



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held via Zoom Link up Tuesday 20th January 2020 commencing at
4.00pm

PARTICIPATING: Allan Morris (Chair), John Skipper Clare Coles & Anne Barrowclough, Karen Martelletti & Greg Whitten

In Attendance: Richard Solomon, Manager Major Events & Bridge Education & Alister Stuck, National Secretary.

Apologies: Murray Wiggins

WELCOME

Allan welcomed all to the meeting.

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.

1. Board Meeting Minutes 26th November 2019

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 26th November 2019 be confirmed
(John/Clare) **CARRIED 001/2020**

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

1. Central Districts Region Minutes 6th Dec 2019

Moved: that the meeting minutes from Central Districts Region be received.
(Allan/Karen) **CARRIED 002/2020**

Matters Arising:

Item 13 should be amended as any changes would be implemented well under 3 years.

BOARD REPORTS

Finance

The P & L reports for the months of Nov & Dec 2019 & the P & L Report year to date were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the P & L reports for Nov & Dec & the P & L Report year to date be received.

(Greg/Anne)

CARRIED 003/2020

Matters Arising:

It was agreed to look at an alternative funding model for the regions moving away from quarterly bulk funding to a budget based model. Allan and Alister to draft a suitable bulletin to the Regions outlining the changes.

Operations Report

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(John/Greg)

CARRIED 004/2020

Teachers Group Minutes

Minutes for the teachers group meeting held 25th-27th Nov 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 17th & 18th February 2020 in Christchurch.

Moved: that the minutes for the teachers group meeting held 25th- 27th Nov 2019 be received.

(Karen/Allan)

CARRIED 005/2020

Regional Committee Review Group

Meeting notes from the Regional Committee review group meeting held 20th Nov 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting. Noted first meeting was a general discussion and opportunity to talk generally. Follow up work was being done online in preparation for the next meeting.

Moved: that the minutes for the Regional Committee review group meeting held 20th Nov 2019 be received.

(Karen/Anne)

CARRIED 006/2020

International Committee

Minutes of the International Committee meeting held 1st Dec 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the International Committee meeting minutes be received.

(John/Karen)

CARRIED 007/2020

Manager – Major Events & Bridge Education

Richard's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that Richards report be received.

(Allan/John)

CARRIED 008/2020

Marketing Committee Report

Anne provided an update as to the project work underway.

This included a meeting with Hayley McClarin about the NZB website which was not intuitive for those new to the game of bridge nor would appeal to those not yet playing.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Regional Bridge Mates

Allan reported that he has not had a response to the offer for a RBM in the Northland area. Programme with those RBM's in place to continue while the regional review took place as this is likely to influence the future position description of RBMs. The Board noted that we need a tight timeframe for the review so there is not too long a gap. Meanwhile if there is any application for a RBM role, Clare offered to interview applicants.

NZB Forums- Monitoring

Item deferred.

NZ Bridge Manual

Alister, John and Anne reported that the drafting of sections A, C and E have been completed. Murray to review the sections, especially the comments and combine the sections in readiness for printing.

Health & Safety

The Board advised that there were no new Health and Safety issues to report.

Appointment- Auckland Northland Regional Committee

Moved: that Neil Beckett be appointed to the Auckland Northland Regional Committee for the remainder of the current term.

(Allan/Anne)

CARRIED 009/2020

Grading & Player Handicap Project

John spoke to his report that was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that a project team comprising Dan & John Skipper, Murray Wiggins Alister Stuck & Martin Oyston to progress a development plan.

Trial- Restricted Open Events 2020

Those present agreed to introduce an additional restricted entry tournament level (3A) on a trial basis for 2020. It was agreed that a definition of criteria was required for “restricted open” and this needed to apply to all such events. With details yet to be confirmed it is intended that Clubs be offered the opportunity to hold a separate 3A event alongside scheduled Club tournaments with entry restricted to those players with a certain number of A points. Allan and Alister to draft a bulletin with the details.

Meeting Closed at 5.25pm

Future meeting dates:

17th Mar 2020 - Zoom link up