



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING

**Held at the Mt Maunganui Bridge Club Tuesday 4th July 2017
commencing at 10.00am**

PARTICIPATING: Alan Dormer (Chair), Karen Martelletti, Alan Turner, Jane Stearns, Greg Whitten, Allan Morris & Clare Coles (via Skype from midday to 1pm)

In Attendance Alister Stuck, National Secretary and Richard Solomon Bridge Development Officer.

Apologies Murray Wiggins, Chief Director.

WELCOME

Alan welcomed all to the meeting, in particular new Board Members Greg & Allan.

NOTING

Updated Task List and the Interest lists were reviewed and noted.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

- Board Meeting Minutes 27 May 2017
- National Conference Minutes 10 June 2017

Moved: that the Minutes of the Board meeting held 27 May 2017 & the National Conference held 10 June 2017 be confirmed.

(Alan T /Jane)

CARRIED 55/2017

Arising:

Subject to workload it was proposed that minutes would be published in draft rather than holding over until the following meeting. Ideally this to be actioned within two weeks following the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The offer of assistance with publicity on a remunerated basis was considered. It was agreed that this be deferred given the number of other projects on the table at present. Alan D to respond

Moved that the inwards correspondence be received.

(Allan / Karen)

CARRIED 56/2017

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- WB Region Minutes 17 March 2017
- WB Region Minutes 7 April 2017
- CD Conference Minutes 30 April 2017
- Wellington Region Minutes 2 May 2017
- TOTS Region Minutes 14 May 2017
- CD Region Minutes 19 May 2017
- TOTS Region Minutes 20 May 2017

Moved: that the minutes from Waikato Bays, Central Districts, Wellington & TOTS Regions be received.

(Alan D/ Karen)

CARRIED 57/2017

BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

P & L Report 31 May 2017 & Transaction Report

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

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

(Jane / Karen)

CARRIED 58/2017

International Committee - Minutes, NPC & Chef de Mission Reports

The International Committee Minutes, NPC and Chef de Mission reports were discussed having been circulated prior to the meeting. Jane advised that she had offered to set up a Blog so that the international Team members can be featured in the lead up to Lyon and items of interest posted during the event.

Moved: that the International Committee Minutes along with the NPC & Chef de Mission reports be received.

(Alan D / Alan T)

CARRIED 59/2017

Following a recommendation from the International Committee the following policy was agreed.

Moved: NZ Bridge has determined that it will not send teams to venues for which MFAT has advised against tourist and/or non-essential travel.

(Alan T / Karen)

CARRIED 60/2017

Tournament Taskforce Report

Moved that the Tournament Taskforce report be received.

(Jane / Alan T)

CARRIED 61/2017

Regional BDO's Proposal – Report

Moved that the Regional BDO proposal report be received.

(Jane / Alan T)

CARRIED 62/2017

Bridge Development Officers Report

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

It was agreed that proceeds from the NZ Wide Pairs event would go to the Foundation. It was also agreed that the entry fee be set at \$6.00 per person for 2017.

Moved: that the BDO report as circulated be received.

(Alan D/ Jane)

CARRIED 63/2017

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 64/2017

Congress & Possible New Bridge event

Richard and Jane presented their report following a meeting held recently in Auckland. It was agreed that Allan Morris & Richard would explore the proposal further including any opportunities to gain financial support for the Congress from the Hamilton City Council.

Marketing & Website Report

Karen briefed the meeting and is on target to roll the new platform out at the end of July. Club administrator details are to be collected.

The completion of the Clubs survey is ticking along with 40 completed returns to date and a number who have started but yet to finish. A reminder will be sent to those Clubs yet to commence the survey.

Moved that the Marketing and Website report be received.

(Karen / Alan T)

CARRIED 65/2017

Chief Director's Report

Murray's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Murray was unable to attend today's meeting due to work commitments. A number of Seminars outlining the revised WBF laws had been held to date. Material prepared for those seminars would be made available online once any additions etc had been made.

Moved: that the Chief Director's report as circulated be received.

(Alan D / Alan T)

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Disclosure - Board Reports

It was agreed that where possible an executive summary is to accompany all Board reports with the view to that summary being published with the Board minutes.

Resolutions- Remits to AGM to amend the constitution

In addition to the two remits arising from the National Conference the following were recommended by the Constitution Review group as interim changes pending a full review in 2018.

Moved: that the 4 remits listed below be recommended to the 2017 AGM.

