



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held VIA THE Zoom Platform Tuesday October 31 2023, commencing
at 10.00am

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

In Attendance:

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

Apologies – John Skipper

WELCOME

Allan welcomed all to the meeting.

NOTING

The interest list was confirmed. The outstanding task list will be reviewed by email during the coming week.

Actions:

Murray to implement a change to the pairs masterpoint scale to extend awards to 35% of the field which is in line with those allocated to Swiss Pairs and teams events.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Copies of the following minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

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| 1. Board Meeting Minutes | 12 Sept 2023 |
| 2. AGM Draft Minutes | 22 Sept 2023 |

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 12 Sept 2023 be confirmed, and the Minutes for the AGM held 22 Sept 2023 be received and held as draft until the 2024 AGM.

(Allan/Sam)

CARRIED 070/2023



REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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| • OS Region Minutes | 14 Aug 2023 |
| • W Bays Region Minutes | 22 Aug 2023 |
| • W Bays Region Minutes | 18 Sept 2023 |
| • W Bays Region Minutes | 5 Oct 2023 |
| • TOPS Region Minutes | 14 Oct 2023 |

Moved: that the meeting minutes from Otago Southland, Waikato Bays & TOPS regions be received.

(Sam /Anne)

CARRIED 071/2023

REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Operations Report

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Anne/Sue)

CARRIED 072/2023

Home Club Membership Report

The membership reports as of 30 September 2023 & 31 October 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting. An increase of 8 home club members as at 30 Sept and a further net increase of 11 as at 31 October was noted.

Moved: that the membership reports to 30 Sept 2023 & 31 October 2023 be received.

(Sam/Sue)

CARRIED 073/2023

Financial Report

Sue's reports for the year to 31 Aug 2023 and 30 Sept 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the financial reports to 31 Aug 2023 & 30 Sept 2023 be received.

(Sue/Anne)

CARRIED 074/2023



International Committee

NPC & Chef de mission reports for the recent World Teams event and Youth Teams' event were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the NPC & Chef de mission reports be received.

(Sue/Sam)

CARRIED 075/2023

Matters Arising

The meeting discussed the suitability of the travel cover policy and agreed that this be discontinued from 2024.

The International Committee to be advised and they in turn to ensure that selected team members make their own travel insurance arrangements ensuring adequate cover. The squad application documents are to be amended to include a player declaration that they will arrange their own travel cover and indemnify NZ Bridge for any losses incurred should their personal cover prove inadequate.

It was further agreed that the International Committee prepare and submit their plan for the next 4+ years outlining, target events, desired results, areas of focus & priority along with an indicative budget for consideration.

Action:

Allan will schedule a meeting with Jonathan Westoby and John Skipper to discuss both matters.

NZ Bridge Foundation INC

A copy of the audited financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2023 was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the financial statements FYE 31 March 2023 be received.

(Sue /Anne)

CARRIED 076/2023

World Bridge Federation

Copies of the WBF meeting summary from Ben Thompson along with a copy of the French Bridge Federation's development plan were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the WBF meeting summary & French Federations development plan be received.

(Allan/Sam)

CARRIED 077/2023



Marketing & Communications

Mel's monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting and marketing strategy presentation was shared at the meeting.

Moved that the Marketing & Communications report be received.

(Anne/Sue)

CARRIED 078/2023

Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Incorporated Societies Act Changes

Ongoing work continues. Anne advised that work would commence in January to update the NZ Bridge Constitution in readiness for the changes to the act.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Review of Regional Committee Term of Office

Alister advised that only one region had responded to the email circulated 12 Sept 2023 regarding a suggested change to the term of office for regional committees.

Action:

Alister will follow up with regions.

Appointment- Conduct, Discipline and Disputes

Moved: that Roger Bell of Whangarei be appointed as Chair of the CDD Committee.

(Allan/Sue)

CARRIED 079/2023

Action:

Alister to draft email to members of the CDD committee to advise of the appointment and to gauge their continued interest in the role.

Appointment- Teaching & Learning Committee

Moved; that Mary Christensen of Queenstown be appointed to the Teaching & Learning Committee.

(Anna/Anne)

CARRIED 080/2023



Rubber Bridge Competition

A discussion was held regarding the allocation of the 8th spot in the finals which has traditionally been awarded to the region with the highest number of pairs competing in regional heats.

Moved that the 8th spot be awarded to the Region that wins the national final in the previous year.

(Anne/Sue)

CARRIED 081/2023

Action:

Alister to advise the regions of this decision and signal that there will be limits placed on travel reimbursement for this event next year.

Interprovincials 2024

Planning and review discussions deferred until the next meeting.

Auckland Northland Clubs Conference

Sue reported good feedback from the recent conference held at the Orewa Bridge Club.

Meeting closed at 11.45am