



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport on Tuesday 20
October 2015 commencing at 8.30am

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Allan Joseph, Alan Turner, Phil Rutherford, Karen Martelletti & Anthony Hopkins until 2.15pm.

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.

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| 1. | Board Meeting Minutes | 22 Sept 2015 |
| 2. | Draft AGM Minutes | 26 Sept 2015 |

Moved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held 22 Sept 2015 be confirmed and the draft Minutes of the AGM held 26 Sept 2015 be received and held over until the 2016 AGM.

CARRIED 60/2015

Matters arising:

- GST Treatments

Phil advised this matter appeared to be resolved.

- Marketing & Strategy Promotion at Congress

Phil reported that the material was displayed during Congress and thanked Richard & Karen for preparing the material. It was agreed that Richard would arrange for the material to be on display at both the 15A Teams event in Auckland and the Interprovincials in Christchurch.

5. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

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

- Auckland Northland Minutes 13 Sept 2015

Moved: That the Minutes from the Auckland Northland Region be received.

CARRIED 61/2015

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 62/2015

It was agreed that Alister would email Michael Albert thanking him for his feedback regarding the Boards Social Media Policy and to advise him that there are no immediate plans to amend the policy but his feedback will be tabled when the policy is next reviewed.

7. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Moved: that the updated list of outstanding Items be received.

CARRIED 63/2015

8. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Membership

Alan presented the P & L Report for the month ending 30 Sept 2015, The Budget report for the year to 31 March 2016, The Budget v Actuals Report year to date & and levies Report for the quarter ended 30 Sept 2015.

Moved: That the Financial Reports as circulated be received.

CARRIED 64/2015

BDO Report

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

Moved: that the BDO's Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 65/2015

Matters arising:

- Youth Teams Event

The Meeting thanked Richard and his various helpers for the work undertaken in the lead up to and during the Youth Teams event held at the beginning of Congress.

It was agreed that the event would be held again in 2016 under delegation to the Congress Committee. A budget amount of \$5000 would be made available to run the 2016 event.

Tournament Regulations

Moved that the Tournament Regulations adopted for the 2015 National Congress be amended and used for the basis of new regulations to apply at all 10A events and above with immediate effect.

CARRIED 66/2015

Murray to prepare a suitable bulletin and issue this with a copy of the Regulations to all Clubs, Regions and National Directors.

Operations Report

Alister spoke to his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the Operations Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 67/2015

Matters arising:

- Home Club Memberships

Alister highlighted the Home Club Membership tally which for the first time in many years had exceeded 14,000 (14019 as at 20 Oct 2015). It was agreed that Arie & Richard would prepare and issue a suitable Bulletin in order to share this milestone with Clubs and Regions and to acknowledge their significant role in this achievement.

Chief Directors Report

Murray spoke to his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the Chief Directors Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 68/2015

9. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Governance & Organisational Review

The report on the Governance and Organisational Review of NZ Bridge prepared by Anne Barrowclough was discussed in some detail. It was agreed that more time to reflect and more discussion was required to crystalize the Board's position on the report prior to rolling out all or some of the report's findings to the Clubs and Regions. Arie suggested one option would be the before or after the IP's in Christchurch.

Delegations of Authority

Arie sought the urgent cooperation of those present to ensure that the review of the delegations is completed ASAP. The following remain outstanding (Marketing, Congress, Regulations)

Nominations - Bridge Appeal Tribunal

After a brief discussion it was agreed that Arie would prepare a shortlist of suitable candidates to be appointed to this role. It was further agreed that the Panel on which the tribunal Chair could call upon pursuant to rule 28.4 would comprise 2 Australian & 2 New Zealand based members.

Code of Conduct

Arie presented a copy of a Code of Conduct document adopted by New Zealand Football. It was agreed to in principle that a similar document could be prepared and adopted for NZ Bridge purposes in the future. Arie to liaise with Fergus and Graham Wakefield.

Movie Theatre Advertising Campaign

It was noted that the video had been prepared but progress with the rollout had stalled while Shirley was overseas. It was agreed that this item be prioritised so that the benefits of an early promotion in 2016 are not missed.

Update- NZ Bridge Foundation

Arie reported that Allan Morris had been in touch with his fellow Trustees and was planning a face to face meeting in the near future to review the working of the Foundation, (in particular to raise its profile and income streams) and to identify a suitable nomination for a further Trustee to fill the remaining vacancy.

Event Management Committee

This Committee was disestablished following the hosting of the then PABF Championships in Hamilton.

For all major NZB events the Board will appoint a Tournament Organiser in accordance with the new Tournament Regulations.

Moved: that the Events Committee delegation of Authority be parked and that the Congress Committee now report direct to the Board.

CARRIED 69/2015

Interprovincial Championships 2016

It was agreed that the Otago Club and the Otago Southland Regional Committee be canvassed to gauge interest in hosting the 2016 Interprovincials.

Alister to contact both parties in this regard.

Meeting Dates 2016

It was agreed that subject to availability the existing venue would be used for Board meetings in 2016. Alister agreed to prepare a schedule of suitable dates for the whole of 2016 and circulate this prior to the next meeting.

Meeting Closed 3.45pm

Confirmed Meeting Dates 2016

Date	Day	Venue
6 Jan 2016	Wed- Board Meeting	Kairangi BC
8 Mar 2016	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
19 April 2016	Tues- Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
16 May 2016	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
11 June 2016	Sat - National Conference	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
19 July 2016	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
16 Aug 2016	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room
23 or 24 Sept 2016	Fri or Sat AGM	Kingsgate Hamilton
18 Oct 2016	Tues – Board Meeting	Wgtn Airport Conf Room

