



**MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Held at the Kairangi Bridge Club on Monday 7 March 2016**  
**commencing at 12 noon.**

**PARTICIPATING:** Arie Geursen, Anthony Hopkins, Allan Joseph, Karen Martelletti, Phil Rutherford, and Alan Turner

**1. APOLOGIES:** Shirley Newton

**2. EMPLOYMENT and GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

Moved: that the Board meet in private.

**CARRIED 12/2016**

**3. RESOLVED**

- i. As a matter of policy all employment related issues concerning officers, contractors and staff are passed through the Chairperson of the Board for action, if any.
- ii. The Remuneration Committee of the Board is renamed the Employment Committee with immediate effect and the membership increased to 3 Board members.
- iii. The draft copy of the Board Manual and Policies, as circulated and amended by the meeting, is adopted with immediate effect.
- iv. Subject to legal advice all members of the Board elected or re-elected from 2017 on, will be required to "sign the Board Manual" and the notices calling for nomination and nomination forms will be amended accordingly and existing Board members will be invited to do so as well.
- v. Anthony and Karen are authorised to do all that is necessary to expedite the completion of the website project and to extend the scope to include provision of a static web page for those Clubs and who do not have their own website and for all Clubs to have the option to use the online tournament entry capability being developed for Congress for their own tournaments.

**CARRIED 13/2016**

Meeting Closed 3.30pm



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

**Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport on 8 March 2016  
commencing at 8.30am**

**PARTICIPATING:** Arie Geursen, Anthony Hopkins, Allan Joseph, Karen Martelletti, Shirley Newton, Phil Rutherford, and Alan Turner

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

**3. WELCOME**

Arie welcomed all to the meeting.

**4. APOLOGIES Nil**

**5. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

- Board Meeting 6 Jan 2016

Moved: that the Minutes of the Board meeting held 6 January 2016 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 14/2016**

**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 15/2016**

**6. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

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

**CARRIED 16/2015**

Delegation of Authority- Marketing

It was agreed that the Marketing Committee Delegation of Authority be shelved.

Generic Delegation of Authority- Special Project Teams

Alan to draft a suitable template document to be reviewed at the April meeting.

Revised Regulations – Interprovincial Championships  
Murray reported that he would circulated the updated regulations before they are ratified and made available to the 2016 event hosts

#### Social Media Policy

Arie reported that Fergus More, and Graham Wakefield had agreed to review this. Alister to contact them with the view to receiving a draft in time for the May Board meeting.

## **7. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes from 3 Regions were received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

- Waikato Bays Region Minutes 1 Nov 2015
- Wellington Region Minutes 24 Nov 2015
- Central Districts Region Minutes 19 Feb 2016

Moved: that the Minutes from the 3 Regions be received.

**CARRIED 17/2016**

Matters arising:

It was noted that the Wellington Region intended to run a 3 day congress over Labour weekend in 2017. As this weekend is traditionally fully subscribed a request to add a further event would not be supported. Allan is to discuss with the Regional Committee.

## **8. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES**

### **Finance & Membership**

Alan presented the P & L Report for the month ending 29 Feb 2016 & the Budget v Actuals Report year to date.

Moved: that the Financial Reports as circulated be received.

**CARRIED 18/2016**

Matters arising:

Alan will call for Budget requests over the next month in time to be reviewed and adopted at the May meeting.

## **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 19/2016**

Matters arising:

- Congress Venue 2016 and 2017

It was noted that the Congress would continue to be held at the distinction Hotel (formerly the Kingsgate) in Hamilton in 2016 and 2017.

- Updated Teaching Materials and Videos

The meeting noted the recent updated teaching material and the launch of the material on YouTube videos. The end product is first class and well received by Teachers and Students alike.

Arie to write to Jane Sterns and Amanda Smith to thank them for the significant work they have undertaken with this project.

## **2016 South Island Teams Report**

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

Moved: that the Tournament Report as circulated be received.

