



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held at the Miramar Golf Club, Wellington Saturday June 10, 2023,
commencing at 1.00pm

PARTICIPATING: Allan Morris (Chair), Sam Coutts, Kate Terry, Anne Barrowclough, Sue Brown, & Anna Kalma from 3.20pm

In Attendance:

Alister Stuck, National Secretary & Murray Wiggins, Chief Director.

Apologies – John Skipper

WELCOME

Allan welcomed all to the meeting.

NOTING

Updated Task List and the Interest List 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 | 16 May 2023 |
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Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 16 May 2023 be confirmed

(Sue/Kate)

CARRIED 047/2023

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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| • TOPS Region Minutes | 15 Oct 2022 |
| • Tops Region Minutes | 13 Feb 2023 |
| • Tops Region Minutes | 10 May 2023 |
| • Wgtn Region Clubs Meeting | 13 May 2023 |
| • Auckland Northland Region Minutes | 14 May 2023 |
| • CD Region Minutes | 19 May 2023 |
| • WB Region Minutes | 14 Mar 2023 |



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

(Sue/Anne)

CARRIED 048/2023

REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Home Club Membership Report

The membership report to 31 May 2023 was circulated prior to the meeting. A pleasing increase of 193 home club members as of 31 May 2023 was noted.

Moved: that the membership reports to 31 May 2023 be received.

(Sam/Kate)

CARRIED 049/2023

Budget FYE 31 Mar 2024

The updated draft budget document was circulated prior to the meeting. Subject to minor additions and pending the details of the June 30 levy invoice run being available it was agreed that the budget would be formally ratified at the July meeting.

Health & Safety & Incorporated Societies Act

Annes report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that Annes report be received.

(Anne/Sue)

CARRIED 050/2023

GENERAL BUSINESS

National Conference Planning

The agenda and supplementary papers prepared for the National Conference were worked through in readiness for the meeting the following day.

Online Bridge Trial

Kate briefed the meeting regarding the trial and the work that the various workgroups had undertaken.



Interprovincials

Following feedback and noting the decline in the number of players participating in Interprovincial trials a robust discussion as held.

It was agreed to implement the following changes from 2024:

- The Interprovincials will revert to f2f format and will be held in conjunction with the National Congress at Mt Maunganui.
- Likely timetable is Wed 25 Sept 2024 commencing early afternoon concluding Friday 27 Sept 2024 by early afternoon.
- The tournament schedule will be updated this week to reflect this change.
- The weekend in May earmarked for regional trials will remain.
- The weekend in November will be kept clear meantime with the possibility of an online offering being added for all players and will also be available for the International Committee should they seek it for international team selection trials.
- Teams of 6 will be allowed.
- Regions will be required to submit their trials plan and a copy of their entry notice to the chief director no later than 20th Jan 2024 for sign-off.
- Regions will not be charged an entry fee for the finals.
- NZ Bridge will reintroduce the travel subsidies and will provide regions with schedule of maximum amounts payable based on the players hometown.
- Regions will be encouraged to seek community grants and the like to provide subsidies over and above the travel grants to team members.

It was also agreed to rework the “eligibility criteria” regulation in the manual to make the intent clear.

Murray to update the online manual and to draft a bulletin to be issued to clubs and regions.

Online Training Programme for Club Directors

Information from Allan Joseph was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to endorse the training programme and assist Allan by publishing the details on the Website and by way of a mailout to Clubs.

Meeting closed at 4.50 pm.