



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

### **Held at the Christchurch Bridge Club Friday 22 November 2013 commencing at 1pm**

**PARTICIPATING:** Kay Nicholas, Patsy Walters, Alan Turner, Allan Barclay,  
Graham Wakefield, Murray Wiggins, & Shirley Newton

**In Attendance:** Arie Geursen & Richard Solomon (Apologies for lateness)

#### **1. WELCOME**

Kay welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **2. APOLOGY**

An apology from Alister Stuck was received and sustained

#### **3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

- Board Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Board Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Moved confirmation of the Minutes of the Board Meetings held 10<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
October 2013

**CARRIED 70/2013**

AGM & SGM Minutes proposed as final presented:-

- AGM – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- SGM – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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#### **4. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

An updated list had been circulated.

- **Post Conference Strategies** – Shirley outlined what was intended i.e. How to run a Tournament information for Clubs,

- **Appointments of Tournament Directors for 15A & above Events** – Arie advised that he would complete this schedule in the next week or so.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

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The following items of Inward Correspondence, not included in other Agenda Items were then discussed:-

- **BridgeNZ (2004) Ltd** – Response to their letter, 17<sup>th</sup> November discussed "In Committee".
  - Murray to draft a response detailing NZ Bridge's willingness to achieve a positive outcome to the business matter currently under discussed with BridgeNZ (2004) Ltd.
- **Evelyn Hurley** – Regarding Tournament Directors for 15A & above events, 2014. See above in "Outstanding Items". Letter to be sent to Evelyn indicating that this information will be published very soon.
- **Whakatane Bridge Club** – Regarding Levy increase. Alister responded 29<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Temuka Bridge Club** – Regarding Financial Performance of NZ Bridge – response sent 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Carol De Luca** – Response to her letter re the future changes to NZ Bridge Magazine sent by Allan Barclay, 18<sup>th</sup> November.

## 6. REGIONAL REPORTS/ MEETING MINUTES

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

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| 1. Canterbury Region | Minutes of 11 October 2013 |
| 2. Waikato Bays      | Minutes of 20 October 2013 |
| 3. TOTS Region       | Minutes of 19 October 2013 |
| 4. CD Region         | Minutes of 1 November 2013 |

Moved that the Minutes from the listed Regions be received.

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## **Regional Business**

- New Zealand Club Championship – Concern was expressed as to the amount of Entry Fees paid for the 2013 Club Heats of this Championship in the Waikato Bays Region. A letter to be sent to all Regions reminding them that the \$100.00 Entry Fees for each participating Club must be paid to provide a realistic travel equalisation fund for those who have to travel long distances. Murray & Kay to prepare a draft for approval.
- CD Region – Parking Costs for 2013 IP's  
Players in this Region have an issue with the parking costs associated with this Championship. A response to be made indicating costs and related incidentals are not covered in expenses.
- Waikato Bays will be sponsoring 2 pairs (Junior and / or Intermediate pairs) to the 2014 National Congress.

## **7. BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS**

### **International**

- **NPC Report – Seniors Team Bali**
- **NPC Report – Open Team Bali**
- **NPC Report – Women's Team Bali**

These Reports had been circulated prior to the Meeting. They were received and discussion did occur re the Senior Team and expectations for future selection and performance of that Team.

- **Chef de Mission Report** – This Report provided a considered overview of the Championship and expectations of what 2014 & 2015 might bring in terms of the number of Squad Applications in those two years.
- **Coaches / Scorers for International Events** – Prior to the meeting a matter had been raised re the lack of provision for a Scorer to be present to record Squad Match outcomes. Currently only two officials may be present, a NPC and a Coach.

John Wignall had been asked to take the matter up with the WBF but was not inclined to do so. The WBF is happy to allow a Scorer to be listed as "Coach" when the Squad is registered. A request was made that the archived records be adjusted to reflect the actual role.

### **P & L Report to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 & P & L Report – October 2013**

Alan had nothing in particular to report other than the ongoing problem of achieving Budget and P& L "look alike" and "alignment". Alan is unhappy at the hourly charge for this exercise to date and has negotiated a significant credit to enable this goal to be achieved before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

## **Operations Report**

This Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and once again provided a comprehensive overview of the various significant activities undertaken and outcomes achieved by the Secretary in the period covered by this Report.

Alister to be thanked for his Report.

Moved that the Operations Report as circulated be received.

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## **Bridge Development Officer Report**

- **NZ Wide Pairs** – Richard reported there had been 62 Heats of this Event of which 36 had been scored manually. There had been some problems experienced and Arie was of the opinion that in future greater flexibility was needed in respect of scoring especially since keying is arduous.

The option of using X Club was raised together with a query as to whether its use allowed for factoring.

Appreciation was expressed to Richard for a job well done.

- **Nescafe Sponsorship** – Two advertisements have been placed on the Newsletter "On Line" – \$400.00 + GST which is a good start.
- **2014 Youth Weekend** – Board agreed to this being held in Auckland in August 2014. Budget approximately \$5,000 net of recoveries.
- **Schools Bridge** – Richard remains strongly committed to this initiative but advised that success is variable. Club Hub had offered to send out a free mail-out encouraging teachers to participate in the initiative.
- **Congress Organising Committee Minutes**
  - Fewer Full Registrations at Congress 2013 – will impact on Registration Fees for 2014.
  - Some Australians feel they do not need to play at NZ Congress as their own Tournaments have improved.

