

NZBridge

2017 AGM



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1. Welcome
2. Roll Call & Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes – 2016 AGM held 24th September 2016
4. Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2017
5. Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2017
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Remits from the Board & the National Conference
8. General Business
 - Presentations by Board members



Clare Coles



Strategy 2017 - 2020

Growing the Game of Bridge



Why do we need a strategic plan?

- Provide a common purpose for the board, regional committees and clubs
- Provide a framework for the annual business plan for the next three years (the Board member life cycle)
- Identify our key objectives to grow the game of bridge in NZ
- Prioritise these objectives
- Provide a reference document
- Keep us focused
- Measure how successful we have been



How has the plan come together

- The Arrowside Report
- The report on Consultation and Information sharing
- The NZB 2016/17 business plan



Our vision is to facilitate, maintain and grow the game of bridge in New Zealand.

Our Mission is to increase New Zealand bridge membership each year

Tactics

NZB administers, communicates, fosters and promotes the participation and enjoyment in the sport of bridge in New Zealand, by directly supporting affiliated clubs and NZB regions. This will be achieved by excellence in management and assistance with new technology, marketing and teaching material, Bridge Development Officers and administrative support.

1. The Board composition and function meet the needs of the NZ Bridge community

2. Come to know the bridge community and in turn ensure that the bridge community knows us

3. Provide a service to the bridge community that is relevant to its needs

4. Provide the framework for the bridge community to flourish and grow in the future

5. Be the conduit for participation in the International bridge community

6. Provide clear financial reporting that reflects NZB priorities

Values

Recognise and value the efforts of our volunteers

Be tolerant, respectful and courteous

Nurture and retain our new and existing players

Be fair and professional in all our dealings

Demonstrate honesty and integrity

Be consistent in decision-making and problem solving

Be open and accountable

Be receptive to new ideas and creative approach

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Low emphasis on international support

More emphasis on FUN!

We want high emphasis on club development and grass roots revitalisation

We need financial transparency

What did you say?

Bridge in NZ will be stronger if we all work towards common achievable goals in a reasonable timeframe

Resources for club directors.

Having international teams can enhance our public profile and provide a “feel good” experience when they do well.

Review regional committees

Strategy document

On NZB website from 1 October

Handout summary available at AGM

The logo for NZBridge, featuring the letters 'NZB' in a bold, red, sans-serif font, followed by 'ridge' in a black, serif font. A small black club symbol is positioned above the letter 'i'.

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Communications and Relationship Management

- Key Pillar
- Working together to ensure services are relevant and focused.
- Working together to ensure we grow the game in all facets.
- Have an open and transparent relationship.
- Connecting with the bridge community- clubs, regions, players.



Current Initiatives

- Website
- Notes from the Chair
- Regional Meetings
- National Regional Conference
- Annual General Meeting
- Board minutes
- Communications from the Secretary



New Initiatives

- Enhanced Website
- Consultative Documents
- Board Access
- Progress Reporting



Other Actions

- Social Media
- Advertisers and Advertising
- Focus Groups and Volunteers
- Sponsors
- Raising the status of the game



Jane Stearns



BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT

JANE STEARNS





TWO MAIN PROJECTS

REGIONAL BRIDGE MATES

TOURNAMENT AND GRADINGS REVIEW TASKFORCE



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RBM

Proposal to the Board in April

Board agreed proposal go to Regions for consideration and feedback in May

Proposal was presented at National Conference in June

Proposal was sent to clubs for consideration and feedback in July

Notified clubs deadline extended for their feedback to 7 August encouraged them to give their view and advised if we did not hear from them we would assume they were content to allow NZB to make its decision without their input



FEEDBACK FROM CLUBS

The Concept

- 49 clubs responded in total
- 37 in favour of project concept
- 8 did not agree with the project concept
- 4 were neutral

Funding

- 21 preferred mix NZB/Region/Player pay option
- 8 preferred NZB pays all option
- 2 preferred NZB/Region or NZB/Player pay option
- 1 preferred part-time paid manager and voluntary RBMs
- 1 preferred use of existing personnel from existing resources
- 8 neutral
- 8 clubs against concept – gave no preference



RBM's

- Decision taken by Board on 7 August to proceed with project
- Further work and considerations on financial aspect following feedback
- Any club feedback received after 7 August taken into account on the funding aspect
- Decision taken by Board on 7 September as to funding project



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RBM

- NZB and Regions funding project from reserves for first year.
- Clubs receiving direct help providing funds for expenses where affordable
- Review after one year – consider whether player contribution for second year
- Contracts for RBMs advertised and 7 RBMs found – one for each Region



