



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held via Zoom link up Call Thursday 9th December 2021 commencing
at 4.00pm

PARTICIPATING: Allan Morris (Chair), John Skipper, Sue Brown, Anne Barrowclough, Sam Coutts & Anna Kalma

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.

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 | 2 Dec 2021 |
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Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 19 Oct 2021 be confirmed.
(Sue/John)

CARRIED 086/2021

Discussion- Major Events Impacting on the Organisation

Online Bridge - Masterpointed Tournaments

The Board received the report from the working party considering online events and awarding of masterpoints.

Moved:

- a. That the Board does not want to see future tournaments cancelled.
- b. That the default setting is to prioritise face to face play over events conducted online.
- c. That we ensure the integrity of the published tournament schedule is maintained.
- d. That we provide opportunities for Online Tournaments with masterpoints

1. when Government Regulations or mandate, significantly restricts face to face play.
 2. On other occasions as approved by the Board.
- e. That we work within the parameters of the 'traffic light framework' noting that under the current settings face to face tournaments can be held in all regions.
 - f. That National events can be contested by all players and moved to an online platform should regions or areas be precluded otherwise by Government Regulation or mandate.
 - g. That to foster the concept of online bridge that at least one online national event is held annually.
 - h. That due to uncertainties and developing covid environment that this approval is on a trial basis through to 31 March 2022.

(Allan/John)

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Further Moved

- a. That the regulations committee finalise changes to the manual to give effect to online tournaments and awarding masterpoints.
- b. That regulations are in place and manual updated by 1 January 2022.
- c. That has as we gain experience further changes to the regulations and manual will be considered for adoption.
- d. That Clubs can formally approach the Secretary for authority to organise and run an online tournament from 1 January 2022.
- e. That the Board delegates authority to the Secretary for approval of events.
- f. That the decision by the Secretary as to whether a tournament can be run online will be full and final.
- g. That the Board will publish the criteria for allowing a tournament to be played online.

(Allan/John)

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CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- Auckland Northland Region 1 Dec 2021
- Otago S/land Region 4 Oct 2021
- CD Region Minutes 17 Oct 2021
- CD Region Minutes 22 Oct 2021
- W Bays Region Minutes 15 Nov 2021



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

(Sam/Anne)

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REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Operations Report

Alister summarised his report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Anne/Sam)

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W Bays RBM Report Oct-Nov 2021

The report from Eunice Eccles was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the report from Eunice be received.

(Allan/Sue)

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HEALTH & SAFETY

No issues recorded since last meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Planning Open Workshop at Congress 2022

Topics to be finalised and a draft agenda and invitations issued.

Meeting Dates 2022

A schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2022 is available for updating in Dropbox.

Marketing and Branding Rollout

Allan thanked Anna for the good work under way with the brand relaunch and online presence. The community Facebook page is up and running which is intend for use by existing players.

Meeting closed at 5.09pm