



**MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Held VIA THE Zoom Platform Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024,**  
**commencing at 10.00am**

**PARTICIPATING:** Allan Morris (Chair), Anne Barrowclough, Sam Coutts, John Skipper Anna Kalma, Sue Brown (until 11.30am) & Kate Terry.

**In Attendance:**

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

Apologies –

**WELCOME**

Allan welcomed all to the meeting and advised that the order of business would change so that the following key areas could be discussed and moved along.

**Budget Planning FYE 31 Mar 2025**

Those present were reminded that their budget requests for the FYE 31 Mar 2025 and any likely cap ex requirements are to be submitted to Sue by no later than 31 Jan 2024.

*Arising:*

Alister to liaise with Bridget to ensure that the Congress budget is lodged by due date and issue a reminder to Regions whose budgets need to be submitted by the end of Feb.

**Incorporated Societies Act Changes**

As previously noted, NZ Bridge is to start the process to re-register the organisation under the new Incorporated societies act. Anne circulated some initial thoughts and an outline of the process prior to the meeting.

Moved: that NZ Bridge commits to re-registering under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and works toward meeting the criteria for registration for ratification at the AGM scheduled in September 2024.

(Anne/Allan)

**CARRIED 001/2024**



### **Online Bridge Offering 2024**

Allan led this segment having previously circulated a discussion paper prepared by himself & Alister. While it had been previously agreed to work towards a blend of both in person & online tournaments for 2024 no progress had been made with the rollout. The following urgent actions were agreed:

#### *Online Events 2024*

In conjunction with Rona, Kate is to prepare an extract of the events that fall on the proposed online weekends to be circulated to the Board to review.

#### *Event Transfer Policy Document*

In conjunction with Rona, Kate is to draft a document to be circulated to the Board detailing the process and policy to be implemented to enable opting in and out of the proposed online weekends so that what is adopted is fair, transparent, and workable.

#### *Major Events*

Kate to contact Bridget to engage with the regions to ensure the plan for the remaining 2024 major events is known and published with urgency.

#### *Consultation Document*

John to draft and circulate a draft consultation document to the group seeking input from clubs and regions as to their thoughts and requirements for the tournament schedule from 2025 & beyond.

#### *Matariki holiday online event*

A plan of a possible online offering to be held on Friday 28th June 2024 to be drafted and shared with the board ASAP.

### **NOTING**

The interest list was confirmed.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes

12 Dec 2023

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 12 Dec 2023 be confirmed.  
(Anna/Sue)

**CARRIED 002/2024**



## REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| • Otago S/land Region Minutes       | 18 Sept 2023 |
| • CD Region Minutes                 | 6 Oct 2023   |
| • Otago S/land Region Minutes       | 16 Oct 2023  |
| • Waikato Bays Region Minutes       | 20 Nov 2023  |
| • Auckland Northland Region Minutes | 19 Dec 2023  |

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

(Allan/Sue)

**CARRIED 003/2024**

## REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

### Operations Report

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Allan/Anne)

**CARRIED 004/2024**

### Home Club Membership Report

The membership reports as of 31 Dec 2023 was circulated prior to the meeting. A decrease of 120 home club members as at 31 Dec 2023 was noted.

Moved: that the membership report to 31 Dec 2023 be received.

(Anna/Sam)

**CARRIED 005/2024**

### Financial Report

Sue's report for the year to 31 Dec 2023 and the P & L reports for the months of Nov & Dec 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the financial report for the year to 31 Dec 2023 and the P & L reports for the months of Nov & Dec 2023 be received.

(Sue/Anne)

**CARRIED 006/2024**

### Marketing & Communications

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

Moved that the Marketing & Communications report be received.

(John/Anne)

**CARRIED 007/2024**



### **Health & Safety**

No issues to report. The policy documents to be reviewed during the coming month with any changes to be ratified at the March meeting.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **National Team Selection Trials**

Murray advised that planning for the selection trials for the Open & Women's teams is progressing well and that he is working with Jonathan Westoby in this regard.

### **Promotion- International Women's Day**

Kate advised that this will not be happening in 2024 and will look to pick this up in 2025.

Meeting closed at 11.42am.