



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held via Zoom linkup on Sunday 21st January 2018 commencing at 2.00pm

PARTICIPATING: Alan Dormer (Chair) until 2.15pm, Karen Martelletti, Alan Turner, Jane Stearns, Allan Morris & Clare Coles

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

Apologies Greg Whitten

WELCOME

Alan welcomed all to the meeting. At this point Alan confirmed his resignation from the Board which was accepted with much regret.

Alister took the Chair and outlined the procedure for appointing an interim Chairperson to hold office until the next election cycle determined in rule 12.1.

Moved that Allan Morris (sole nominee) be appointed as interim Chairperson as per rule 12.1

(Karen/ Clare)

CARRIED 001/2018

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 17 November 2017

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meetings held 17 November 2017 be confirmed.

(Jane/Karen)

CARRIED 002/2018

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items received prior to the meeting were tabled and discussed.

From Richard Solomon Re NZB Foundation (Allan M to follow-up)

From Murray Wiggins re Masterpoint Platform (Deferred to Board Reports Segment)

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Minutes from the following Regions were circulated prior to the meeting:

- CD Region Minutes 27 Oct 20117
- Auckland Nthland Region Minutes 10 Sept 2017
- TOTS Region Minutes 17 Nov 2017

Jane to contact Sue Brown regarding possible candidates to join the Auckland Northland Regional Committee.

Moved: that the Minutes from Auckland Northland, Central Districts & TOTS Regions be received.

(Alan T/ Karen)

CARRIED 003/2018

BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES

P & L Reports - 1 November 2017 to 31 December 2017

The P & L reports for the months Nov & Dec 2017 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the Financial Report be received.

Richard agreed make adjustments to the grouping Congress line items. Alister noted to update the report to include YTD to actuals

(Allan M /Clare)

CARRIED 004/2018

Bridge Development Officer's Report

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

The Cinema Advert campaign has been formalised for Feb/mar 2018 and a feedback form for new recruits designed to gauge the effectiveness of the campaign.

Moved: that the BDO report as circulated be received.

(Clare/Jane)

CARRIED 005/2018

Youth Programme (Allan M & Richard)

Allan M and Richard reported briefly on the meeting held recently in Auckland. A formal report to be tabled at the next meeting detailing the forward plan and an agreed division of duties and areas of responsibility.

Interprovincials 2017

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

It was agreed that the Auckland Club in conjunction with the Auckland Northland Region be appointed to host the 2018 Interprovincials at the end of November.

It was also agreed that Richard would canvas the Regions and Players regarding the current format of the Interprovincials. Feedback to be tabled in time for this matter to be workshopped at the National Conference in June 2018. Any possible changes including a return to 6 person Teams, and holding the event in conjunction with the National Congress would take place from 2019 and beyond.

Moved: that Richard's Report be received.
(Jane/Clare)

CARRIED 006/2018

International Committee

Minutes of a meeting held 15th Dec 2017 along with the NPC and Chef de Mission reports for the Lyon campaign were circulated prior to the meeting.

Jane expressed concern that the Committee had deferred discussion on her recommendations to the next meeting.

Jane asked that the International Committee be asked to provide a work plan to the Board after their April meeting covering off the following areas including details of how these are to be achieved, by whom and in what timeframe.

- target events
- selection methods /criteria to be applied
- performance expectations
- media plans
- fundraising plans (grant applications/sponsorship)
- draft new contracts for players undertaking international duty

Moved: that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held 15 Dec 2017 and the NPC Reports and recommendations be received.
(Alan T/ Jane)

CARRIED 007/2018

Masterpoint Platform Update

Karen presented an update of where things lay and covered off a number off the concerns raised by Murray Wiggins. It was agreed that the priority was to fix errors and get the basics working rather than further development.

Alister and Karen to meet in Tauranga on Friday Jan 26th to review the outstanding/incomplete items.

Moved: that Karen's Report be received.
(Karen/Clare)

CARRIED 008/2018

Operations Report

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

Moved: that the operations report as circulated be received.

