



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Conference Centre Wellington Airport Saturday 27th May
2017 commencing at 10.00am

PARTICIPATING: Alan Dormer (Chair), Karen Martelletti, Alan Turner, Jane Stearns & Clare Coles (via Skype until 12.50pm)

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

WELCOME

Alan welcomed all to the meeting. With Clare currently in the UK and joining the meeting via Skype (late evening her time) it was agreed that the agenda would be re- worked to cover a number of General business items while she was online.

Strategic Plan

Clare guided the meeting through the draft Strategic plan document that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that the amended document would be circulated to the Regions prior to the National conference inviting feedback and responses to a series of questions raised in the plan.

(Clare/ Jane)

CARRIED 40/2017

Board Appointments

Moved: that Allan Morris of Auckland and Greg Whitten of South Wairarapa be appointed to fill the two vacancies on the Board for a term expiring 31 March 2019.

(Alan D / Alan T)

CARRIED 41/2017

Board Roles & Structure

Clare presented the paper outlining the proposed structure and various roles.

Moved: that the following minor amendments structure and board roles plan be adopted.

(Jane/ Karen)

CARRIED 42/2017

It was agreed that the plan would be presented at the National Conference for feedback from the Regions. Appointment to the various board committees to be finalised at the July meeting.

Proposal Regional Bridge Development Officers

Jane spoke to the proposal which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the proposal be supported and circulated to the Regions for feedback prior to the conference.

(Alan D/Alan T)

CARRIED 43/2017

Opportunity – Sponsored Bridge Event

Richard outlined the nature of this event. The Board required more information before a decision to proceed can be made. Alan Dormer, Jane Stearns and Richard will follow up and report back to the Board.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

- Board Meeting Minutes 18 April 2017

Moved: that the Minutes of the Board meeting held 18 April 2017 be confirmed
(Karen /Jane) **CARRIED 44/2017**

CORRESPONDENCE

Draft Minutes from the NZ Olympic Committee, circulated prior to the meeting

Moved that the inwards correspondence be received.

(Jane/ Alan D)

CARRIED 45/2017

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting minutes from 3 Regions were circulated prior to the meeting.

- CD Region Minutes 24 Mar 2017
- Wellington Region Minutes 28 Mar 2017
- Canterbury Region Minutes 15 April 2017

Moved: that the minutes from Central Districts, Wellington & Canterbury Regions be received.

(Alan T/ Jane)

CARRIED 46/2017

BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

P & L Report 30 April 2017 & Transaction Report

The P & L and Bank Transaction reports for the month of April were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the financial reports for April 2017 be received.

(Alan D / Alan T)

CARRIED 47/2017

Bridge Development Officers Report

Richard spoke to his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting highlighting the following:

Youth: Richard brought the Board up to date on the August Youth Weekend which is short of applications at this stage as compared with previous years. Otherwise, this area is covered separately in these minutes.

Congress: There has been no committee meeting since the last Board Meeting. Entries are coming in at a normal rate for this time of year. The amount of sponsorship to be received from Jardine Lloyd Thomson for NZ Open Pairs is expected to be greater than in previous years. Richard is getting the 2016 Congress accounts audited.

Richard to contact the ABF to see if they intend sending a Youth team to Hamilton.

Website Articles: Richard reported on the articles he is currently producing and highlighted the difficulty in getting nominations from clubs for "Volunteer of the Month".

NZ Olympic Committee AGM: Richard reported on his and Alan Dormer's visit to this AGM and the continued difficulty of getting bridge recognised as a sport in New Zealand.

Teaching Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for the end of June.

Interprovincials: Richard reported on the work done in arranging travel for the successful pairs going to Wellington in November.

Moved: that the BDO report as circulated be received.
(Jane / Karen)

CARRIED 48/2017

Operations Report

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

Moved: that the operations report as circulated be received.
(Alan D / Jane)

CARRIED 49/2017

Marketing & Website Report

Karen spoke to her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Karen would draft a bulletin and personally contact those Clubs who had raised concerns regarding the need to purchase outright or upgrade an existing scoring programme to be able to complete Masterpoint returns when the new platform is released.

Moved that the Marketing and Website report as circulated be received.
(Karen / Alan T)

CARRIED 50/2017

Chief Director's Report

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

Moved: that the Chief Director's report as circulated be received.
(Alan D / Alan T)

CARRIED 51/2017

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Regional Committee Memberships

Moved: That the following Regional Committee appointments be confirmed

- Janis Franc Canterbury
- Sandra Calvert Central Districts
- Francey Rolls Central Districts

(Alan D / Alan T)

CARRIED 52/2017

Affiliation – Diamond Harbour Bridge Club

Moved: that following receipt of the Club's rules that the Diamond Harbour Bridge Club be affiliated and aligned to the Canterbury Region.

(Jane/ Karen)

CARRIED 53/2017

Financial Budget FYE 31 March 2018

Moved: that following minor amendments that the budget for the year ended 31st March 2018 be adopted.

Alan T / Alan D)

CARRIED 54/2017

Membership

Membership figures for the year ended 31st March 2017 were tabulated and discussed. A net loss of 67 home club members was recorded over the previous year. Alister noted to prepare and circulate a report detailing player numbers in Club sessions.

Youth Programme

Richard gave an outline of the current youth bridge programme and the challenges faced transitioning youth players new to bridge through to being of a suitable level to participate on the international scene. Further work to be undertaken with recommendations presented at the July meeting.

Murray agreed to look at the possibility of hosting regular tournaments on BBO for interested youth players.

Regulations Committee

It was agreed that Murray would chair the Regulations Committee with the membership of that committee to be confirmed at a later date.

Online Surveys

Karen reported that a facility have been made available to NZ Bridge to conduct online surveys. The software we can have access to is available free of charge and

is more sophisticated than Survey Monkey allowing us the opportunity for more in-depth analysis.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

Next meeting Tues 4th July Tauranga