

# MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING Held via Zoom link up Call Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 and acknowledged the work of many to keep bridge activities going during the lockdown.

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 12 May 2020

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 12 May 2020 be confirmed. (Sue/Greg) CARRIED 032/2020

#### **DISCUSSION MAJOR ITEMS**

#### **Issues Online Bridge**

John provided an update regarding one of the recent issues that arose during online bridge events.

Moved: the minutes record that - The decision made to suspend players at the recent online Social Distancing Teams event was consistent with the rules of bridge and not an error as such. This has raised some issues that were not well covered in the protocols and guidance material at that time and required some action by NZ Bridge to address. We are now in a better position to advise event organisers how to

interpret and apply rules 91A and 91B for future events, in order to ensure the rights of players facing accusations are protected and Directors have a clear path to follow. (John/Karen) CARRIED 033/2020

## Congress 2020

The Congress Committee met recently and firmly recommended that Congress 2020 be held. The meeting endorsed the recommendation.

## **Rescheduling Tournaments 2020**

The meeting noted the policy statement that was issued earlier in the week that we would not be looking to rescheduled any tournaments that were cancelled.

## Correspondence

Hong Kong Bridge Federation Derek Evennett & Kris Wooles Alister to draft a respond to the Hong Kong Federation. Circulated Circulated

Tony Morcom – Re Auckland Northland Regional Committee Following a number of resignations Alister has agreed to assist with administrative tasks pending any appointments or a review of the structure of Regions.

## **REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes from the following Regions were circulated prior to the meeting: 1. Waikato Bays Region Minutes 24 April 2020

Moved: that the meeting minutes from Waikato Bays Region be received. (Sue/John) CARRIED 034/2020

## **BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS**

Marketing- Anne Barrowclough

Anne's reports were circulated prior to the meeting. Items to be held until the Board planning day to be scheduled in July.

## **REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

#### Finance

Sue presented her report along with the P & L report for May 2020, YTD & the proforma balance sheet for the year to 31 March 2021 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: the Financial Report, P & L report for May 2020, YTD & the proforma balance sheet for the year to 31 March 2021be received. (Sue/Anne) CARRIED 035/2020

#### Budget FYE 31 Mar 2021

Sue circulated the budget template and asked Committee Chairs to review and advise their requirements for the coming year.

#### **Operations Report**

Alister provided a summary of activities since the last meeting. Moved: that the operations report be received. (Allan/John) CARRIED 036/2020

## Covid -19- A return to Bridge

The meeting noted that we were in the fortunate position of being one of the 1<sup>st</sup> countries in the world to return to face to face bridge. It is pleasing to note that several clubs are planning to open for business either this week or next.

## Manager – Major Events & Bridge Education

Richard provided a summary of activities since the last meeting. Moved: that Richards report be received. (Karen /Anne) CARRIED 037/2020

#### AGM 2020

Moved: That the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Distinction Hotel Hamilton on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 commencing at 9.00am (Allan/Karen) CARRIED 038/2020

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

No issues recorded since last meeting.

Meeting Closed at 5.33pm