**CARRIED 20/2016**

## **Zone 7 Council Meeting**

Arie reported on the Zone 7 Council meeting held during the Gold Coast Congress. It was noted that the Zonal levies would increase to 5 cents per player per annum effective 2016. The President, John Wignall, briefed the meeting on the allegations of inappropriate methods of communication that surfaced on the international stage just prior to the World Championships in Chennai this year.

The Secretary of the WBF Laws Committee, Laurie Kelso, updated the meeting on progress with the drafting of the 2017 Laws. Consultation on the new Laws is expected to commence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017.

## **Combined ABF / NZB Laws Committee**

Arie reported on the Laws Committee meeting held during the Gold Coast Congress. Following on from the Zone 7 meeting, it was noted that there was a need to develop a bilateral agreement for the processes and procedures that will be adopted by the ABF and NZB for dealing with allegations of serious misconduct by their affiliated players while participating in events in the other's jurisdiction (i.e. New Zealanders playing in Australia or vice versa). It was agreed that this was in the first instance an action item for the ABF General Counsel and NZB Honorary Solicitor. Arie to brief Fergus More.

It was agreed that work would begin on drafting regulations and procedures that will eventually replace the unqualified right of appeal to a committee as is currently the norm in both jurisdictions.

The question of whether the use of electronic devices that prevent bidding errors during the auction are in contravention of Law 40C3 (a) was discussed. No firm agreement was reached.

In any case regulations similar to those for written bidding and bidding boxes will need to be developed before they can be used in Tournaments.

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Delegation of Authority- Regional Committees**

Moved: that the updated delegation of authority for Regional Committees be adopted and distributed to the Regions.

**CARRIED 21/2016**

### **Membership – CDD Committee**

The meeting noted the resignation from Judith Medlicott from Conduct, Discipline & Disputes Committee. The resignation was accepted with regret and the Board thanked Judith for her 8 years' service.

Moved: that Leonard Andersen of Dunedin be appointed to the CDD Committee.

**CARRIED 22/2016**

### **Communication- Publishing Board Meeting Outcomes**

Moved: that Richard prepare and publish on the Website a summary of Board meeting outcomes that would be of interest to people.

**CARRIED 23/2016**

### **Appointment- Scrutineers – 2016 Board Elections**

Moved: that Dr Alan Doddridge and Mr. Ross Hadwin be appointed to act as Scrutineers for the 2016 Board elections and that they be instructed to destroy the ballot papers at the conclusion of the exercise.

**CARRIED 24/2016**

### **Complaint- Canterbury Regional Committee**

Moved: that the correspondence from the Canterbury Regional Committee reporting an allegation of inappropriate behaviour be received.

**CARRIED 25/2016**

Moved: that the matter be referred to the Chairman of the CDD Committee.

**CARRIED 26/2016**

### **Complaint- Otago Southland Regional Committee**

The Interprovincial Championship Regulations are clear: *Each Region is free to use whatever method of trial or selection to determine the composition of its Team as it sees fit.*

Moved: that it is not appropriate to refer this complaint to the CDD Committee under Rule 27.1(iii). The matter is referred back to the Regional Committee and the Chief Director to review and ensure the conditions of contest that the Regional Committee had promulgated have been fairly applied.

**CARRIED 27/2016**

### **Systems Card Use**

Moved: that Directors officiating at all Open (10A and above) Tournaments are instructed to enforce the Systems Card policy.

**CARRIED 28/2016**

### **Sponsorship Proposal – Craig Investments**

Alan reported that the recent pitch to Craig Investments who were interested in sponsoring the Teaching Material offering was not successful.

### **Update- New Website**

Anthony provided a further update on progress to date and it was agreed that the proposed developments for Congress, including on line entering and paying of tournament entries and interactive blogs and continue apace.

### **Departing Board Member- Shirley Newton**

At the end of the formal part of the meeting those present acknowledged outgoing Board member Shirley Newton who was not seeking reelection. Arie thanked Shirley for her contribution during her term and presented a card and gift as a token of appreciation.

Meeting Closed 2.45pm