RBM's - NI



JAN FRANCE
Royle Epsom
AUCKLAND/NORTHLAND



EUNICE ECCLES
Cambridge
WAIKATO/BAYS



DENISE OHLEN
Taradale
CENTRAL DISTRICTS



RBM's - SI



RAY CURNOW
Westport
TOTS



RICHARD WILLIAMS
Crockfords
CANTERBURY



SUSANNAH PINCKNEY
Winton
OTAGO/SOUTHLAND



TOURNAMENT AND GRADING TASKFORCE



GILES HANCOCK



RONA DRISCOLL



JANE STEARNS



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RICHARD SOLOMON
Bridge Development
Officer NZB



KATE TERRY
Marketing Guru



MURRAY WIGGINS
Chief Director NZB



ALISTER STUCK
Secretary NZB



TIMELINE OF WORK

- Inherited piece of work
- Re-formed the group – April/May
- Read all the previous information on the group – April/May
- Agreed a planned way forward - May
- Preparing a survey to go to all players June – October
- Survey to go to members -November



TIMELINE OF WORK

- Dec 2017 – Feb 2018 – Analysing the results and considering options
- March 2018 – Discussions and formulating recommendations for Board
- April 2018 – Report and recommendations to the Board by 30.4.18
- End May 2018 – If recommendations approved by Board – present at National Conference June 2018
- June 2018 – If Regions approve – recommendations and report sent to clubs



TIMELINE OF WORK

- July 2018 – August 2018 – Consider feedback from clubs
- September 2018 – Final recommendations following consultation
- November 2018 – If Board approves final recommendations – any changes to GRADINGS implemented for 2019 season
- November 2018 – April 2019 – Implementation of any changed tournament schedule into 2020 timetable – club liaison



TIMELINE OF WORK

- April 2019 – Quarterly review of gradings changes
- June 2019 – Quarterly review of gradings changes and finalise 2021 tournament schedule
- 2020 – watching brief – monitor quarterly impact of gradings and new tournament changes
- 2021 – watching brief – monitor quarterly impact of new tournament schedule
- December 2021 – Sign off project if all working well



Karen Martelletti



Tournament entries

Some clubs have already started to use this option. Waikato Bays are encouraging all their clubs to use this facility. Canterbury next ?

- = no duplication and mistakes by creating a tournament list on their websites.
- = additional information can be added, such as start times, sponsors, meals and prizes etc
- = a player entering will get an email of confirmation and can see all events entered under MY NZB
- = clubs can download a list of entries into Excel
- = other players can see entries
- = Directors and scorers can view entries any time to help with their planning.



Masterpoints

- Most clubs are now up and running with results and Masterpoints uploading within 10 minutes of the event being completed.
- We have had great support from Martin Oyston, Bob Fearn and Peter Busch, providers of scoring packages that are integrated with the new process.
- Some teething problems, but minor. Not unexpected and many have now been fixed.
- Great feedback from clubs and players, especially when they can view their Masterpoints so quickly after an event (particularly tournaments)
- Some improvements have been identified and many will be implemented as time and money allows.
- Watch for Masterpoints from Congress sessions loading soon after play (*maybe a day or so for final ladders, but not weeks like in the past*)



Membership

- Clubs like the ability to add or remove players as and when they happen.
- Players transferring from one club to another will be notified by email if they are registered on the NZB website and the new club will also receive an email informing them of their new member.
- Overseas players for Congress are added immediately their entry has been placed.



Other stuff...

- Good data will now allow us to design useful reports on players, club numbers, player movement, results etc.
- Good data will allow us to target sponsorship deals with suitable companies
- In future, we could design a national handicap system, based on results collected nation wide.





We have had a lot of constructive feedback
- thank you, they are appreciated

Special thanks to Chris Marshall for your comments...

“We ran our first Tournaments over the weekend; Picton Pairs on Saturday and TOTS Inter-club Teams on Sunday. The software all worked perfectly with no issues. Take it from one who worked in the Technology Industry for over 20 years, whilst in gainful employment, a smooth implementation such as this is not easily achieved without good planning and management.

