



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Kairangi Bridge Club Wellington on Tuesday 6 January
2016 commencing at 9.00am

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Allan Joseph, Phil Rutherford, Shirley Newton & Anthony Hopkins.

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 Alan Turner & Karen Martelletti

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

- Board Resolutions 9 Dec 2015

Moved: That the Minutes of the Board Resolutions passed by way of an electronic meeting be confirmed.

CARRIED 01/2016

Matters arising:

- Clubs Competition at Congress

Phil expressed concern that this decision had been made and asked if the Board had input into the decision. Richard responded on behalf of the Congress Committee and outlined the flagging interest in the event with only 4 Regions participating in 2015. It was agreed however that the matter of this event or a suitable replacement at a 2nd congress be considered by the Tournament Review Taskforce.

- Tournament Review Taskforce

The lack of traction was noted and it was agreed that Alister would follow-up with Alan Turner. Allan Joseph offered to join the working group and provide input.

5. 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 02/2016

Social Media Policy

Following feedback from 5 Clubs and one player it was agreed that Social Media Policy be referred back to the honorary solicitor, Fergus More, and Graham Wakefield for further review. It was noted that the original intend of the document was to provide guidelines rather than a policy document.

Arie to contact Fergus & Graham to initiate the review. Alister to advise the recent correspondents accordingly.

Akarana Bridge Club

A letter from the Akarana Bridge Club on the above subject and with a request that the Board give consideration to consulting its members regarding the provision of a National Bridge Publication (either print or electronic form) or whether there should be such a publication.

NZ Bridge will shortly release its revised website with a focus on providing a single channel of communications combining all kinds of activities in a single location. We will then be able to monitor readership anonymously by areas of interest and better gauge demand for different types of editorial content.

Complaint- Jan Hill Tauranga Bridge Club

The letter and attachments from Jan Hill of Tauranga had been circulated .and were discussed The Board concluded that it had no jurisdiction in respect of the various complaints.

6. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

CARRIED 03/2015

It was agreed that the Marketing Committee Delegation of Authority be recirculated for review.

Bridge Appeal Tribunal – Standing Panel

It was agreed that Alister would advise Brent Ellis of the appointments and provide the Tribunal with the Panel members contact details and biographies and an updated copy of the NZ Bridge Constitution. It was also agreed that Arie and Alister offer to meet with the Tribunal Chair prior to the next Board meeting scheduled for 8th March 2016.

NZ Bridge Manual

Alan advised that the Manual had been finalised and was ready for printing.

Moved: that the Tournament Regulations as previously adopted (see resolution 2015/66) are included in the NZB Manual dated effective 1 January, 2016.

CARRIED 04/2016

Note: An e-copy will be posted on the website as soon as the printed version is available for distribution. In future any updates / changes to the Manual between reprints will be promulgated on the website.

7. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Wellington Region were received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

- Wellington Region Minutes 23 July 2015
- Wellington Region Minutes 15Sept 2015

Moved: That the Minutes from the Wellington Region be receive

CARRIED 05/2016

8. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Membership

Alister presented the P & L Report for the month ending 31 Dec 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 31 Dec 2015.

Moved: That the Financial Reports as circulated be received.

CARRIED 06/2016

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 07/2016

Matters arising:

- AGM 2016

It was agreed that the 2016 AGM be held Saturday 24th September 2016 commencing at 9.30am. The earlier start time is necessary to cater for the earlier start time for the NZ Pairs which has changed from 2pm to midday.

- Training- New Website

Anthony is to arrange with ETheory to provide Richard with appropriate training to be able to update and add material to the new Website.

- Regional Conference Planning

Richard advised that planning was well underway with the 2016 Regional Conferences. Both Wellington and Otago Southland were scheduled for February 2016. It was agreed that where possible the Board would have two representatives at each conference. Richard to advise the organisers that during the Board segment that the rollout of the strategic plan and the new Website would be covered.

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 08/2016

Matters arising:

- Home Club Memberships

Alister reported a net decline of Home Club memberships of 169 since the last meeting. This is not unusual at this time of year when Clubs issue annual membership invoices and a number of players call time on their price careers

Interprovincials 2015 Report

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

Moved: that the Interprovincials Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 09/2016

Matters arising:

- Format

It was noted that there was some criticism of the regulation where no seating options were available for the 2nd round robin. Murray agreed to review this prior to issuing the regulations for the 2016 Championships.

- 2016 Event and Beyond

There was much discussion regarding the future of this event given that the spend this year by both the Board and the Regions is likely to exceed \$40,000. The question as to whether this is a good use of money needs to be further debated.

Notwithstanding this, the Board is committed to supporting the event in 2016 and is delighted that the Otago Bridge Club and the Otago Southland Regional Committee have agreed to host the event. Planning as such is well underway. Feedback from 2 regions questioning the decision to hold the event outside of the 3 main centres on rotation was received. It was the Boards view that the decision to include Dunedin in the mix was a sound one and that costs will not be significantly different to those this year.

It is noted that air travel options in and out of Dunedin are limited so players will need to make arrangements as soon as the Regions Teams are selected in May 2016.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Delegation Breach- Wellington Regional Committee

Allan Joseph reported he has been in discussions with the Regional Committee regarding their decision to purchase a Data projector for the Wellington Bridge Club. The amount spent was well in excess of the Committee's delegated authority.

The Board accepted that this was an honest mistake and misunderstanding and to avoid any confusion in future delegations of authority for Regional Committee will be updated setting out the correct procedure for using Regional Committee funds to purchase fixed assets for 3rd parties.

Membership – CDD Committee

Arie advised that Kris Wooles wish to step down from the role of Chairperson of the Conduct, Discipline & Disputes Committee. The resignation was accepted with regret and the Board thanked Kris for his 8 years' service

Moved: That Alan Dormer is appointed Chairman of the CDD Committee and Graham Wakefield a member.

CARRIED 10/2016

It was noted that the appointments would become effective as soon as Kris has advised the remaining members of his committee and arranged a handover with Alan Dormer.

15A & 20A Tournament Policy

It was noted that the directors appointments for 2016 had yet to be finalised. Murray is to complete this so that the Host Clubs and Regions can be advised. The pre-tournament instructions for host Regions / Clubs include the need to budget for a designated scorer at all the National Teams events and the appointment by the Match Committee of a local assistant director once numbers exceed 28 tables.

Congress Committee- Capital Expenditure

Moved: That the Congress Committee are authorised to spend \$10,000 with E-Theory Ltd to develop a new Webpages for Congress and an entry and secure credit card payments system.

CARRIED 11/2016

Given that the payments system once it is operational will be available to the Board and possibly all Clubs for their tournament as well. It was agreed that the above expense be split 80% congress and the remaining 20% NZ Bridge.

Update- New Website

Anthony gave those present a brief presentation of the Website Home page and how it with work. The rollout date is yet to be confirmed. Arie pointed out that there was an element of urgency as need to be before Clubs started advertising in in movie theatres near them as the advert refers people to going to our website to find a Club near them

Meeting Closed 3.45pm

Meeting Dates 2016

Date	Day	Venue
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