



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NZ BRIDGE INC

**Commencing at 4.30pm on Friday 22 September 2023 at the Mt
Maunganui Bridge Club**

Welcome

Allan welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.
He then handed over to Alister to conduct the roll call and list the apologies.

Participating

NZ Bridge Board

Allan Morris (Chair), Kate Terry, Anna Kalma, Sam Coutts, & Sue Brown.

Officers of NZ Bridge

Alister Stuck, National Secretary, Murray Wiggins, Chief Director, & Mel Auld,
Marketing & Communications Manager.

Authorised Delegates

Tony Quinlivan (Christchurch), Marsha Woodbury (Marlborough), Nan Wehipeihana
(Wellington), Steve Gray (Richmond & Nelson), Pam Whitehead (Kaikoura), Neil
Stuckey (Auckland), Alan Dick (Rotorua), Estelle Cashmore (Katikati), Phil Noye
(Otago), Jocelyn Evans (Alexandra), Richard Bland, (Whangarei), Sylvia Lee
(Taupo), Vivienne Cannell (Waikanae), Michele Larnder (Mt Maunganui)

NZ Bridge Personnel Representing Clubs

Sue Brown (Kerikeri), Alister Stuck (Hokowhitu)

Authorised Proxies

Alister Stuck (Royle Epsom)

Observers

Richard Solomon, Christine Wilson, Grant Jarvis, Beverley Morris, Naomi Hanna
Brown Sara Engel, & Cathy Nijman.

Apologies

Angela Royle, Paul Hangartner, Kay Nicholas, Keith Nicholas, John Skipper, Anne Barrowclough, Omokoroa BC, Rangiora BC.

Moved: that the apologies be accepted.
(Allan Dick/ Pam Whitehead)

CARRIED

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Moved: that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM as previously circulated be adopted.
(Tony Quinlivan/ Marsha Woodbury)

CARRIED

Matters Arising:

Allan Morris advised that the response to the Auckland Club had been shared with Clubs and Regions last year and a copy would be annexed to the approved minutes for filing.

Annual Report for year ended 31 March 2023

Allan summarised the annual report (previously circulated) and now annexed to these minutes.

Moved: That the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023 be adopted.
(Allan Morris/Marsha Woodbury)

CARRIED

Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Sue Brown presented the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 and worked through a number key points.

Moved: that the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 as presented be adopted.
(Sue Brown/Phil Noye)

CARRIED

Appointment of Auditor

Moved: that Paul Hangartner be appointed as Honorary Auditor.
(Phil Noye/Alan Dick)

CARRIED

Life Memberships

The Board proposed the following people be considered for honorary life membership of NZ Bridge Inc at this AGM. Information detailing their contribution to bridge over many years were included in the annual report booklet and summarised by Allan Morris.

Moved: that Richard Solomon be awarded honorary life membership of NZ Bridge Inc in recognition for his services to bridge in New Zealand over many years.
(Allan Morris/Pam Whitehead)

CARRIED

Moved: that Jenny Wilkinson be awarded honorary life membership of NZ Bridge Inc in recognition for his services to bridge in New Zealand over many years.

(Allan Morris/Richard Bland)

CARRIED

General Business

3 items were lodged by clubs for consideration at the meeting.

General Business Item 1.

Request from the Kaikoura Bridge Club and Top of the South that the 8th seat in the Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge Competition is "done" via proportional representation.

Rationale

Dan Gifford made the bequest with the intention of getting as many people as possible to play the fun game. TOPS has made a huge effort in growing the game and would like the 8th seat on per capita of the Region.

General Business Item 2.

Marlborough Bridge Club suggesting the Founding Document relating to Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge be brought to AGM.

Rationale

To reveal the original intent of the Founding Document in respect of the intent and spirit of the competition.

The proposers, Pam Whitehead (Kaikoura), & Marsha Woodbury (Marlborough) presented their time after which Anna Kalma responded on behalf of NZ Bridge.

Anna outlined the Board thinking regarding the selection of the 8th pair to contest the final and the reasons for reverting to the original selection method whereby the sport was awarded to the region with the most pairs contesting regional rounds.

The board is considering a change whereby the 8th spot would be awarded to the region of the winning pair from the previous year. Any decision will be made and promulgated in a matter of weeks.

Anna then shared details of the original bequest in response to the request from Marlborough. Copies of this information were given to participants.

General Business Item 3.

Rangiora Bridge Club are asking if NZ Bridge would consider holding Congress in Christchurch in their new Convention Centre say every 1 in 5 years.

Rationale

The Club is sure the South Island would appreciate it.

As the club was not represented at the meeting a general discussion was held on the suggestion.

Allan Morris & Murray Wiggins provided some details of what would be involved in moving congress and advised that the Board did not support a relocation on a 1 in 5-year basis. Any relocation would need to be for multiple years, and subject to a reasonable level of external sponsorship being secured. Costs including the venue, transporting equipment, and training local personnel would also need to be factored into any planning.

Acknowledgement - Len Andersen

The meeting took some time to acknowledge Len Andersen (Chair of NZB Conduct, Discipline & Disputes Committee) who passed away recently.

Closure

There being no further business Allan thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their participation and closed the formal part of the meeting at 5.33pm.

At the conclusion of the formal segment participants were invited to stay for informal discussions, which a number elected to do so.