



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held via Conference Call on Tuesday 22 September 2015
commencing at 4.00pm**

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Allan Joseph, Phil Rutherford, Karen Martelletti & Anthony Hopkins until 4.30pm.

1. In Attendance: Alister Stuck, National Secretary, Richard Solomon Bridge Development Officer & Murray Wiggins, Chief Director

2. WELCOME

Arie welcomed all to the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES Shirley Newton

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

1.	Board Meeting Minutes	18 Aug 2015
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Moved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 18 Aug 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED 50/2015

Matters arising:

- GST Treatments

Phil advised that he had contacted the TOTS with a workable solution but to date had not had a response from the Region.

- Marketing & Strategy Promotion at Congress

Phil reported that the material for the promotion had been produced and would be delivered to Hamilton in time for display and distribution to players at Congress.

5. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from a number of Regions were received and circulated prior to the Meeting namely

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| • Waikato Bays Minutes | 31 July 2015 |
| • TOTS Minutes | 15 Aug 2015 |
| • Canterbury Minutes | 10 Sept 2015 |

Moved: That the Minutes from the listed Regions be received.

CARRIED 51/2015

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Moved that the Report summarising the Inward Correspondence be received and the outward correspondence approved.

CARRIED 52/2015

7. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Membership

Alan presented P & L Reports for the month ending 31 Aug 2015.

Moved: That the Financial Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 53/2015

8. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Gold Grandmaster Award Presentations

Moved: That NZ Bridge continues to issue certificates for presentation by the President of the player's home Club those who achieve the rank of Grand Masters or Silver Grand Masters. But on achieving the highest rank (currently Gold Grand Master) the player will be sent a pro forma letter of congratulations signed by the Chairperson of NZ Bridge which also advises him / her that a formal presentation will be made at the next National Congress. The award will be a plaque similar to what all the other Gold Grand Masters received prior to 2012. If the recipient is unable to attend Congress, the award will be sent to their home Club for presentation by the Club President.

CARRIED 54/2015

Adoption and Release of NZ Bridge Social Media Policy

Moved: That with immediate effect, the social media policy as circulated is adopted and widely promulgated to Clubs, Regional Committees, and on the website.

CARRIED 55/2015

Updated Delegations of Authority

Alister reported that since the last meeting 4 delegation documents for the following work groups and committees have been completed.

Remuneration, Operations & Administration, Finance and Strategy and Regional Committees.

Zone 7 Council Minutes and P & L Report

Moved: That the minutes of the Zone 7 Council held 23rd Feb 2015 along with the Income and expenditure Statements for the year to 31 March 2015 be received.

CARRIED 56/2015

Zone 7 Levies

Moved: That NZB support the proposal from Zone 7 Council to increase the annual levy from 2.5 cents to 5 cents per player.

CARRIED 57/2015

Appointment- NZ Bridge Foundation

Moved: That Allan Morris of Auckland be appointed to the role of Chairperson of the NZ Bridge Foundation.

CARRIED 58/2015

Appointment- Regional Recorder- Wellington

Murray confirmed that Dean Sole had accepted the appointment to the role of Regional Recorder for Wellington.

Supplementary Regulations National Congress 2015

The meeting reviewed the draft regulations covering the conduct or behavior of players at the National Congress and the powers of the Director in Charge.

Moved: The draft regulations as circulated and amend are adopted and included in the Supplementary Regulations for the 2015 National Congress.

CARRIED 59/2015

Meeting Closed 4.45pm

Confirmed Meeting Dates 2015

Date	Day	Venue
26 Sept 2015	Sat – AGM	Kingsgate Hotel Hamilton
20 Oct 2015	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room

11. Conduct

11.1 Any one or more of the following matters shall constitute an offence by a contestant in respect of which the Tournament Organiser and/or the Director in Charge will be entitled to impose disciplinary penalties including suspension for part of or all of an event, and /or disqualification for an entire event, as it sees fit, namely:

(a) Any breach of the laws or proprieties of bridge as set out in the Laws and as modified by these Regulations.

(b) Any behaviour during Congress which the Director in Charge or the Tournament Organiser shall decide is offensive, objectionable and /or unbecoming.

(c) Any behaviour within the Congress venue, grounds of the venue, or near the venue immediately before its commencement, during its conduct or soon after its completion, which the Director in Charge or the Tournament Organiser shall decide is offensive, objectionable and/or unbecoming.

(d) Any behaviour immediately before the commencement, during the conduct, or soon after the completion of Congress that shall be deemed by the Tournament Organiser or the Director in Charge to bring the game of bridge and/or NZ Bridge into disrepute, including "posts" on social media sites, and/or any other sphere of activity. NZ Bridge will not tolerate harassment, badgering, nor disrespectful, obstructive or abusive behaviour whether verbal, written or physical, by any person towards any of its staff, officials, directors or voluntary workers. Postings on Social Media are not exempt for the purposes of this clause.

11.2 Disciplinary powers of the Director in Charge

In accordance with Law 91B and in accordance with the minutes of the WBF Laws Committee 09/11/2003, NZ Bridge has given its authority, in advance, to the Director in Charge of Congress, to disqualify a contestant, or at his discretion, to disqualify one player only allowing the other player of the pair or other members of the team to continue their participation in the tournament.

11.2.1 The Director in Charge of Congress, from the time of his arrival at the Congress venue until the venue is vacated at the conclusion of the event, has full powers to solely exercise those disciplinary powers afforded by the Laws, as well those disciplinary powers afforded by these Supplementary Regulations including suspension and/or disqualification of a contestant, or of a single player.

11.2.2 In the case of an entry comprising several events for which a package entry fee is available, the DIC has the authority to disqualify a contestant for cause from all events.

11.2.3 The Director in Charge may, in his discretion, report any suspension under Law 91A separately to the National Recorder, and NZ Bridge, all of whom may consider whether further action is appropriate.

NZ Bridge may report this matter to the Conduct Discipline and Disputes Committee for further enquiry and determination under Rule 27 of New Zealand Bridge.

11.3 Automatic Suspension following disqualification.

A player who has been disqualified under Law 91 and as amended by these Regulations is prohibited from participating in any tournaments, competitions or sessions conducted under the auspices of NZ Bridge until otherwise notified in writing by the Board or Chairperson of the C D and D committee as the case may be.

11.4 Refund of Tournament Entry Fees.

11.4.1 Should an individual player of a contestant unit be disqualified as a result of a decision made by either the DIC, or the Tournament Organiser then no refund of any entry fees, either in part or in whole, will be made to that individual.

11.4.2 Should the disqualification of a single member of a pair or team result in the disqualification of both players in the partnership, or some or all members of the team then no player of the pair or team member thus disqualified is eligible for refund of entry fees, either in part or whole, for the entire event from which they have been so disqualified.