



**MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Held via Zoom linkup on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 commencing at 4.15pm**

**PARTICIPATING:** Allan Morris (Chair), Karen Martelletti, Alan Turner until 5.37pm, Jane Stearns, Clare Coles & Greg Whitten

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

**Apologies** Murray Wiggins

**WELCOME**

Allan welcomed all to the meeting congratulating Karen Martelletti on being re-elected to the Board for a further 3 year term. Allan then acknowledged Alan Turner who was attending his last meeting prior to his term ending as at 31 March 2018. Allan thank Alan for all of the work he had undertaken over a number of years. To conclude this segment Allan recorded congratulations to John Skipper the other successful candidate in the recent elections who will join the Board from 1 April 2018.

**NOTING**

Updated Task List and the Interest lists were reviewed and noted. A number of items were able to be removed from the task list.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

- Board Meeting Minutes 21 Jan 2018

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meetings held 21 January 2018 be confirmed.

(Karen/Clare)

**CARRIED 017/2018**

*Matters Arising:*

It was noted that the Remuneration Committee had met recently and completed a review of the officers' remuneration effective from 1 April 2018

In the absence of the updated Regulations it was agreed that the seniors age criteria would be interpreted as follows:

A player will qualify to contest seniors events (International, Interprovincials & Congress) as long as they turn 61 at any time during the calendar year in which the said event is held.

## **REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

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| • Wellington Region Minutes       | 15 Aug 2017 |
| • Auckland Nthland Region Minutes | 19 Nov 2017 |
| • Waikato Bays Region Minutes     | 29 Oct 2017 |
| • Canterbury Region Minutes       | 3 Dec 2017  |
| • CD Region Minutes               | 19 Jan 2018 |
| • TOTS Region Minutes             | 27 Jan 2018 |

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

(Karen/ Clare)

**CARRIED 018/2018**

### *Matters Arising:*

It was suggested that rather than uploading tournament flyers to the Website host Clubs use the free format space to record the appropriate event details.

It was also noted that the frequency of Regional Conferences would be discussed at the July conference.

## **BOARD REPORTS & MEETING MINUTES**

### **P & L Reports - 1 January 2018 to 28 February 2018**

The P & L reports for the months Jan and Feb 2018 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the Financial Report be received.

(Greg/ Karen)

**CARRIED 019/2018**

### *Matter Arising:*

Alan reminded those present to submit all budget requests to Alister so that the draft for the year to 31 March 2019 can be reviewed and finalised.

### **Bridge Development Officer's Report**

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

Moved: that the BDO report as circulated be received.

(Allan M/Jane)

**CARRIED 0202018**

#### *Matters Arising:*

It was agreed that Richard would refer the sister city proposal to the Waikato Bays Region.

### **Congress Committee Minutes and P & L Report**

Minutes from the Congress meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and the P & L Report for the 2017 Congress were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the minutes of the meeting held 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and the P & L Report for the 2017 Congress be received.

(Alan/Clare)

**CARRIED 020/2018**

#### *Matters Arising:*

The meeting noted the resignation of John Evitt from the Congress Committee. John had served on this Committee since 1986 the year the inaugural Congress was held in Rotorua. It was noted that the Congress Committee would be formally acknowledging John's contribution the meeting unanimously recorded a vote of thanks to him.

### **Bridge Development Report – Jane Stearns**

Jane spoke to her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Given the time constraints it was agreed that a number of the items raised in Janes report would be revisited at the face to face meeting scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Moved: that the Bridge Development Report be received.

(Jane/ Clare)

**CARRIED 022/2018**

### **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 023/2018**

### **Masterpoint Platform Update**

Karen presented an update of where things lay and summarised the areas yet to be completed.

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

**CARRIED 024/2018**

### *Matters Arising:*

It was agreed that Karen would investigate the ability to better gauge the visitor counts to various points on the Website. While details for page visits can be obtained it was agreed that it would be helpful to be able to drill down and obtain statistics for articles posted.

## **OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

### **Appointment- Constitution Review Working Party**

Moved that Tony Thomson of Wellington be appointed to the Constitution Review Working Party.

(Alan M/Karen)

**CARRIED 025/2018**

### **Personnel Changes- NZ Bridge Foundation**

Moved: that Alister Stuck be appointed as Secretary to the NZ Bridge Foundation

(Alan T /Greg)

**CARRIED 026/2018**

It was noted also that following his election to the Board John Skipper will resign as a Foundation Trustee effecting 31 March 2018.

To assist the Foundation it was agreed that the Board would call for expressions of interest from interested parties to fill this vacancy and boost the number of trustees. Alister & Clare to draft a suitable Bulletin to the effect.

### **Facebook Promotion**

Following the recent workshop a programme to increase the traffic on our Facebook page was implemented.

It was also agreed that the current "Social Media" policy document be withdrawn and replaced with a document outlining our "Social Media Best Practices". Karen to format the document prior to its release to Clubs and Regions and made available on the Website and our Facebook page.

### **Policy- Support for Refugees**

Jane briefed the meeting as to a project to offer Bridge to Refugees many of whom arrive in New Zealand with little or no resources. There is a project in the Hamilton

area whereby the Hamilton Bridge Club is offering free membership to new players who have official refugee status

Moved: That the levy for such players be waived on application to the Secretary of NZ Bridge and that this concession be available for a 2 year period.

**CARRIED 027/2018**

The meeting closed at 6.40pm

Next meeting dates:

8 April 2018	9.30 am	Wellington
15 July 2018	10.00am	National Conference Wellington
17 July 2018	4.00pm	Zoom link up