



MINUTES OF New Zealand BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport 12.30pm to
6.00pm on Sunday 22nd May 2016 and at the Kairangi Bridge Club
8.15am to 11.30am on Monday 23rd May 2016

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

In Attendance: Alister Stuck, National Secretary, Richard Solomon Bridge Development Officer (from 4pm Sunday) & Murray Wiggins, Chief Director until 3.00pm Sunday)

1. WELCOME

Arie welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES Partial attendances as above were noted

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

- Board Meeting 19th April 2016
- Board Meeting 21 April 2016

Moved: that the Minutes of the Board meetings held 19 April 2016 and 21 April 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED 41/2016

Matters arising:

The Chairperson of the Board (Arie Geursen) is ex-officio a member of all Committees of NZ Bridge except the CDD Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.

4. 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 42/2016

5. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

CARRIED 43/2015

Otago Southland – Interprovincial Trials Issue
Murray reported that the matter had been resolved.

Revised Regulations – Interprovincial Championships
To be tabled as general business.

Player Exit Return Form

Karen presented the draft of the player exit form that Clubs will be asked to complete electronically to advise details of and reasons for player resignations. The revised online form is to be rolled out at the National Conference in June.

6. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 2 Regions were received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

- Otago Southland Region Minutes 9 January 2016
- Waikato Bays Region Minutes 18 March 2016

Moved: that the Minutes from the 2 Regions be received.

CARRIED 44/2016

Matters arising:

It was noted that the minutes received provided an excellent overview of the happenings in the Regions.

7. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Membership

Alan presented the P & L Report for the month ending 30 April 2016 and the first draft of the annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

Moved: that the Financial Reports as circulated be received.

CARRIED 45/2016

Alan reminded those present that all Committee budgets including cap ex requests need to be in his hands by 31 May 2016.

Operations

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

Moved: that the Operations Report as circulated be received.

CARRIED 46/2016

Zone 7 Meeting Minutes 22 February 2016

Minutes from the Zone 7 Council meeting were received and circulated prior to the Board meeting.

Moved: that the minutes of the Zone 7 Council meeting held 22 February 2016 be received.

CARRIED 47/2016

Audit & Risk Committee

Noel gave a brief report as to the activity of this recently established Committee.

Regulations Committee

Allan presented 2 information booklets that had been drafted, namely an information pack for Organisers of the IP Championships and a similar offering for the Regional Chef de Missions. It is expected that both documents will be finalised and distributed to the Regions in the coming days.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Future of the Interprovincials

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the cost vs benefit of staging the Interprovincial Championships and the future of this event from 2017 onwards. A number of points were covered including the cost to NZB as a whole (in excess of \$40,000 when expenditure on the event by Regional Committees is included) and also the demand placed on the Regional Committees and host Clubs called upon to host the finals following the exit from the National Congress. It was agreed that this topic would be included in the programme for the National Conference in June.

It was also agreed that there was no support for the suggestion to fill the byes in the finals with makeup local teams.

Moved; that the Interprovincial Championships event continue in some form for the foreseeable future.

CARRIED 48/2016

Meeting Adjourned 6.00pm 22 May 2016

Meeting resumed 8.15am 23 May 2016 (at the Kairangi Bridge Club)

Strategy, Business Plan & Marketing

The meeting worked through the finalised business plan and identified a number of activities that will be prioritised during the year. These included the full rollout of the Congress Website, continued improvements to the services and provided to Clubs and players through the NZ Bridge Website, a national advertising campaign to raise the profile of the game and Club, roll out of additional teaching resources.

Alister noted to seek details from Screen Vistas as to the uptake of the Cinema Advert promotion held earlier this year.

Karen outlined plans to identify and recruit people with the necessary skills to the Marketing Committee and will report on this and specific initiatives over the coming months.

Appointments- Regional Committees 1 July 2016

Alister presented a list of nominations for the Regional Committees to be ratified.

It was noted that nominations for the Wellington Region fell below the minimum number of 4 and steps to be taken to bolster that group.

Auckland Northland	Waikato Bays
Tony Morcom	Rona Driscoll
Sue Brown	Mike Neels
Trevor Robb	Anna Kalma
Brian Ashwell	Ian Moore
Helene La breche	Jan Spaans
Bianca van Rangelrooy	
Central Districts	Wellington
Colin Carryer	Heather Jared
Bryan Green	Paul Maxwell
Anne McCombe	Tony Sutich
Mairi Fitsimmons	
Susan Sykes	
Top of the South	Canterbury
Jenny Cooper	Fiona Temple
Helen Robinson	Michael Johnstone
Chris Marshall	Giles Hancock
Rebecca Osborne	Peter van Leeuwen
Robin Young	
Wayne Smith (Nominated by Committee)	
Otago Southland	
James Coutts	
Maria Godfrey	
Phillip Hensman	
Marilyn Jackson	
Joan Scarlet	
Frances Sheehy	

Moved: that the above nominations be ratified to take office from 1st July 2016

CARRIED 49/2016

Agenda & Programme- National Conference 11 June 2016

The draft agenda for the conference was reviewed with areas of responsibilities allocated.

Alister advised that the final date for submitting Agenda items and supporting documents was 5pm Monday May 30th. The paperwork would be distributed to the Regions by the end of that week.

Meeting Closed 11.30am 23rd May 2016

Next meetings

11 th June 2016	National Conference – Wellington Airport
3-4 July 2016	Board Meeting – Wellington Airport