Congratulations on a job well done”

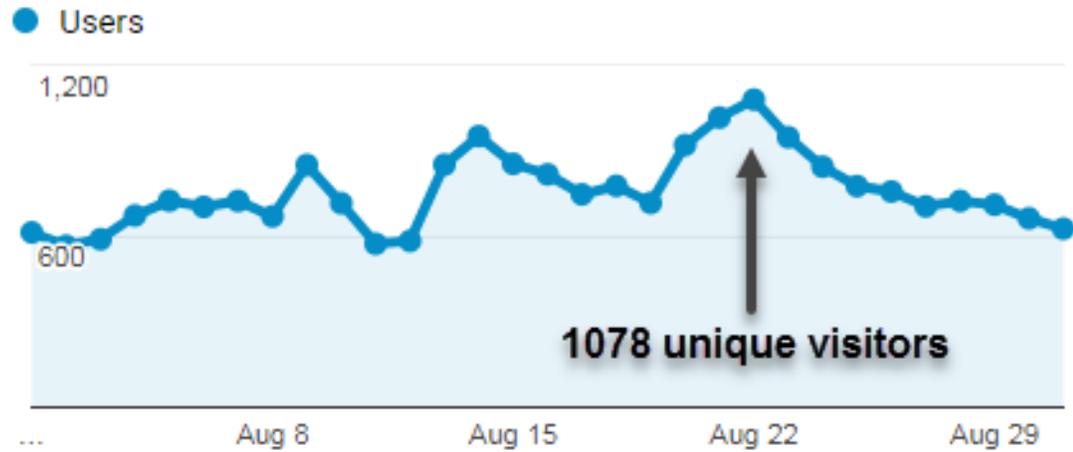


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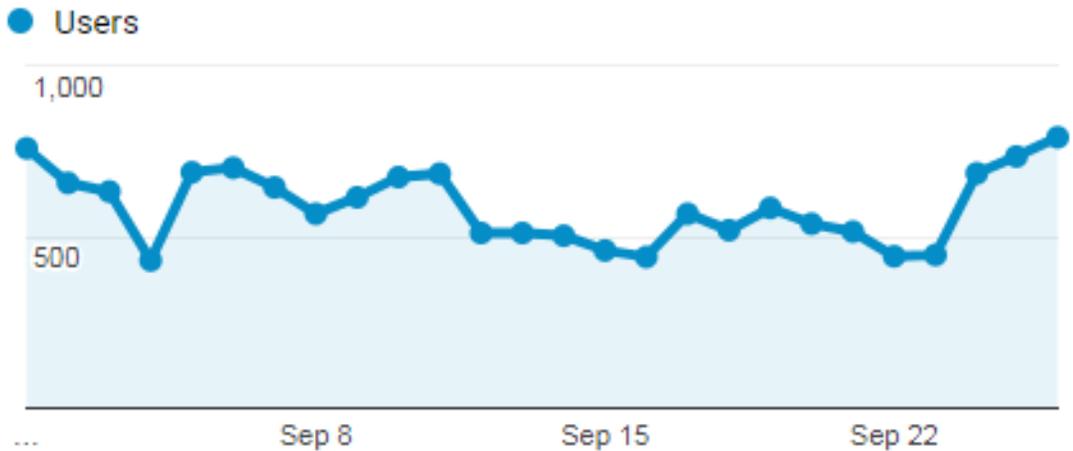
- eTheory of Palmerston North who were the developers. Their patience, understanding of NZB requirements and website design knowledge has helped us get to where we have today.
- Scoring software providers: Martin Oyston, Bob Fearn and Peter Busch.
- Chris Jared for his help with shifting the database across to the new platform.
- Anthony Hopkins who bought it all together
- Richard Solomon, Murray Wiggins, Alister Stuck, Gwyn Lobb, Nola Eldridge and Judy Butler who provided us with feedback on NZB system requirements.



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Alan Turner



The Constitution Review

- Clauses 6.2 & 6.4

These are transitional Clauses suggest they be removed.

- Clause 9.4

Limitation of 3x3 Terms. Review so as to let the member Clubs decide by way of elections rather than an enforced stand-down.

- Clause 10

Review and consider amending so that the Chairperson is selected from amongst the board members by the members of the Board rather than by way of a separate election.



The Constitution Review

- Clause 12.2

Filling of a causal vacancy on the Board. Suggest amendment to read “majority” decision of the board rather than unanimous decision

- Clause 13

Transitional Provisions. Purpose long since served. Suggest this clause be removed.

- Clause 16

Regional Committees. Discuss structure with Regions at the National Conference. Review need for Annual Regional Conferences.



The Constitution Review

- Clause 17

National Conference. Review the process for enabling remits to be presented at the AGM. Consider a direct line from Clubs to the Board for that purpose.

- Clause 18

Annual Meeting. Clause 18.9 (f) Review to enable Member Clubs to have general business items tabled and discussed at the AGM

- Clause 18.10

Review to enable Clubs to call for a SGM under certain circumstances.



The Constitution Review

- Clause 21

Consider moving the annual balance date to 31 Dec each year which coincides with the playing year.

- Clause 27

Review this Clause to ensure that it is working and is fair to all parties.

- Clause 36

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