



MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held VIA THE Zoom Platform Tuesday December 12, 2023,
commencing at 10.00am

PARTICIPATING: Allan Morris (Chair), Sam Coutts, John Skipper (until 11am), Anna Kalma, Sue Brown & Kate Terry who was absent from 10.50am to 11.15am)

In Attendance:

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

Apologies – Anne Barrowclough

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.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

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| 1. Board Meeting Minutes | 31 Oct 2023 |
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Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 31Oct 2023 be confirmed.
(Sue/Anna)

CARRIED 082/2023

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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| • W Bays Region Minutes | 16 Oct 2023 |
| • Auckland Northland Region Minutes | 6 Nov 2023 |

Moved: that the meeting minutes from Waikato Bays & Auckland Northland regions be received.

(Sue/Alan)

CARRIED 083/2023



REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Operations Report

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Sam/Anna)

CARRIED 084/2023

Home Club Membership Report

The membership reports as of 30 Nov 2023 was circulated prior to the meeting. A decrease of 53 home club members as at 30 Nov was noted.

Moved: that the membership report to 30 Nov 2023 & 31 October 2023 be received.

(Anna/Sam)

CARRIED 085/2023

Financial Report

Sue's reports for the year to 31 Oct 2023 was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the financial reports to 31 Oct 2023 be received.

(Sue/Allan)

CARRIED 086/2023

Congress Committee

Minutes of the Congress Committee meeting held 2 Nov 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the minutes of the Congress Committee Meeting held 2 Nov 2023 be received.

(Sue/Anna)

CARRIED 087/2023

International Committee

Minutes of the International Committee meeting held 16 Oct 2023, a draft budget for 2024-2026, and a discussion paper re the way forward from 2025 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the minutes of the International Committee meeting held 16 Oct 2023, a draft budget for 2024-2026, and a discussion paper re the way forward from 2025

(John/Allan)

CARRIED 088/2023



Matters arising:

Following a discussion, it was resolved that the following directive be given to the International Committee and that their budget and plan reflect this.

Moved: that from 1 January 2025 the international bridge programme will focus on sending funded teams in the open, women, mixed and senior categories to the APBF championships three years in four (not the Asia Cup in year four) and the World Bridge Championships (formerly known as the Olympiad) once every four years. Funding is as per the budget approved by the board from year to year in consultation with the international committee.

In addition, teams that play in the APBF and finish in the top four places will qualify for a subsidy towards the World Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Senior Bowl, and Wuhan Cup) held in the same year. One pair may be substituted. Teams who wish to play in the World Team Championships (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Senior Bowl, and Wuhan Cup) or the Asia Cup may apply to NZ Bridge for approval and attend on a fully self-funded basis. This resolution does not apply to youth bridge.

(John/Allan)

CARRIED 089/2023

Marketing & Communications

Mel's monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved that the Marketing & Communications report be received.

(Anna/Sam)

CARRIED 090/2023

Teaching & Learning Committee

The report from the Teaching & Learning Committee was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the report from the Teaching & Learning Committee be received.

(Anna/Sue)

CARRIED 091/2023

Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

Incorporated Societies Act Changes

Ongoing work continues.



GENERAL BUSINESS

Review of Regional Committee Term of Office

Following feedback from regions it is agreed that the term of office for regional committee members to include a 'retirement by rotation' aspect. A workshop to be scheduled for late January to update the manual.

Online Bridge Offering 2024

Following feedback, the agreed policy & offering for 2024 to be drafted and shared with Clubs and Regions.

Interprovincials 2024

Moved: that the event be rebranded as "NZ Regional Championships" from 2024
(Allan /Sue)

CARRIED 092/2023

Subject to the availability of a venue, the earlier decision to hold the finals at Congress will be reversed and the event will be held in person over the weekend of 30 Nov – 1 Dec 2024.

Meeting closed at 12.05pm