MINUTES OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
Held via the Zoom Platform Tuesday 11th August 2026 commencing at 9.06am

PARTICIPATING: Peter Newell, John Skipper, Murray Wiggins, & Kate Terry.

In Attendance:
Alister Stuck, National Secretary, & Bridget Hannaway, Manager, Major Events & Congress.

Apologies – Sue Brown, Sam Coutts, & Barbara Imlach (overseas)

WELCOME
Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

NOTING
The interest list recently updated was confirmed.

Declaration of any conflicts of interest
Nothing reported.

Correspondence Outstanding
2 items were received and circulated prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:
Bridget has drafted a response to Steve Baron regarding catering options at tournaments.

The funding request from Mereana Cullen not supported. Alister to send responses.

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

- Board Meeting Minutes 14 July 2026

Moved: that the minutes of the board meeting held 14 July 2026, be confirmed.
(Murray/John) **CARRIED 042/2026**

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- TOPS Region Minutes 10 Feb 2026
- OS Region Minutes 9 June 2026
- TOPS Region Minutes 9 July 2026

Moved: that the meeting minutes from the Top of the South & Otago Southland regions be received.
(Murray/Kate) **CARRIED 043/2026**

REPORTS & OPERATIONAL MATTERS

The following reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

- Operations Report
- Home Club Memberships 31 July 2026
- Report – Major Events
- Report – Head Director
- Report - Regulations
- Report Teaching & Learning
- Report – Marketing
- Report – Finance
- Minutes FPC 7 July 2026
- FPC Log 2026
- Minutes FPC 4 August 2026
- FPC Proposal "Behavioural Complaints Sub Committee"

Moved: that the reports listed be received.
(Peter/John) **CARRIED 044/2026**

Matters Arising:
The September board meeting will be held in person 14th -15th in Wellington. Alister noted to contact Wellington Bridge club regarding room hire.
Board members to make own travel arrangements and lodge with Alister for reimbursement.

Murray noted to draft a proposal re the allocation of fractional A points for sessions in pairs tournaments.

The various items from the FPC to be held over until the in-person board meeting in September.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Health & Safety
Nothing adverse to report.

NZ Bridge Manual Updates
A copy of the updated tournament regulations session was circulated prior to the meeting and its adoption subsequently supported.

Matter Arising:
Murray is to provide a finalised copy of the document along with a summary of the changes to be released no later than Monday August 17th at which time it will be shared with clubs' regions and added to the website. The revised regulations will become effective from 1 October 2026.

Appointment Regional Recorder- Central Districts Region
Moved: that George Masters of Napier be appointed as the Central Districts Regional Recorder.
(John/Peter) **CARRIED 045/2026**

Matter Arising:
Alister noted to confirm the appointment with the Central Districts Region and to update the contact details on the website.

National Directors Accreditation Programme
A document outlining proposed changes to the accreditation process was circulated prior to the meeting and its adoption subsequently supported.

Matter Arising:
Murray to liaise with the Regulations Committee to have the changes published on the website and shared with clubs & regions.

NZ Bridge Delegate to the WBF Congress Meeting
Moved: that Jenny Thompson (ABF Secretary) be appointed as our proxy and delegate at the WBF congress meeting 21 August 2026 being held at Katowice Poland.
(Peter/John) **CARRIED 046/2026**

Surveys
Kate reported that the 2 surveys (Regional Champs & accessibility & inclusion audit) will be finalised this week and released to clubs, & regions in the coming days.

WBF – Election of 3 members to the WBF Executive Council
Moved: that NZ Bridge support the following candidates and instruct our appointed delegate to cast our vote on that basis:
Marc de Pauw - Belgium
Fernando Lema – Argentina
Prasad Keni - India
(John/Murray) **CARRIED 047/2026**

Membership – Fair Play Committee
Moved: that John Skipper be appointed as the board representative and a full member of the fair play committee.
(Peter/Kate) **CARRIED 048/2026**

Meeting Closed 10.16am