



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NZ BRIDGE INC

**Commencing at 4.00pm on Friday 24th September 2021 via Zoom
Online platform**

Welcome

Allan welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open, handing over to Alister to conduct the roll call and list the apologies.

Participating

NZ Bridge Board

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

Officers of NZ Bridge

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

Authorised Delegates

Marsha Woodbury (Marlborough), Julie Bunnell (Hokowhitu), Alan Dick (Rotorua), Denise Servante (Palmerston North), Anne Barrowclough (Auckland), Rona Driscoll (Taupo), Alan Blackie (Rangiora), Kate Terry (Tauranga), Mary Buckland (Ashburton), Tony Quinlivan (Christchurch), Sue Brown (Kerikeri), Robyn Green (Victoria), Simon Louisson (Wellington), Greg Buzzard (Invercargill), Allan Joseph (Kairangi), Rex Gatenby (Morrinsville), Gaylene Cumpstone (Waitomo), Lynne Fegan (Wanaka), Mike Neels (Cambridge), Anna Kalma (Te Aroha), Anne Barrowclough (Auckland).

Authorised Proxies

Alister Stuck (Royle Epsom)

Observers

Judith Lawton (Invercargill), Jane Skipper (Christchurch)

Apologies

Angela Royle, Fergus More, Kay Nicholas, Waiheke Bridge Club, John Rosevear, Upper Hutt Bridge Club

Moved: that the apologies be accepted.
(Anne Barrowclough/Allan Joseph)

CARRIED

Minutes of the 2020 AGM

Moved: that the Minutes of the 2020 AGM as previously circulated be adopted.
(Rona Driscoll/Anna Kalma)

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

Allan Morris briefed the meeting about several items that had been progressed following last year's AGM namely restricted open events, and the use of non-legal cards.

Annual Report for year ended 31 March 2021

Allan summarised the annual report (previously circulated) highlighting the following:

- Membership recovery since last year.
- The many volunteers who support the game at all levels
- The financial performance and position
- The board self-score card for the year
- Disruption in the year due to the lockdown and covid level restrictions
- The successful grant applications for Congress 2021 & 2022

Moved: That the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2021 be adopted.
(Allan Morris/Sue Brown)

CARRIED

Allan acknowledged the passing of Karen Martelletti and Evelyn Hurley who were significant contributors to bridge.

Allan thanked Richard Solomon and Alister Stuck for the work they do and their contribution to NZ Bridge.

Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 Mar 2021

Moved: that the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 be tabled.

(Allan Morris/Alan Dick)

CARRIED

Sue presented the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 and worked through a number key points.

Moved: that the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 as presented be adopted.

(Sue Brown/Rona Driscoll)

CARRIED

Matters Arising

Sue Brown is to provide further breakdown of the Interprovincials expenditure to the delegates.

Appointment of Auditor

Moved: that Paul Hangartner be appointed as Honorary Auditor.
(Allan Morris/Sue Brown)

CARRIED

General Business

Director Exams - Invercargill

Murray Wiggins provided an outline of the changes made over the past year to the club level director exams and the assessment process for tournament directors. Greg Buzzard spoke to the item mentioning that there appears to be a 20% pass rate with some comment that some of the questions are ambiguous. With the move to online exams candidates don't have the option to see their marked script to review.

Cancelled Tournaments

Greg Buzzard thanks the Board for the various advisories published. Greg asked if some flexibility to reschedule events at a regional level could be given.

Suggestions to promote Congress

Advertise lots of novice events
Have a welcome meeting for novice players
Provide celebrity speakers aimed at new players

Marketing Group

Anna Kalma provided an update as to the activities of the recently reformed Marketing Committee. Detailed information will be shared with Clubs and Regions in due course.

Managed Funds

Allan Morris provided some details of the decision to transfer surplus cash reserves to a managed fund and the process around and due diligence undertaken leading to the decision to invest with "The Private Office".

Closure

There being no further business Allan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their participation and closed the meeting at 4.53pm.