(Allan M /Jane)

CARRIED 009/2018

Chief Director's Report

Murray's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Murray is to review the exam offering so that the programme offered for 2018 can be promulgated to Clubs & Regions ASAP. It was likely that the Tournament level papers would be withdrawn in favour of a part online part practical session offering late in 2018.

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

(Allan M / Alan T)

CARRIED 010/2018

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Greymouth Bridge Club

The meeting noted with delight the decision of the Greymouth Bridge Club to re-affiliate with NZ Bridge.

Moved that the Greymouth Bridge Club be affiliated with NZ Bridge and domiciled on the TOTS Region.

(Jane/Karen)

CARRIED 011/2018

Membership - TOTS Regional Committee

Moved: that Pam Whitehead of Kaikoura be appointed to the TOTS Regional Committee.

(Jane/Allan M)

CARRIED 012/2018

Delegates – Zone 7 Council Meeting

Moved: that Allan Morris & Murray Wiggins be appointed as the NZ Bridge Delegates to the Zone 7 Council meeting scheduled for 19th Feb 2018 at Broadbeach.

(Alan T/ Karen)

CARRIED 013/2018

Facebook Promotion

It was agreed that an online meeting be scheduled to workshop the enhancement and promotion of our Facebook offering. Alister, Richard, Jane, Karen & Anna Kalma to participate.

Board Elections

Allan Morris briefed the meeting following a recent review undertaken by him and Alan Dormer. It was the firm recommendation that the measures taken by the previous Board at the last election were unnecessary. On that basis the Secretary was asked to revert to procedures in place pre 2017 and carry out his duties as returning officer on that basis.

Election Scrutineers

Moved: that Dr Alan Doddridge & Mr Ross Hadwin be appointed (subject to their approval) to be appointed as Scrutineers for the 2018 Board elections.

(Allan M/Alan T)

CARRIED 014/2018

Nominations- Chairperson

It was agreed that the appropriate paperwork be drafted and distributed to Clubs & Regions seeking nominations for the position of Chairperson for a 3 year term commencing from 1 April 2018)

Regional Bridge Mates

Jane confirmed the appointment of Sonia Gill of Timaru to the position of RBM for the Canterbury Region. Maureen Sheldon would commence duties in the Wellington Region at the end of Jan 2018.

WBF Policy – Changes to Seniors Age

The following information was tabled by the International Committee with a recommendation that the Board implement this change to senior's age criteria to apply to International selections, Congress events and the Interprovincials:

*In order to participate in WBF Senior Championships and events, players must reach the age of 65** during the calendar year of the event in question. But see the timescale below for the implementation of this revised regulation:*

19 August 2017: The WBF Executive Council decided to raise the age requirement for senior players to 65 over the next 8 years in accordance with the following schedule:

- *Thus from 1st January 2018, a Senior player must be aged 61 in the year of the Championship in which he is going to play*
- *On 1st January 2020 this will be raised to 62 years of age*

- *On 1st January 2022 it will be raised to 63 years of age*
- *On 1st January 2024 it will be raised to 64 years of age*
- *On 1st January 2026 it will be raised to 65 years of age*

Moved: that the changes outlined above be adopted with immediate effect.

(Alan T/ Karen)

CARRIED 015/2018

Murray and Richard to advise Clubs, Regions, and update the Manual & Website references to seniors age criteria.

Tournament & Gradings Review Survey

Jane reported that approx 1500 responses were received and that the information is being tabulated. A summary of the findings will be circulated in due course.

Strategic Plan

It was agreed that the Strategic Plan would be formally reviewed at the April meeting with emphasis on reporting progress with the various activities in the plan.

Establishment- Remuneration Committee

Moved: that a Remuneration Committee be established comprising the following members: Clare Coles, Allan Morris & Greg Whitten.

(Clare/Alan M)

CARRIED 016/2018

The meeting closed at 4.50pm

Next meeting dates:

13 March 2018	5pm	Zoom Link
8 April 2018	9.am	Wellington