



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held via Telephone Conference Call Wednesday 25th March 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, Murray Wiggins, Chief Director, Alister Stuck, National Secretary & Sue Brown Board member elect.

Apologies - Nil

WELCOME

Allan welcomed all to the meeting especially Sue Brown who will officially join the board from 1 April 2020. Alan also thanked Clare for her time on the board and for the work undertaken.

Covid-19

The first part of the meeting was dedicated the current situation and a commitment to adhere to all government directives and to continue to share information with Clubs, and members by way of direct mail and postings on the Website and Facebook page.

The meeting then considered the following specifics:

Online lessons and coaching

Karen to research making the lessons available by way of zoom link or webinar to ensure that those people who had shown interest in learning bridge can do so during this period of shutdown and particularly if it was extended.

Communication- Reaching the Members

Recent events have reinforced the need for us to work towards a national database with email contact details for all players so that we can ensure that our communications reach everyone intended.

Government Wage Assistance Offer

NZ Bridge will apply for the wage subsidies for its employees and will encourage Clubs to do so. This item to be included in the newsletter.

Cancellation of Tournaments 10A level and above

Events at this level and above are the responsibility of NZ Bridge either directly or by way of a delegation to Regional Committees.

To give organisers and players, especially those that would need to book travel, some clarity NZ Bridge will make a decision 8 weeks prior to the scheduled date regarding cancelation.

Accordingly there are events on the calendar scheduled for May and early June that will be cancelled shortly.

Interprovincial Trials

The interprovincial trials scheduled for the weekend of May 9th & 10th are cancelled. Without knowing when normal activities can resume and with a clogged tournament calendar it will be very difficult to reschedule. It is recommended that as an alternative that Regions invite pairs to nominate, provide details of their playing history and results and that the Regions select their teams for 2020.

National Conference

The National Conference scheduled for Saturday June 7th in Wellington is cancelled. If at all possible we will look to reschedule this later in the year or we will schedule a Zoom meeting to get us all together.

Regional Committee Elections

With Clubs out of action for the next while it will be difficult to seek nominations and conduct any elections for the Regional Committees in time for the new term of office which commences 1 July.

Moved: that the Regional Committee elections scheduled for mid-year be deferred until later in the year and that the current term of office be extended until 31 October 2020.

(Allan/John)

CARRIED 010/2020

NOTING

Updated Task List and the Interest lists were reviewed and noted.

Allan referred to the draft paper of allocation of various roles that was circulated in Feb. Agreed that this be adopted and published.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes

21st January 2020

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 21st January 2020 be confirmed
(John/Anne)

CARRIED 011/2020

Matters Arising:

Regional work plans and budgets are being received from the Regions.

Matter of security around X Clubs hand records discussed. Murray recommended that the status quo continue. Murray to confirm that he has responded to Mike Neels and to Waikato Bays.

Correspondence

The email received from Wayne Burrows was tabled and discussed. Alan will respond tomorrow on the basis that the matters raised are closed.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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| 1. Central Districts Region Minutes | 11 th October 2019 |
| 2. Auckland Northland Region Minutes | 15 th September 2019 |
| 3. TOTS Region Minutes | 25 January 2020 |

Moved: that the meeting minutes from Central Districts, Auckland Northland & TOTS regions be received.

(Allan/Anne)

CARRIED 012/2020

BOARD REPORTS

Finance

The P & L reports for the months of Jan & Feb 2020 & the proforma balance sheet for the year to 29 Feb 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the P & L reports for Jan & Feb 2020 & the P & L Report year to date be received.

(Greg/Anne)

CARRIED 013/2020

Operations Report

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Allan/Karen)

CARRIED 014/2020

Teachers Group Minutes

Minutes for the teachers group meeting held 17th- 18th February 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the minutes for the teachers group meeting held 17th- 18th February 2020 be received.

(Karen/Clare)

CARRIED 015/2020

International Committee

Minutes of the International Committee meeting held 5th March 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the International Committee meeting minutes be received.

(John/Clare)

CARRIED 016/2020

Matters arising:

The Board is waiting for a firm decision from the World Bridge Federation regarding two major events that we have made commitments to send teams to. Firstly the World youth Teams Championships at the end of July and the World Teams Championships late August. Both events are scheduled to be held in northern Italy. The WBF have advised that they will provide contesting countries further information early next month. The window for NZ Bridge and our selected players to prepare for and arrange travel to these events narrows by the day. It is our intention that without a firm decision from the WBF by Friday 10th April 2020 we will formally withdraw our teams from the events.

Appointment of Geo Tislevoll as National Coach approved with roll out of the programme to be finalised.

Zone 7 Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the Zone 7 Council meeting held 29th February 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the minutes from the Zone 7 Council meeting held 29th February 2020 be received.

(Allan/Anne)

CARRIED 017/2020

NZ Bridge Foundation Meeting

The minutes from the meeting of the Trustees of the Foundation held 2nd March 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the minutes from the meeting of the Trustees of the Foundation held 2nd March 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

(Allan/John)

CARRIED 018/2020

Matters Arising

It was agreed that work be undertaken to bring the tenure of trustees' term of office in line with the NZ Bridge Board.

Allan will discuss with the Foundation Chair Derek Evennett to progress this.

Manager – Major Events & Bridge Education

Richard's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that Richards report be received.

(Allan/John)

CARRIED 019/2020

Chief Directors Report

Murrays report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that Murrays report be received.

(Karen/John)

CARRIED 020/2020

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Affiliation - Hokitika Bridge Club

The meeting received the application of affiliation from the Hokitika Bridge Club

Moved: that the Hokitika Bridge Club be accepted as an affiliated member of NZ Bridge Inc

(Karen/ John)

CARRIED 021/2020

NZ Bridge Manual

Alister and Murray to work remotely to finalise over the next fortnight.

Health & Safety

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

Anne will update the plan to include a pandemic plan.

Marketing

Anne gave a brief update of the findings from the recent marketing review and independent of the current Website.

Consultant – Northland Area

Allan reported that this matter will not be proceeding.

Meeting Closed at 6.05pm

Future meeting dates:

An informal meeting will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks in addition to the formal meeting in April.