would be adopted.

The Regional Committees would be invited to submit nominations to the Board for consideration. The Board would forward its recommendations to the Trustees of the NZ Bridge Foundation.

***Charities Status***

Graham confirmed that the NZ Bridge Foundation had recently achieved "Charities Status" with the Charities Commission. Accordingly the Gifford monies have been transferred to the Foundation as previously authorised 14 /2010. The documentation to effect the transfer of the share script to the Foundation has been prepared and out for signing.

## 5 BOARD REPORTS

### *Operations*

It was moved that the Operations Update as circulated be taken as read.

**CARRIED 20/2010**

### *PABF 2010*

Richard reported that planning was well underway. Sadly the Team registrations have reduced from 45 to 39. The format and playing schedule has been agreed and will be posted on the PABF Website shortly. Kay acknowledged and thanked the Organising Committee and their volunteers for the significant amount of work undertaken to date to ensure that the PABF will be successful.

### *Finance*

Alan spoke to the budget report that had been prepared and circulated prior to the meeting. It is forecast that the Board will achieve a surplus of \$8000 for the year to 31 March 2011.

It was moved that the Budget be adopted.

**CARRIED 21/2010**

## 6 REGIONAL REPORTS

Copies of meeting minutes from 3 Regions (Central Districts, Auckland & Otago Southland) were circulated prior to the meeting. Alister reported that the minutes from Auckland and Otago Southland had been left off the circulation list last month and should have been presented at the March meeting.

It was moved that the reports be taken as read.

**CARRIED 22/2010**

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### ***Ratification of Invitational Seniors Team PABF 2010***

It was agreed that the decision reached via email poll to endorse the following invitation Team for the PABF be formally ratified by the Board.

- Michael & Vivienne Cornell
- Jan Abel & Derek Evennett
- Lynne Geursen & Judy McLeod

**CARRIED 23/2010**

Note:

Arie Geursen & Alan Turner did not participate in this discussion nor vote on the above resolution, nor had they participated in the email poll.

### ***Endorsement of Board Member Portfolios***

A list of proposed Committee allocations for the coming year had been prepared by Kay and circulated prior to the meeting. Discussion noted the need for Board and Committee members to identify conflicts particularly in context of decisions falling within the scope of the International Committee, and to stand aside from participation in discussions and voting in such circumstances.

It was moved that the Committee appointments as circulated be confirmed for the coming year.

**CARRIED 24/2010**

### ***PABF Delegates***

it was moved that Kris Wooles and Alister Stuck would represent NZ Bridge at the PABF delegates meetings in Hamilton.

**CARRIED 25/2010**

### ***Annual Returns (Review)***

In his operations Report Alister expressed some concerns as to the accuracy and timing of the Annual Return process. In some cases the number of members declared by Clubs as part of the Annual Return process differs significantly from the records held by NZ Bridge.

It was agreed that this topic be flagged for discussion at the May meeting. The timing of the Annual Return and a review of the information collected is to be undertaken.

***Procedural Issues***

Michael raised concerns associated with aspects relating to the Invitational Seniors Team. It was agreed that these issues would be carried over for discussion at the next Board Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> May.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

***Next Meeting***

Fri/Sat May 7<sup>th</sup>& 8<sup>th</sup>            5.00pm            Wellington

## **Board Committees for 2010**

### **Administration & Operations**

Chair – Michael Ware

Members – Patsy Walters, Arie Geursen, Alister Stuck, Lynne Fegan & Kay Nicholas

### **Finance & Strategy**

Chair – Alan Turner

Members – Michael Ware, Alister Stuck & Kay Nicholas

### **Marketing, Development & Communication**

Chair – Graham Wakefield

Members – Richard Solomon, Jenny Wilkinson, Tina McVeigh, Alister Stuck & Kay Nicholas

### **Event Management**

Chair – Patsy Walters

Members – Richard Solomon, Julie Atkinson, Alan Taylor, Alister Stuck – (Ex Officio) – Alan Turner & Kay Nicholas

- **Congress & PABF Committee**

- Richard Solomon, Arie Geursen, Alan Taylor, John Evitt, Lesley Chubb & Patsy Walters

### **International**

Chair – Jenny Wilkinson

Members – Alan Turner, Arie Geursen, Chef de Mission / Kris Wooles, Alister Stuck & Kay Nicholas

### **Regulations**

Chair – Julie Atkinson

Members – Graham Wakefield, Arie Geursen, Claire Woodhall, Alister Stuck & Kay Nicholas

### **Remuneration**

Chair – Kay Nicholas

Members – Alan Turner, Graham Wakefield & Bronwyn Baker

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

Chair – Kris Wooles

Members – Alan Taylor, Judith Medicott & Graham Stout

