



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

**Held Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 544 Ruahine Street Palmerston North commencing at 5.30pm & Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Palmerston North Bridge Club commencing at 9.00am**

**PARTICIPATING:** Kay Nicholas (Chair), Graham Wakefield, Patsy Walters, Allan Barclay, Lynne Fegan & Jenny Wilkinson

**In Attendance:** Alister Stuck Secretary, Arie Geursen Chief Director & Richard Solomon Bridge Development Officer

**Apologies:** Alan Turner

### **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      23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011

Moved that the Minutes of the Meetings held 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 as circulated be confirmed.

**CARRIED 101/2011**

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

Allan Barclay expressed his concerns that the Minutes were in some instances short on content and that a record of the discussions was not maintained. In particular the on going discussion and discontent from some quarters regarding the Boards policy relating to Electronic Scoring Devices as detailed on pages D44 & D45 of the current Manual.

Moved that a working party comprising Graham, Arie and Allan be established to review the wording on pages D44 & D45 of the Manual so as to clarify the policy wording without compromising the intent.

**CARRIED 102/2011**

It was agreed that the working parties finding and any recommendations would need to be presented to the Board in time to meet the April 1 deadline for amendments.

#### **4. 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.

**CARRIED 103/2011**

#### **5. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

##### *Constitution Changes*

It was agreed that Alister, Kay & Graham would meet via Phone Conference call during the following week to complete this task.

##### *Plain English System Summary*

Allan advised that the document had been finalised and would be presented at the January meeting and released soon after.

##### *Strategic Plan – Congress Organising Sub-Committee*

This project was commenced sometime ago with a number of initiatives now underway. As this is an ongoing project it was agreed that it be removed from the Outstanding Items List.

##### *Teaching Resources Project*

Jenny briefed the meeting and advised that the working party had met recently and would do so again in January. This is proving to be a time consuming task and the members of the working party are reluctant to commit to a release date which in doing so would compromise the content and quality of the material.

##### *Response to Hutt Bridge Club*

Graham, Kay and Arie were reminded that this matter was outstanding.

##### *Tie Breaking Procedures*

Alan Barclay agreed to liaise with the developer and users of the “Compass” Scoring Programme to ensure that the tie breaking procedures used for teams events are aligned to those used by “Scorer”.

##### *Travel Insurance Claim*

Alister advised that while the Claim had been submitted previously no response had been received at the time of the meeting. Alister agreed to contact the Insurance Broker for an update.

## 6. BOARD REPORTS

- **Congress / Bridge Development**

Richard spoke to his report that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the Congress / Bridge Development Report as circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 104/2011**

The following items from Richards report were flagged for discussion.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Weekend*

A plan to hold a training weekend for a group of up to 12 Youth Players with current or future International representation potential was briefly discussed at the previous meeting.

It was agreed in principle to endorse the proposal and ratify the budget allocation subject to Richard obtaining and circulating a detailed course plan from Ashley Bach who had offered to facilitate the weekend.

*2012 Youth Weekend for Newer Players*

Moved that this item be discussed in Committee.

**CARRIED 105/2011**

*Format Interprovincial Championships*

Moved that that the amendment to the IP format as circulated be approved.

**CARRIED 106/2011**

It was agreed that Richard would promulgate a summary of the changes to the Regional Committees as soon as possible.

*Congress Entry Fee*

Moved that the full package entry fee be increased to \$375.00 from 2012 and that an appropriate increase to the part week packages be implemented.

**CARRIED 107/2011**

*Capital Expenditure – Congress Organising Sub Committee*

Moved that the Sub Committee be authorized to purchase 60 sets of Boards and Cards at a cost of \$10500.00.

**CARRIED 108/2011**

- **Finance**

In Alan's absence Alister presented the updated Profit & Loss Statements to 30 November 2011. Noted that these Statements do not include any recovery proceeds from the current claim under our Travel Insurance policy.

Moved that the Financial Report as circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 109/2011**

- **International**

Moved that the 3 Captains Reports and the Chef de Mission Report as previously circulated be received.