Remit 1

The existing clause 18.10 to be replaced with the following:

18.10 The Board may at any time call a Special General Meeting of NZ Bridge by resolution specifying the remits or other business to be considered at such meeting.

18.11 The Board must call a Special General Meeting of NZ Bridge to be held within forty (40) days after the date of receiving a written request for such meeting from at least twenty percent (20%) of Affiliated Clubs. The written request must:

(a) Be signed on behalf of each Affiliated Club joining in the request by its Chairperson, or President, or Secretary or other office bearer, and

(b) Specify the remits or other business to be considered at such meeting.

18.12 Whenever a Special General Meeting of NZ Bridge is called thirty (30) days notice in writing of the date time and place of such meeting and of the business to be transacted shall be given by the Chief Executive and/or the Secretary to members of the Board, Regional Chairpersons and Affiliated Clubs and the provisions contained in Rules 18.2 to 18.8 shall apply as if such meeting be an AGM provided however that such meeting shall consider only such business as is set out in the notice of meeting.

Remit 2

Replace the word “unanimous” from existing clause 12.2 with “majority” so that it reads:

“12.2 Should the position of any other member of the Board become vacant such position may be filled at any time by appointment of a replacement by majority resolution of all remaining Board Members and such replacement

Board Member shall continue in office until expiration of the remainder of the original three-year term applicable to that vacancy.”

Remit 3

Insert a new sub-clause 18.9 (e) after the existing sub-clause 18.9 (d) and to re-number existing sub-clauses (e) & (f) to become (f) and (g) respectively.

“(e) to consider any Remit or proposed resolution put forward by any Affiliated Club and supported by not less than two Affiliated Clubs, of which notice in writing has been given by the Club to the Secretary at least 40 days prior to National Congress.”

Remit 4

Replace existing clause 18.9 (f) with:

“(f) to consider any general business raised on behalf of any Affiliated Club which that Club has given seven (7) days notice of to the secretary.

(Alan T / Alan D)

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Board Roles & Structure

Moved: that the following portfolios be established.

Portfolio	Person Responsible
Employment, Admin & Operations	Clare
Finance / Strategy	Greg, Clare
Relationship Mgmt. & Communications	Karen, Allan M
Education	Alan T
Bridge Development	Jane
International & National	Alan T
Regulations	Murray

(Alan D/ Clare)

CARRIED 68/2017

Strategic Plan

Following some minor amendments the draft document will be circulated to the Clubs and Regions for feedback. It is hoped that the final document will be ready to present at the AGM in September.

Youth Programme

Richard gave a brief update as to where the Youth programme was heading. It was noted that he would follow up with Murray regarding the proposal to run a youth tournament on BBO.

AGM

The Annual General meeting be held at the Distinction Hotel Hamilton, Saturday 30th September 2017 commencing at 9.00am. Alister will issue a preliminary notice of meeting to include details of the remits being proposed.

NZ Bridge Foundation

The meeting noted Allan Morris's resignation as chair of the Foundation following his appointment to the Board.

Moved: that John Wignall be appointed as Chair of the Foundation for a 2 year term.

(Alan D /Allan)

CARRIED 69/2017

It was agreed that the current Trustees look to recommend up to 3 further people to be appointed as Trustees.

Banking Arrangements:

Moved that Greg Whitten be added as a bank signatory.

(Alan D/ Karen)

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Volunteer Awards:

This item was raised at the recent National Conference and referred to the Board as to ways to enhance and promote the Awards scheme. It was agreed that the monthly awards be continued and that the programme be promoted further. Richard is to send out a further bulletin to Clubs and Alan D will mention in his next newsletter.

Zone 7 Rep WBF from 2019

The meeting noted John Wignall intention to stand down as the Zone 7 delegate to the WBF. It was agreed that NZ Bridge would endorse Bruce Neil's nomination to fill the vacancy when it occurs. Alan D to advise the ABF.

Possible World Bridge event 2021 Australia

It was noted that the ABF were looking at a proposal to host the Bowl events in Adelaide in 2021. It was agreed that in the event of them doing so, NZ Bridge would assist where possible. This however did not extend to any financial commitment.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

Next meeting dates:

Monday 7 th August 2017 4.30pm -	Zoom facility
Friday 29 th September 2017 6.30pm -	Distinction Hotel Hamilton
Saturday 30 th September 2017 9.00am	AGM Distinction Hotel Hamilton