Expected that the Final Financial Outcome will be "Break Even"

- **Congress / Friday Evening AGM** – Considered but not favoured.
- **Board Dealing** – This will be put out to tender for 2014.
- **Co-opt Alan Taylor** – Congress Committee wish to co-opt Alan back to Congress Committee. The Board endorsed this suggestion and agreed to his appointment to the Committee.
- **Reserve Right of Admission to Congress** – In view of the behaviour of some players at the 2013 Congress it was resolved that in future the front page of the Congress Registration Form will indicate "**Right of Admission Reserved**"

NZ Bridge to inform the ABF that an Australian player's behavior at NZ Bridge 2013 Congress was unacceptable.

#### **International Committee Phone Meeting Minutes**

- **Senior Team** – Decision made to issue a Bulletin calling for expression of interest for a third pair, with a closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- **Use of Previous NPC Reports for Selection**– Graham asked whether previous NPC Reports are referred to by the Selectors and the criteria used when the Teams are selected.

Graham proposed:-

1. A more sophisticated way of keeping player records was implemented
2. Individual Player Datums from previous international participation (5 year history) are considered as part of the Selection Process

Keith Nicholas to be asked to compile a record base of datums.

### **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Insurance Cover for Flight Bookings** – After discussion it was decided that for Domestic Flights no insurance was necessary.
- **Post Regional Conference (August 25<sup>th</sup>) Strategies** – Shirley advised the Marketing Committee was working on following suggestions:-
  - Branding
  - New Members Kit
  - Running Bridge Lessons
  - Running a Tournament
  - Code of Conduct – Zero Tolerance
  - Categorising communication to all players
  - Compiling a Directory that will enable Clubs to access to helpful information relevant to the:-
    - Promotion of Bridge / marketing the game
    - Running of Bridge Lessons
    - Retention of Learners
    - Retention of Members

Arie expressed thanks to those responsible for clearly identifying and committing to achieving these goals.

- **Junior Tournaments** – After discussion it was proposed to trial in 2014 that the minimum number of deals required for a scheduled Junior Pairs Tournament be reduced from 44 Deals to 22 Deals in an endeavour to facilitate greater participation in these events. Such tournaments can therefore be single session events that may be held morning, afternoon or evening at the Host Club's discretion. Allocation of Masterpoints will be awarded as per the 3B Pairs Scale.

**Note – For Junior Teams Tournaments the minimum number of deals remains at 44**

Moved that the proposal be adopted commencing for 2014.

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- **Planning Regional Conference 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 – Suggested Topics**
  - **Junior Tournaments** – Why are they being cancelled?
  - **New Ideas for Tournaments**
  - **NZ Bridge Magazine Digital "Mock up"** – December Issue to be used as template for this "mock up"
  - **IP's Survey** – Results
  - **Marketing Package**
  - **Travel to Congress** – Encourage participants to explore the cost savings if travel to Auckland and then travel down to Hamilton
- **Systems Cards** – Arie commented on the difficulties experienced with the uploading of Cards for the IP's. Quote for printing and purchase of either 5,000 or 7,500 discussed. It was decided to seek a quote for either a 15,000 or 20,000 print run so that NZ Bridge would have sufficient stock to supply to Clubs hosting major Tournaments the extensive number of Cards required especially in the early months of 2014 before the "on line" option is more readily taken up.
- **On Line Magazine** – Allan reported to the Board the different License Options and costs associated with disseminating the Magazine:-
  - 6 full Licenses per year – \$360.00
  - 12 months unlimited use – \$1095.00

Richard and Allan had met with the Typesetter and had chosen Uniflip as the software to be used.

- **Pre IP Survey** – 176 to date. Decided to run Post 2013 Wellington IP Survey, on line with a week to post comment. This Survey for 2013 IP players who have not already responded.
- **IP's 2013 Final Planning** – All in hand and organizers very pleased with progress.

- **IP's 2013 – Board's Official Representatives** – Arie Geursen & Alan Turner.
- **Vacancy CDD Committee** – Ongoing
- **Vacancy National Recorder** – A possible Appointee to be approached
- **Vacancy Honorary Solicitor** – A possible Appointee to be approached
- **Charity for Philippines** – Ecats are running Charity Simultaneous Pairs on 20 / 21 / 22 / 23 /24 /25 January 2014 to raise funds for relief in the Philippines. Regions and Clubs may wish to participate in these events or may wish to raise money for this Charity themselves. The funds raised could be sent to the NZ Bridge Foundation for them to disperse.
- **Provision of Support to Secretarial Position Beyond April 2014** – Kay presented a list for consideration and review by the Board prior to the above date.
- **Proposed Meeting Dates 2014**

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Board Meeting Christchurch Bridge Club
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Regional Conference Christchurch Bridge Club
Thursday 13 March	Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Board Meeting Koru Lounge Wellington
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Regional Conference / Miramar Golf Club Wellington

**Meeting Closed – 9pm**