



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

**Held Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February at Otago Bridge Club  
commencing at 5.00pm**

**PARTICIPATING:** Kay Nicholas (Chair), Graham Wakefield, Michael Ware, Patsy Walters, Jenny Wilkinson.

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

**Apologies:** Julie Atkinson, Alan Turner, Jenny Wilkinson- flight delayed

### **1. WELCOME**

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

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

Copies of the following minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.  
Board Meetings – 19 Nov 2010, 24 Nov 2010 & 21 Dec 2010.

Moved the Minutes of the Meetings held 19 Nov 2010, 24 Nov 2010 & 21 Dec 2010 as circulated were a true and correct record of those meetings.

**CARRIED 01/2011**

### **3. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

#### **Constitution Changes**

Graham confirmed registration of changes is still outstanding but has undertaken to complete. Alister is to supply a summary of amendments from the AGM minutes since the last update.

#### **Preparation 2011 Manual**

The Administration Committee has completed a review of the Masterpoint Section. No report was received from the Regulations Committee.

**Telecom -Website outage**

Graham will follow up.

**Annual Budget Planning**

All Committee Chairs to submit draft budgets to Alan Turner by Feb 20<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the group Budget. This is to be presented at ratified at the April Board meeting.

**Preparation- Visit by WBF President Mr Rona**

Planning is well underway with a number of activates confirmed. It is noted with disappointment that SPARC did not respond to our request for a meeting. Richard is to contact the Hon Lockwood Smith to see if a meeting with a Minister could be arranged.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of Inward and Outward Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that Inward & Outwards Correspondence be received and approved.

**CARRIED 02/2011**

**5. BOARD REPORTS****Bridge Development**

Richard spoke to his Report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Was noted that a regular column suitable for new Bridge players will feature in the Bridge Magazine commencing with the June issue.

**Congress Committee**

It was agreed that the Congress Committee Minutes of 15 December 2010 be amended to read:

BridgePad Purchase. The Board approved the application for funding for 72 BridgePads at a price not exceeding \$17076.00.

Richard advised the meeting that there was a potential date clash in 2012 with the National Bridge Congress and the Australian Swiss Pairs Congress in Tasmania. It was agreed that Alister would table this item for discussion when he attends a meeting with the ABF later in the month.

At this stage it is not clear when the World Mind Sports Games will be held in 2012.

Michael sought information from the Congress Committee delegates as to the reasons why the final of the NZ Teams is not broadcast on BBO. Arie advised that the Committee did not have resources available to undertake this and did not have a pool of trained BBO Operators to call upon. It was agreed that Michael would draft an advert calling for expressions of interest to form a BBO Group with the view to broadcasting the Teams final at Congress.

It was agreed that completion of the funding applications approved at the November Board meeting are to be prioritised. Patsy and Richard are to work together to complete this exercise.

Moved that the Reports & Meeting Minutes from Richard Solomon, as circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 03/2011**

### **Finance**

Alister presented the Financial Report in Alan's absence. The report was in the new format following a number of refinements to the outputs produced in "Xero".

Moved that the Finance Report as circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 04/2011**

### **Operations**

Alister spoke to his report that had been previously circulated. It was agreed that next year the Regional Conference would be held a month later if possible to ease the work flow during the early part of February.

It was also agreed that in future all Board reports must be lodged with the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Kay acknowledged the work that Alister had done in particular with the year end Masterpoint processing and Reports.

Moved that the Report from Alister, as circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 05/2011**

### **Combined ABF & NZB Laws Committee**

Arie attended a meeting while in Canberra in January and spoke to the minutes that have been circulated previously.

Moved that NZB ratify the following interpretation of Law 27B1(b) as adopted in some other jurisdictions:-

“(b) if, except as in (a), the insufficient bid is corrected with a legal call that in the Director’s opinion has the same *distributional* meaning as, or a more precise *distributional* meaning than, the insufficient bid (such *distributional* meaning being fully contained within the possible meanings of the insufficient bid), *or the Director deems that the information gained by the insufficient bid is not likely to damage the non-offending side*, the auction proceeds without further rectification, but see D following”

**CARRIED 06/2011**

### **Administration Committee Minutes**

Moved that the Minutes as circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 07/2011**

## **6. REGIONAL REPORTS**

The Regional Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. The request from the Auckland Region to consider a 4<sup>th</sup> tournament grade between Intermediate and Open was discussed. It was agreed that this matter be considered by the Tournament taskforce as part of their brief to review the Tournament Calendar and format of the major events.

Moved that the Minutes and reports from Central Districts, Waikato Bays. Wellington and Auckland Regional Committees, as previously circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 08/2011**

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of Recorders**

It was moved that the Chief Director be authorised to appoint a National Recorder and a Regional Recorder for each of the 7 Regions for a 2 year term effective from 1 April 2011 by notice or notices in writing to the Board, for publication on the Website.

**CARRIED 09/2011**

### **Scrutineers**

Moved that Dr Alan Doddridge (Palmerston North Bridge Club) & Mr Ross Hadwin (Managing Partner BDO Manawatu) be appointed if necessary to act as Scrutineers for the forthcoming Board elections

**CARRIED 10/2011**

### **Constitution Amendments**

It was noted that any amendments to the Constitution are to be tabled for consideration at the April Board meeting. This information to be shared at the Regional Conference the following day.

### **System Summary for Junior and Intermediate Events**

Alister spoke to an email request from the Hamilton Bridge Club seeking a simple summary of systems allowed at Junior and Intermediate events. The suggestion from Hamilton was supported by the Board and it was agreed that Julie Atkinson be asked to draft something to be ratified at the April Board meeting and included in the next release of the NZ Bridge Manual

### **Ethics Flyer**

A further suggestion from the Hamilton Bridge Club that a simple flyer outlining appropriate bridge ethics be made available to Clubs. Jenny and Patsy agreed to supply a copy of the information available at their Clubs.

### **CDD Committee and Tribunal Hearing Update**

Graham briefed the meeting regarding the recent CDD Committee hearing and the progress to date with the Appeal process.

### **Rating Points Alignment**

Moved that the Masterpoint Grading Bands be amended from 1/1/2012 as follows:

Open:

Any player with more than 100 Rating Points and / or 50 or more A Points

Intermediate:

Any player with 31 - 100 Rating Points and is below the rank of Provincial Master.

Junior:

Any player with not more than 30 Rating Points and less than 5 A points.

**CARRIED 11/2011**

### **Appointment to the Canterbury Regional Committee**

Moved that following the resignation of Joan Small that Helen Good be appointed to the Canterbury Regional Committee.

**CARRIED 12/2011**

### **National Secretary**

At 10.10pm Alister Stuck left the meeting.

The Chairperson of the Remuneration Committee reported upon preliminary negotiations to contract Alister Stuck in the role of National Secretary for a further term of 5 years from 1 April 2011.

The Board endorsed the decision to proceed on that basis subject to finalising a suitable Fixed Term Contract to the satisfaction of both parties.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm

Dates of next Meetings

17<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - Auckland

10 June & 11 June 2011 - Wellington

5 August 2011 – Wellington, followed by a Regional Conference