



**MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING**  
**Held VIA The Zoom Platform Tuesday March 12, 2024, commencing at**  
**10.00am**

**PARTICIPATING:** Allan Morris (Chair), Sam Coutts (from 10.20am), John Skipper, Anna Kalma, Sue Brown, Anne Barrowclough

**In Attendance:**

Alister Stuck, National Secretary, Murray Wiggins, Chief Director (from 11.15am) & Mel Auld, Manager Marketing & Communications.

Apologies – Kate Terry

**WELCOME**

Allan welcomed all to the meeting.

**NOTING**

The interest list was confirmed.

**Declaration of any conflicts of interest.**

Sue declared an interest in the appointment of members to the Auckland Northland Regional Committee and did not participate in that segment.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

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| 1. Board meeting minutes | 12 Dec 2023 |
| 2. Board meeting Minutes | 23 Jan 2024 |

Moved: that resolution 089/2023 be rescinded and the minutes of the Board meeting held 12 Dec 2023 be amended to reflect the change.

(Allan/John)

**CARRIED 008/2024**

Moved: that the minutes of the Board meeting held 23 Jan 2024 be confirmed.

(Allan/John)

**CARRIED 009/2024**



## REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- OS Region Minutes 27 Nov 2023
- Waikato Bays Region Minutes 18 Dec 2023
- Auckland Northland Region Minutes 6 Jan 2024

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

(Anna/Ann)

**CARRIED 010/2024**

## REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

### Operations Report

Alister's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the operations report be received.

(Anna/Sam)

**CARRIED 011/2024**

### Home Club Membership Report

The membership reports as of 31 Jan 2024 & 29 Feb 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting. A decrease of 93 home club members during Jan and a decrease of 128 during Feb were noted.

Moved: that the membership report to 31 Jan 2024 & 29 Feb 2024 be received.

(Anna/Sam)

**CARRIED 012/2024**

### Financial Report

Sue's reports for the year to 31 Jan 2024 & 29 Feb 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Moved: that the financial reports to 31 Jan 2024 & 29 Feb 2024 be received.

(Sue/Sam)

**CARRIED 013/2024**

Following adoption of the reports Sue shared details of the draft budget for the FYE 31 Mar 2025. Several committees/ work groups including 3 Regions, have yet to submit their budgets for approval.

Alister noted to email those concerned to chase the outstanding information.

Sue also provided a draft paper with suggested subsidies for participants who will contest the regional championships in Wellington in Nov 2024.



Sue will work with the event convenor Bridge Willcox to finalise a bulletin to regions outlining what will be provided centrally and limits on further spending at a regional level.

### **Marketing & Communications**

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

Moved that the Marketing & Communications report be received.

(Sue/John)

**CARRIED 014/2024**

### **Website Revamp**

Mel worked though the draft plan that was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that this project be prioritised.

Moved: that the draft plan document be received.

(Anna/Sue)

**CARRIED 015/2024**

### **Health & Safety**

Nothing to report.

### **Incorporated Societies Act Changes**

Anne led this segment and sought some feedback from the meeting as to the likely look and content of an updated constitution which is to be presented at the 2024 AGM for adoption. Significant work is required to complete this project and further papers will be circulated in coming days.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Appointment- Auckland Northland Regional Committee**

Moved: that Jan Cormack, Mary Chamberlain & Hamish Brown be appointed to the Auckland Northland Regional Committee for the remainder of the current term.

(Allan/Anne)

**CARRIED 016/2024**

### **Board Committees & Allocation of Portfolios**

Details of proposed allocations were shared prior to the meeting.



Moved that the Membership of Board Committees and the allocation of portfolios be confirmed.

(Allan/Sue)

**CARRIED 017/2024**

Details of the appointments and allocations are to be annexed to these minutes and on the Website.

### **WBF NBO Officers' Seminar**

The World Bridge Federation is hosting a Seminar for NBO's May 16-17 prior to the APBF Conference commencing 18 May. The WBF is cover accommodation costs and has invited NZ Bridge to send two delegates. The meeting agreed that if possible NZB should be represented.

Moved: subject to the availability of flights that Allan and Alister attend.

(Sue/Anna)

**CARRIED 018/2024**

### **NZ International Teams**

The meeting noted the recent announcement confirming members of the NZ Teams, including captains who will represent us at the World Teams Championships in Argentina later in the year.

### **Online Bridge Offering 2024**

Following the release of the details of the online bridge offering for 2024, Sue sought confirmation that the work of various focus groups was now complete and as such those groups are to be disbanded.

Kate is to advise those members and thank them for their contributions to the project.

### **Board Workshop April 6-7 2024**

Planning is underway for this. Agenda Items to be sent to Alister who will collate and distribute the papers next week.

Meeting closed at 12.10pm