

MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING Held via Zoom link up Call Tuesday 12th May 2020 commencing at 4.00pm

PARTICIPATING: Allan Morris (Chair), John Skipper, Sue Brown, Anne Barrowclough, Karen Martelletti & Greg Whitten.

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

Apologies - Nil

WELCOME

Allan welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies:

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	25 March	2020
2.	Welfare Check Meeting Minutes	7 April	2020
3.	Welfare Check Meeting Minutes	21 April	2020

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 25 March 2020, 7 April 2020 & 21 April 2020 be confirmed.

(John/Anne) CARRIED 023/2020

DISCUSSION MAJOR ITEMS

Issues Online Bridge

A recent issue in the online team's tournament run by the Auckland Bridge Club was discussed. The hands under review are to be referred to a panel to provide an opinion as to whether the matter should be escalated to the CDD Committee for investigation and or determination.

Recommendation to Clubs- Bridge during Alert level 2

After consulting with the COVID-19 National Crisis Management Centre and on the advice of the Deputy Director of Public Health we strongly recommend that no bridge club opens until Alert Level 1.

An advisory to Clubs will be issued later today with a recommendation regarding Club sessions. Tournaments up until the end of May are to be marked as cancelled.

Correspondence

Noting: ABF & NZB Letter to World Bridge Federation

WBF Acknowledgement

The letter raised by the ABF and NZB regarding the 2020 International Calendar was acknowledged and will be discussed by the WBF Management Committee at their meeting scheduled for late May.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

CD Region Minutes	14 February 2020
2. CD Region Minutes	20 March 2020
3. Waikato Bays Region Minutes	16 February 2020
4. Waikato Bays Region Minutes	4 April 2020

Moved: that the meeting minutes from Central Districts & Waikato Bays Regions be received.

(Karen/Allan) CARRIED 024/2020

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Marketing- Anne Barrowclough

Anne's reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Allan will include a note in the next newsletter seeking expressions of interest to take the website to a new level and be more attractive to non-players.

REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Finance

The P & L reports for the months of Mar 2020, April 2020, YTD & the proforma balance sheet for the year to 31 March 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the P & L reports for Mar 2020, April 2020, YTD & the proforma balance sheet for the year to 31 March 2020 be received.

(Sue/Anne) CARRIED 025/2020

Operations Report

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Karen/Sue) CARRIED 026/2020

Matter Arising:

Alister to arrange with ETheory to move the search function on the Website to the top of the home page.

NZ Bridge Manual

Allan thanked Murray and others who put the final touches to the Manual which is now finalised.

Moved: That the manual dated 12 May 2020 be adopted and distributed to Clubs and Regions when printed

(John/ Allan) CARRIED 027/2020

Membership-CDD Committee

Moved: That the current membership of the CDD Committee be confirmed for a further term.

(John/ Allan) CARRIED 028/2020

Club Health Check

It was pleasing to note 91 Clubs had completed the recent Survey. 5 Clubs indicated they were suffering hardship and were invited to provide further information. The working group to review those and respond.

Board Requirements Tournaments

Moved: that the trial of a change to the board requirements for tournaments be concluded and that board range be adopted permanently.

(Alan/ Karen) CARRIED 029/2020

National Tournaments - June 2020 & Beyond

Agreed to hold off issuing cancelation of any 10A and above events until the next Govt advisory is issued in two weeks' time.

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/Sue) CARRIED 030/2020

Manager – Major Events & Bridge Education

Richard's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that Richards report be received.

(Allan/John) CARRIED 031/2020

HEALTH & SAFETY

No issues recorded since last meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Board noted that Covid Wage Subsidy was applied for and received for its two full time employees.

NZ Bridge will not seek the \$10k Int free loan that the Government is offering presently.

A short discussion was held as to the need to hold the National Congress during the School holidays.

Meeting Closed at 5.54pm

Future meeting dates: