



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED  
Commencing at 9.00 am on  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 at the  
Distinction Hotel, Hamilton**

**PRESENT NZ Bridge Board** – Allan Morris (Acting Chair), Karen Martelletti, Alan Turner, Jane Stearns, Clare Coles & Greg Whitten.

**Secretary of NZ Bridge** - Alister Stuck

**Chief Director** - Murray Wiggins

**Authorised Delegates**

Alan Dick (Rotorua), Anne Barrowclough (Auckland), Maurice Carter (Picton), Brad Johnston (Otago), Brian Gallaher (Waikato), Colin Carryer (New Plymouth), Dave Brewer (Wanaka), Geoff Norris (Rangiora), Mike Neels (Cambridge), Jenny Wilkinson (Akaroa), Lindsay Reid (Hamilton), Marilyn Jackson (Invercargill), Garry Chen (Akarana), Mary Buckland (Ashburton & Geraldine), Kay Nicholas (Timaru), Michelle England (Gisborne), Mindy Wu (Wellington), Neil Beckett (Papatoetoe), John Skipper (Christchurch), Brett Glass (Huntly), Jenny Cooper (Golden Bay), Allan Joseph (Kairangi), Pam Hancox (Karori), Richard Bland (Whangarei), Robin Young (Marlborough), Stuart McKinley (Taupo), Linda Osborne (Whakatane), Kate Terry (Tauranga), Rona Driscoll (Te Puke, Waihi, Omokoroa & Putaruru), Steve Gray (Richmond), Sue Brown (Kerikeri), Richard Andrew (Howick),

**Proxies / Board Members representing Clubs**

Alister Stuck (Royle Epsom) & (Palmerston North),  
Karen Martelletti (Mt Maunganui)

**Observers**

Jan Spaans, Trish Downward, Deborah Tangney, Lynne Fegan, Sandra Calvert, Graham Wakefield, Alan Geare, Heini Lux, Russell Wilson, Derek Evennett, Sandy Regan, Keith Nicholas, Craig Shannahan & Les Gould.

## WELCOME

The Chairman, Allan Morris, welcomed all those present at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Bridge Incorporated. Allan advised that the current board wished its predecessors well and thank them for their endeavours. The Board had moved on from the angst of the previous term and was working collaboratively to take the organisation forward.

## APOLOGIES

Alan Dormer, Fergus More, Angela Royle, David Macdonald, Anna Kalma, Hutt Bridge Club, Geraldine Bridge Club & Richard Solomon

Moved that the apologies be accepted.

(Allan Morris / Brett Glass)

**CARRIED**

## MINUTES of the 2016 AGM

Moved subject to a minor spelling correction that the minutes as previously circulated be taken as read.

(Richard Bland / Alan Dick)

**CARRIED**

## ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31 March 2017

Moved that the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2017 be adopted.

(Allan Morris / Sue Brown)

**CARRIED**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2017**

Greg Whitten spoke briefly to the Audited Financial Statements.

Moved that the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 as presented be adopted.

(Greg Whitten / Robin Young)

**CARRIED**

## APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Moved that David Macdonald be appointed as Auditor for the 2017/2018 year.

(Allan Morris / Alan Turner)

**CARRIED**

## GENERAL BUSINESS

- Remits from the Board- Constitution Changes

Allan Morris introduced Russell Wilson who outlined the Constitution Review

working group's brief and its work done to date. The working group had drafted four "quick fix changes", which after some amendments are on the table for consideration at this AGM. The working group will look to have a full review of the constitution in time for any changes to be presented at the 2018 AGM. In addition to the four remits sponsored by the Board, a further two emanated from the 2017 National Conference.

#### **Remit 1**

*Moved 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.*

(Alan Morris / Alan Dick)

**CARRIED**

#### **Remit 2**

*Moved 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."*

(Allan Morris John Skipper)

**CARRIED**

#### **Remit 3**

*Moved to 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."*

(Allan Morris /Sue Brown)

The following amendments were put to the meeting:

*Amendment 1*

Moved that the word "other" be inserted between the words "two" and "affiliated", so that the amended Remit reads as follows:

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

(Stuart McKinley / Brett Glass)

**AMENDMENT LOST**

*Amendment 2*

Moved that the word "initiating" be inserted between the words "the" and "Club" so that the amended Remit reads as follows:

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 initiating Club to the Secretary at least 40 days prior to the National Congress."

(Stuart McKinley / Alan Dick)

**AMENDMENT LOST**

*Amendment 3*

Moved that the words "National Congress" be replaced with the words "the Annual General Meeting" so that the amended remit reads as follows:

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 the Annual General Meeting.

(Stuart McKinley)

**LOST DUE TO LACK OF A SECONDER**

The original motion was then put to the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**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 to the secretary.*

*(Allan Morris / Brett Glass)*

The following amendment was put to the meeting:

*Amendment 4*

Moved that existing clause 18.9 (f) be retained as clause 18.9 (g), and the new clause be numbered 18.9 (f) so that the amended remit reads as follows:

Renumber existing clause 18.9 (f) as 18.9 (g) and insert the following new clause as clause 18.9 (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."

(Stuart McKinley)

**LOST DUE TO LACK OF A SECONDER**

The original motion was then put to the meeting

**CARRIED**

### **From the National Conference**

#### **Remit 1**

Moved that the following words be added to the first sentence of Rule 18.10 of the Constitution of New Zealand Bridge Incorporated:

..and shall be obliged to convene a General Meeting of NZ Bridge within forty (40) days of the date of receiving a written request for such meeting, from not less than twenty percent (20%) of members.

**LOST**

#### **Remit 2**

Moved that rule 17.7 be amended as follows:

Voting at Conference shall be by show of hands among members of the Board and Regional Chairpersons (or their alternate) present on that occasion, notwithstanding the forgoing, voting on remits shall be by show of hands by the regional delegates only.

**CARRIED**

Other:

Michelle England apologised for her late arrival and asked to make a brief comment regarding the Chairman's report adopted earlier in the meeting. Michelle expressed her disappointment that the chairman did not acknowledge or thank Richard Solomon, Alister Stuck, Alan Turner and Murray Wiggins. Michelle asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to them for their work and commitment to the organisation during what was a very difficult time.

Alan Dick thanked the Board for their efforts and for the direction in which they have taken the organisation in a short time.

#### ▪ Closure

There being no further business Allan Morris, thanked the Delegates and Observers for their attendance and which those who were staying on for the National Congress a pleasant week.

The Chair closed the formal part of the meeting at 10.10 am after which a number of informal presentations were made. A copy of the relevant information is posted on the Website.

Allan Morris  
Jane Stearns  
Clare Coles  
Karen Martelletti

The way forward  
Regional Bridge Mates Project  
Strategic Plan  
Website & Masterpoint Upgrade

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