



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Kairangi Bridge Club on Thursday 21st April 2016
commencing at 8.45am**

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen, Allan Joseph, Carol Richardson, Noel Woodhall, Phil Rutherford, Karen Martelletti and Alan Turner

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

2. WELCOME

Arie welcomed all to the meeting in particular new members Carol Richardson & Noel Woodhall.

3. APOLOGIES Nil

4. BOARD REPORTS

Operations:

Moved: that the Operations Report from Alister as previously circulated be received.

CARRIED 37/2016

Matters arising:

The meeting noted with concern the significant reduction in home Club memberships with a net loss of 438 players between Jan 1st and early April 2016.

It was agreed that Karen would design and promulgate an electronic return form for Clubs to use to report reasons for resignations.

It was also agreed that Karen would undertake a similar exercise so that the Annual Return could be completed by clubs electronically.

Bridge Development:

Moved: that the Bridge Development Report from Richard as previously circulated be received.

CARRIED 38/2016

Matters arising:

It was noted that the expenditure incurred in the year to 31 March 2016 to design a new Congress Website would be capitalised in the Annual Accounts.

Chief Director:

In the absence of a written report Murray provided a summary of activities to date.

Matters Arising:

- The review of the Conditions of Contest for Otago / Southland Inter Provincial Teams Trials to be completed with urgency.
- The appeal from the last round from the North Island Teams 5/6 March.
- The preparation of a Tournament Organiser's Pack / Template for all 15/20 A Teams and Pairs events and IPs.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

At the meeting held 19th April a number of queries from Clubs and Regions seeking guidance with the new "Health & Safety" legislation were tabled. Since then Arie has discussed the matter with hon Solicitor Fergus More who has agreed to look into the matter and advise the Board as to the best way to prepare or obtain something suitable to assist Club, Regional Committees and the Board itself in respect of this the matter.

6. ELIGIBILITY TO REPRESENT NEW ZEALAND

Carol Richardson was not present for this segment. Arie briefed the meeting on the a request by Ella Pattison and Ellena Moskovski to be permitted to represent New Zealand in the Mixed Teams at the World Championships in Poland. Both have participated in selection events and been selected to represent Australia in youth event in the past. Ella will represent Australia in the Youth World Championships in Italy to be held in the month preceding the event in Poland.

Both players meet the bona fide residency requirements of the WBF and NZB to represent New Zealand.

Moved: That the credentials of Ella Pattison and Ellena Moskovski to represent New Zealand be accepted.

CARRIED 39/2016

Arie noted to advise Derek Evennett (Chef de Mission and Chairman of Selectors) of the Boards decision.

7. REVIEW AND RENEWAL OF THE BUSINESS PLAN

The meeting took time to review the 2015 Business Plan in terms of successes, failures and items that continued to be a work in process.

It was agreed that Phil would update the plan for the coming year so that it can be ratified prior to roll out at the National Conference in June.

8. PLANNING – NATIONAL CONFERENCE 11 JUNE 2016

It was agreed that the Conference would be held at the Wellington Airport (level1 Conference Centre) commencing at 9.30am on Saturday 11th June 2016.

Alister will contact the Regions to firm up the remaining delegates' details and to gauge any further agenda items that the Regional Committees may wish to add.

The Board will present on the following topics:

- The 2016 Business Plan
- Succession Planning
- Election Process
- Future of the Interprovincials event

9. MEMBERSHIP- CDD COMMITTEE

Moved: that Christine Gibbons of Papamoa be appointed to the Conduct, Discipline & Disputes Committee.

CARRIED 40/2016

10. ORGANISATION- BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Membership of the following Committees for 2016 were approved: (first named person Chairman)

Governance	Phil, Alan & Karen
Audit & Risk	Noel, Allan & Carol
Employment	Arie, Alan & Phil
Admin & Finance	Alan & Alister
Marketing/Development/ Teaching & Website	Karen, Carol, Noel & Phil, Richard, Alan Shirley Newton, Jenny Wilkinson & Tina McVeigh
Regulations	Alan, Noel & Murray
International	Carol, Alan, Alister, Martin Reid, Kris Wooles & Derek Evennett
Tournament Taskforce Congress	Carol, Alan, Allan J & others Richard, Carol, Murray, Lesley Chubb, John Evitt, Jenna Gibbons & Anthony Hopkins

Arie Geursen is ex officio a member of all NZB committees except the CDD And the Audit & Risk Committees.

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Following a lengthy discussion the following revised meeting dates were agreed:

Sunday 22nd May 2016 from midday at the Kairangi Bridge Club

Monday 23rd May 2016 Committee and working group meetings until midday

Saturday 11th June 2016 - National Conference at the Wellington Airport

Meeting Closed 2.55pm