



**MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Held via Zoom link up Call Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 commencing at 5.00pm**

**PARTICIPATING:** Allan Morris (Chair), John Skipper, Sue Brown, Anne Barrowclough, Karen Martelletti & Greg Whitten until 5.50pm.

**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: Nil

**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.

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| 1. Board Meeting Minutes | 13 July 2020 |
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Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 13 July 2020 be confirmed.  
(John/Anne)

**CARRIED 046/2020**

**DISCUSSION MAJOR ITEMS**

**SI Pairs Invercargill 2020**

After much discussion it was the view of the Board that the SI Pairs tournament does not proceed. The Club to be reimbursed for any costs incurred to date that are not recoverable.

**Bridge in the Covid environment**

Updated advisory to be drafted and issued to Clubs following the recent changes promulgated by the Government regarding Alert level 2.

**Tournament Grades 2021**

The meeting discussed options to refine the tournament gradings. John will meet with Bill Humphrey to discuss his draft proposal.

### **Draft Open letter following Planning Day**

The meeting discussed the draft of the “bridge in the future” document prepared by Allan and Anne following the recent planning day.

With further input over the next month the document will be ready to share with the Clubs & Regions for consideration and their feedback.

### **Congress 2020**

Congress 2020 proceeding is conditional upon the whole country being at Covid alert level 1. Given some uncertainty it was agreed that the late payment surcharge would not apply for 2020.

### **IP Finals 2020**

The Interprovincial finals will proceed conditional upon the whole country being at alert level 1. At this stage it is very unlikely that the event would be rescheduled if cancelled.

### **CORRESPONDANCE**

The email from Hamilton Bridge Club and the Waikato Bays Region was discussed. Alister to respond.

### **REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

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| 1. Otago Southland Region      | 25 Oct 2019  |
| 2. Waikato Bays Region Minutes | 12 June 2020 |
| 3. CD Region Minutes           | 26 June 2020 |
| 4. Waikato Bays Region Minutes | 12 July 2020 |
| 5. Waikato Bays Region Minutes | 20 July 2020 |

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

(Sue/Karen)

**CARRIED 047/2020**

### **REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

#### **Finance**

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

Moved: that the Financial Report, P & L report for July 2020, YTD & the balance sheet for the year to 31 March 2021 be received.

(Sue/Anne)

**CARRIED 048/2020**

### **Operations Report**

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Allan/John)

**CARRIED 049/2020**

### **Manager – Major Events & Bridge Education**

Richard provided a summary of activities since the last meeting.

Moved: that Richards report be received.

(Karen/John)

**CARRIED 050/2020**

### **International Committee & Player Grading Project**

John's reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the International Committee report and the player grading project report be received.

(John/Sue)

**CARRIED 051/2020**

### **Report – Youth Coordinator**

Paul Colemans report were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the Youth Coordinators report be received.

(Sue/Anne)

**CARRIED 052/2020**

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

No issues recorded since last meeting.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **AGM 2020**

Moved: subject to the National Congress proceeding the AGM of NZ Bridge INC will be held Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the Sir Don Rowlands Centre, Karapiro commencing at 11.30am.

(Allan/John)

**CARRIED 053/2020**

Moved: If the National Congress does not proceed that Alister be authorised to plan for the Agm to be held electronically using the Zoom platform.

(Allan/John)

**CARRIED 054/2020**

#### **Agm Remit Proposed – Matamata Bridge Club**

The remit was received from the Matamata Club. The subject matter referred to in the remit was an operational matter in the hands of the Board and as such not appropriate to be directed by way of a remit.

The Board intends to let the 12-month trial run its course and decide then regarding the supplementary 3A Restricted events. The Clubs will be invited to provide feedback that would be considered as the time the trial is reviewed.

**Regional Committee Review Group**

Zoom meeting to be scheduled. Karen to organise.

Meeting Closed at 6.43pm