



New Zealand Bridge

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

**Held at the Jet Park Hotel, Auckland Friday 5th February 2010 at 5.00pm**

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

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

**Apologies Nil**

**1 WELCOME**

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES- November 8<sup>th</sup> 2009**

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

**CARRIED 01/2010**

**3 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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

**CARRIED 02/2010**

**4 OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

Outstanding Items as published were reviewed and updated. Dates for the 2010 Directors exams are to be agreed and published ASAP.

**5 BOARD REPORTS**

It was moved that the following Board Reports (Operations, Congress PABF 2010 Committee and Bridge Development) be taken as read.

**CARRIED 03/2010**

### ***PABF 2010***

It was noted that registrations for the PABF Championships were low and it that the organising Committee would be following up with those Nations who had yet to register.

It was agreed that a working group comprising Richard Solomon, Michael Ware and Patsy Walters (with admin support from the Secretary) be established to prepare a plan and direction for future Bridge Development initiatives.

**CARRIED 04/2010**

### ***Finance***

Alan reported on the meeting held with the Auditor David Macdonald prior to Christmas. Alan outlined the reporting requirements agreed with David which are to be included in the Scope and Delegation Authority Documents as part of the Annual Review and re-signing process. These changes will streamline the audit process in the future.

Alan also reported that the audited accounts will be released within days.

The Draft Budget for the 2010/2011 year was discussed. It was agreed that all Committee Chairs are to review their budget requests and return to Alan by March 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. The full Budget is to be signed off at the Board meeting scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

At the request of the PABF Committee Alan will contact the BNZ regarding a USD Foreign Currency account for the entry fees.

## **6 REGIONAL REPORTS**

Copies of meeting minutes from 3 Regions (Auckland, Central Districts, & Otago Southland) were circulated prior to the meeting. It was moved that the reports be taken as read.

**CARRIED 05/2010**

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### ***Banking Arrangements (Top of the South)***

A letter from Robin Young on behalf of the Steering Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Alan would respond to Robin outlining the policy regarding Regional Committee banking and investing authorities.

***Masterpoint Regulations (all Sessions to count from 1/1/2010)***

Norm is to prepare a Bulletin which once finalised is to be circulated to all Clubs and Regions explaining the changes to the Regulations and give some clarity as to what sessions are to carry Masterpoint awards.

***Treshna Project***

Alister reported that the site visit by the Treshna Developer had been very worthwhile. A further release of the Programme had been provided and both Alister and John Kruiniger would undertake further testing and provide feed back to Treshna.

***Feb 2010 Regional Conference***

Alister advised that all arrangements were in place for the Regional Conference starting the following day.

***Annual Returns 2010***

Alister reported that a steady stream of Annual Return information had been received to date. Clubs who have not responded by the due date would be contacted.

Alister asked the Board to consider the information that is collected and how best this can be best utilised for future planning.

***Appointment of Scrutineers***

It was moved that Evelyn Hurley and Dr Allan Doddridge be appointed as Scrutineers for forth coming Board election.

**CARRIED 06/2010**

***Ratification of 2010 NPC's***

On the recommendation of Chef de Mission Kris Wooles, the following NPC appointments were confirmed:

Open	Alan Turner
Women's	Kris Wooles
Seniors	Tony Thomson
U26	Stephen Blackstock
U21	Richard Solomon

**CARRIED 07/2010**

Alan Turner and Richard Solomon were not present for this discussion and did not vote upon the above resolution

***Feedback- Scoring Programme***

Some Clubs had provided adverse feedback over the change to the charging and licensing arrangements promulgated by Bridge NZ Ltd late last year. It was noted that the licence holder had since softened his stance whereby those Clubs who purchase the upgrade to version 7.5 will be able to continue

to use this should they elect not to continue their subscription and payments at the end of the 12 month period.

The Company had distributed a bulletin to the Clubs outlining the changes, and it was noted that this might have been more carefully worded.

### ***Format 2010 Interprovincials***

On the recommendation of the Working Group the following changes to the Interprovincial format would be made to accommodate the additional team from Top of the South now allowed in each division.

The Championships will comprise a double round robin of 12 board matches with byes, starting with 2 matches on the Wednesday night. If any division has less than 7 teams that section will commence play on the Thursday morning, rather than on the Wednesday night.

It was also agreed that the travel costs for the NPC's would be subsidised as is the case for the contestants. This year the level of subsidy will be predetermined and capped with any overruns to be met by the players concerned. The Regions will be required to prepare and provide a schedule of refunds, and copies of air tickets, to the Secretary for reimbursement.

Richard will include full details of the changes in the next Congress mail out to the Regional Committees.

### ***Format NZ Clubs Teams Championships***

The Working Group reported that they had been unable to agree on a sensible format to accommodate the Teams from a 7<sup>th</sup> Region. With this event scheduled at the end of Congress there was no opportunity to extend the playing times which were limited to the 3 sessions coinciding with the Mixed Pairs.

It was agreed that the Club qualifying to represent the Canterbury Region and the Club qualifying to represent Top of the South Region would meet to play off prior for one spot for the 2010 Congress event so that 6 teams contest the final in Hamilton this year. The situation is to be reviewed for the 2011 event.

**CARRIED 08/2010**

### ***PABF 2010 Board Involvement***

The Organising Committee are to provide the Board with a schedule of times and duties that they would like the Board Members to assist with.

### ***Appointment of Honorary Solicitor***

Kay reported on a meeting that she and Graham had met with Scott Smith during the previous evening. Agreements are now in place with Scott and his employers Simpson Grierson in respect to the assistance that will be given and the charges for anything non standard or protracted.

Following his appointment to this role Scott advised that he will be unable to remain a member of the Conduct, Discipline, and Disputes Committee, and it was agreed that the Committee Chair Kris Wooles seek out and recommend a replacement for appointment.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30pm

The meeting resumed at 9.00 am Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>

### ***Promotional Material***

Kay provided sample brochures covering Membership and Affiliation with the recommendation that these be printed and made available to the Clubs & Regions and Board Members. The Board agreed to proceed with this initiative.

### ***Next Meetings***

The following dates for Board meetings were confirmed:

Wed March 17th	6.00pm	Phone Conference
Sun April 11th <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Skype Meeting
Fri/Sat May 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Wellington

At the conclusion of the formal part of the meeting those present agreed to spend the remainder of the morning working on various committee projects.

The meeting closed at 12.00pm with the commencement of the Regional Conference.