



MINUTES OF New Zealand BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held Telephone Conference Call 13 October 2016 commencing at
4.30pm

PARTICIPATING: Arie Geursen (chair), Allan Joseph, Noel Woodhall, Phil Rutherford, Karen Martelletti and Alan Turner

In Attendance: Richard Solomon Bridge Development Officer

1. WELCOME

Arie welcomed all to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES Alister Stuck

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

- Board Meeting Minutes 14th-15th August 2016

Spelling correction Laura Steven should be Laura Stephen.

Has resolution 74/2016 (thanking those longstanding volunteers who stood down at the last RC election for their service) been actioned? To be checked with Alister.

Annual returns for 2016. A reminder to be sent to those clubs who had not yet sent their return in. Karen was presently collating those returns that have been received.

Moved: that the Minutes of the Board meeting held 14th-15th August be confirmed

CARRIED 85/2016

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 86/2016

An email dated 9th October from Chris Marshall regarding the topic of GST, (as for example with pub charity grants). Alan Turner has responded pointing out that the issue had been resolved 3 years ago, and explained that returning GST to the Regional Committee in such cases is a not an option

A number of emails distributed to all Board members from clubs and Regional Committees have been received and some /most were answered at AGM. All are on the same theme.

The Board agreed it had adequately dealt with these matters at the AGM and confirms that no governance model has yet been decided on. When the Board is able to do so, it will respond more fully.

Karen will draft a standard communique which will be sent to all those correspondents.

NZ Bridge will write to WBF endorsing the letter from Tom Jacob, and we will copy in Tom Jacob and thank him for his efforts.

John Wagnall's report for Zone 7. The changes to the WBF bylaws regarding disciplinary matters was briefly discussed.

5. REGIONAL REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from 4 Regions were received and circulated prior to the Meeting.

- Waikato Bays Region Minutes 8 July 2016
- TOTS Region Minutes 30 July 2016
- Canterbury Region Minutes 8 Aug 2016
- Central Districts Minutes 12 Aug 2016
- Central Districts Minutes 12 Sept 2016
- Canterbury Region Minutes 20 Sept 2016

Moved: that the Minutes from the 4 Regions be received.

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6. BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

Finance & Membership

Alan presented the P & L Reports for the months ending 31 August 2016 and 30 September 2016.

Moved: that the Financial Reports (without budget figures) as circulated be received.

CARRIED 88/2016

Tournament Task Force

Moved: that the Minutes of the Tournament taskforce group held 4th September 2016 as circulated be received.

CARRIED 89/2016

BDO Report

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

Moved: that the BDO report as circulated be received.

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Matters arising:

There were 70 more players at Congress 2016 than last year, there will be a Congress Committee meeting in 2 weeks' time; with the resignation of Carol Richardson, the issue of board member representation needs to be addressed. NZ Wide Pairs, as at today, 48 clubs involved. Richard expressed concern that a number of newer/ inexperienced youth players are not being encouraged and wondered whether we are doing enough to encourage them. The separate roles of Richard Solomon in Youth Development, and that of Tracey Lewis as Youth Advocate (a co-opted representative on the International Subcommittee of the NZ Bridge Board) was clarified. Richard suggested that more advance notice for Board meetings needs to be given be given if the board wants meaningful reports.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Board Vacancy

This will be addressed by the Board at the next Board meeting. Alister to be requested to write a letter of thanks to Carol Richardson.

International Teams success at World Bridge Games Poland 2016

Moved: The Board congratulates Ashley Bach and Michael Cornell on winning the Open Pairs Championship Gold Medal.

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Moved: The Board Congratulates the New Zealand Open Team comprising: Ashley Bach / Michael Cornell, Geo Tislevoll / Michael Ware and Matthew Brown / Michael Whibley & Derek Evennett (npc) on reaching the Quarter Finals of the Open Teams Championships, the first time a NZL Team has done so.

CARRIED 91/2016

Moved: The Board Congratulates the New Zealand Women Team, comprising: Shirley Newton / Jenny Wilkinson, Christine and Jenna Gibbons, Susan Humphries / Stephanie Jacob & Kris Wooles (npc) on reaching the Round of 16 in the Women's Teams Championships , the first time a NZL Women's Team has done so.

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Meeting Closed 6.45pm