



**MINUTES OF  
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE INCORPORATED  
Commencing at 9.00 am on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018  
at the Distinction Hotel, Hamilton**

**PRESENT NZ Bridge Board** – Allan Morris Chair, Karen Martelletti, Jane Stearns, Clare Coles, Greg Whitten, Anne Barrowclough & John Skipper.

**Secretary of NZ Bridge** – Alister Stuck

**Bridge Development Officer** – Richard Solomon

**Authorised Delegates**

Alan Geare (Otago), Robin Young (Marlborough), Mary Buckland (Ashburton), Kate Terry (Tauranga), Les Gould (Wanganui), Sue Brown (Kerikeri), Ed Roggeveen (Picton), Steve Gray (Nelson & Richmond), Rona Driscoll (Taupo), Mairi Fitzsimons Geoff Norris (Rangiora), Tereska Knapp (Wellington), Brett Glass (Huntly), Ray Curnow (Westport), Nick Cantlon (Te Awamutu), Marilyn Jackson (Invercargill), Lynne Fegan (Wanaka), Dot Rapley (Timaru), Jan Whyte (Palmerston North), Mike Neels (Cambridge), Richard Bland (Whangarei), Lindsay Reid (Hamilton) & Pam Hancox (Karori).

**Proxies / Board Members representing Clubs**

Alister Stuck (Hokowhitu & Royle Epsom), John Skipper (Christchurch), Anne Barrowclough (Auckland), Karen Martelletti (Mt Maunganui), Rona Driscoll (Tokoroa, Omokoroa, Te Puke, Thames & Katikati).

**Observers**

Jan Spaans, Nigel Gresson, Craig Shannaghan, David Brewer, Akan Dick, Bev Gay, Bridget Hannaway-Wilcox, Paul Maxwell, Alan Joseph, Trish Bruce Inglis & Carolyn Wood.

## **WELCOME**

Allan Morris, welcomed everyone to the meeting and paid particular thanks to former Board Member Alan Turner whose 9 year tenure ended in March 2018 and to Alan Dormer who retired 9 months into his term due to ill health. Alan then introduced the Members of the Board and Officers and outlined the programme for the meeting.

## **APOLOGIES**

Angela Royle, David Macdonald, Murray Wiggins, Mark Hangartner, Kris Wooles, Derek Evennett & Te Puke Bridge Club.

**Moved** – "That the apologies be accepted."

Sue Brown / Richard Bland

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES of the 2017 AGM**

**Moved** – "That the Minutes as previously circulated (subject to a minor spelling correction) be adopted."

Rona Driscoll / Anne Barrowclough

**CARRIED**

## **MATTERS ARISING 2017 AGM MINUTES**

Alan Morris advised that the Constitution Review Project would be covered later in the meeting.

## **ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31 March 2018**

**Moved** – "That the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2018 be adopted."

Allan Morris / Kate Terry

**CARRIED**

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

Greg Whitten summarised the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 focusing on the good result that had been achieved.

**Moved** – "That the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 as presented be adopted."

Greg Whitten / Brett Glass

**CARRIED**

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

**Moved** – "That David Macdonald be appointed as Auditor for the 2018 / 2019 year."

John Skipper / Clare Coles

**CARRIED**

## **CONSTITUTION REVIEW UPDATE**

John Skipper lead this segment and provided an outline of the work achieved to date and the Working Party's schedule to complete this project in time for the 2019 AGM. A copy of the Power-Point presentation is annexed to these Minutes.

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Allan Morris introduced this segment on behalf of the Board as sponsors of the recommendation to the AGM to confer Honorary Life Memberships to Alan Turner and Robin Young. Allan provided a summary of the contribution that both Nominees had made to Bridge at all levels over many years.

**Moved** "That Messrs.' Alan Turner and Robin Young be granted Honorary Life Membership of NZ Bridge Inc."

Allan Morris / Greg Whitten

**CARRIED**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Sue Brown shared the news with the meeting that current International, Mathew Brown, had been awarded "Blues" Award by the University of Auckland for his Bridge successes.

## **CLOSURE**

There being no further business Allan Morris closed the formal part of the meeting at 9.37am and thanked the Delegates & Observers for their attendance and wished those who were staying on for the Congress a successful week.

## **INFORMAL PRESENTATIONS**

At this point two informal presentations were made.

1. Alister Stuck gave a brief update about improvements to the new Master Point platform. The issues with Master Point Invoices have recently been resolved and the Delegates were asked to thank their Clubs for their patience while those issues had been worked through. Alister advised that the Club Administrators can select from. Invoices would return to a quarterly cycle for the time being. This was to ensure that there was sufficient time between cycles to identify and remedy any issues.  
  
The second point Alister covered related to the various membership categories that the Club Administrators can select from. It is likely in the near future that a number will be suspended and / or only be accessible centrally.
2. Jane Stearns led the second presentation sharing a snapshot of the membership and participation increases achieved during the year of the Regional Bridge Mate trial. The results achieved to date and the indicators for the current year look very positive. A copy of Jane's presentation is annexed to these Mi