**CARRIED 110/2011**

It was noted that the International Committee was meeting on Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 and would scrutinize the Reports as part of the year end debrief.

## **6. REGIONAL REPORTS**

Minutes from 3 Regions had been received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

Moved that the Minutes from Waikato Bays, Canterbury & Otago Southland Regional Committees be received.

**CARRIED 111/2011**

The meeting noted with concern inaccuracies in the meeting minutes submitted by the Waikato Bays Region. In particular the point stating that the Board was not interested in the Regions "Strive for excellence" programme. This project was presented to the Feb Regional Conference by the Regions delegate and where it was endorsed by those attending. The Board was asked to provide support by promoting the Programme on its Website, which it had done.

It was agreed that Alister would provide appropriate feedback to the Regional Committee.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Appointment – Canterbury Regional Committee**

Moved that Kim Prescott be appointed to the Canterbury Regional Committee.

**CARRIED 112/2011**

- **Preparation- 2013 Tournament Calendar**

Moved that Rona Driscoll of Taupo be co-opted to assist with the preparation of the 2012 Tournament Calendar.

**CARRIED 113/2011**

- **Outstanding Costs- Mr Gerard Palmer**

It was agreed that a response be provided to the most recent communication from Mr Palmer consistent with the Boards stance of “no pay /no play”, and that a suitable Bulletin be prepared and sent to all Clubs, Regional Committees and National Directors prior to Christmas by way of formal notification.

10.55pm – Meeting adjourned

9.00am Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting reconvened at the Palmerston North Bridge Club.

- **Scope & Delegation of Authority – Congress Organising Sub Committee**  
Moved that the delegation as previously circulated be adopted subject to the minor corrections and amendments as discussed.

**CARRIED 114/2011**

- **Regulations – Review of definition of Psychic Bids**

Moved that page D31 of the Manual be amended to include the definition of a Psyche bid and the supporting information be consistent with past Congress Bulletins including that more than two psychs by any partnership in any session of play be deemed to evidence of persistent psyching.

**CARRIED 115/2011**

- **Appointment – Remuneration Committee**

Moved that Lynne Fegan be appointed to the Remuneration Committee.

**CARRIED 116/2011**

**Note:** Lynne Fegan did not participate in the discussion or the voting process with respect to resolution 116/2001

- **Marketing Opportunities – Non Affiliated Clubs**

It was agreed that the Board would maintain contact with the non-affiliated Clubs who participated in the recent NZ Wide Pairs event and that face to face meetings would be organised for next year as follows:

Whangamata - Richard & Allan Barclay

Amberley - Jenny & Alister

East Otago - Kay

- **NZ Bridge Foundation**

Moved that this item be discussed in Committee.

**CARRIED 117/2011**

- **Acknowledgement – NZ Wide Pairs**

The meeting thanked Richard Solomon for the work that he had undertaken with the recent NZ Wide Pairs event. It was acknowledged that the event was well managed and that a pleasing increase in the number of participating Clubs had been achieved.

- **Appointment of Directors – 15A Events**

Moved that this item be discussed in Committee.

**CARRIED 118/2011**

- **Discussion- Roles & Responsibilities of Board Members**

A discussion was held regarding this topic. It was agreed that guidance was required for Board members especially those new to, or those contemplating the role.

12.15 pm Graham Wakefield left the meeting.

- **Project- Drafting of a Board Manual**

Leading on from the previous topic Alister presented a sample of content for a Board Manual prepared by BDO Manawatu.

Moved that a Board Manual be drafted professionally and that BDO Manawatu be invited to do so on the Boards behalf.

**CARRIED 119/2011**

- **Review of the Constitution Document**

A discussion was held regarding the content of the Current constitution and it was agreed that a working party comprising Graham & Kay be established to work on this during the first half of 2012.

It was agreed that the working party contact Noel Woodhall, Derek Evennett & Alan Dormer for their input. It was also agreed that the working party would

draft a Bulletin to go to the Clubs and Regional Committees seeking their input to the review.

Next Meeting

9.30am Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Koru Lounge - Wellington

1.30pm Meeting Closed