



**MINUTES OF THE TEACHING WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE VICTORIA BRIDGE CLUB WELLINGTON**

**Sunday October
10th 2010 commencing at 10am**

PARTICIPATING:

NZ Bridge Kay Nicholas Alan Turner, Patsy Walters, Jenny Wilkinson, Richard Solomon & Alister Stuck

Regions Kristen Collins (Otago), Keith Nicholas & Shirley Newton (Canterbury), Adrian Abraham (TOTS), Alan Grant (Wellington), Wayne Burrows (Central Districts), Jenny Millington (Waikato Bays), Christine Wilson & Les Lilly (Auckland)

Apology Tina McVeigh

1 WELCOME

Alan Turner welcomed everyone and outlined the objectives of the workshop.

2 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The group discussed the membership statistics for the previous 3 years. It was agreed that the declining membership had to be arrested and that this could be achieved in part via membership drives and initiatives developed around player retention.

It was recommended that specific information be solicited from Clubs regarding their Learners Programme and that this information be sought as part of the Annual Return process.

3 TEACHING RESOURCE STANDARDS

It was agreed that a Working Party, (led by Wayne Burrows) and including Jenny W, Shirley, Kay, Les, Alan G, Kristen & Keith would design a standardised set of Beginner Bridge Teaching Modules as part of this NZ Bridge Project.

This "Acol" based resource would be made available to Clubs in hard copy or via download from the NZ Bridge Website and would include files with set hands suitable for the dealing machines. The working party agreed to report back by November 30 2010.

4 TEACHING RESOURCES

It was agreed that a working party (led by Jenny Millington) and including Patsy, Adrian and Christine would prepare a Teaching Resources Checklist to be made available to Clubs. The draft document to be circulated by 31 October 2010.

5 PLAYER RETENTION

It was agreed that Jenny Wilkinson would draft and circulate a list of best practices around Player Retention. This would concentrate on the transitioning of new players from the learner's classes to Club sessions.

6 TEACHER ACCREDITATION

The group supported the concept of a Teachers Accreditation Programme. It was agreed that the first step would be the appointment of Regional Bridge Teaching Coordinators and the following initial appointments would be recommended to the Board of NZ Bridge:

Northland - Les Lilly	
Auckland - Christine Wilson	with one to be added
Waikato Bays – Jenny Millington	with one to be added
Central Districts – Wayne Burrows	
Wellington - Alan Grant	with one to be added
TOTS – Adrian Abraham	with one to be added
Christchurch- Jenny Wilkinson Tina McVeigh & Shirley Newton	
South Canterbury - Kay & Keith Nicholas	
Otago Southland - Kristen Collins	with one to be added

The nominees will work together to prepare a position description and a list of objectives.

7 PROJECT LAUNCH

It was agreed that the project would be launched at the Regional Conference in Feb 2011 with regional presentations to follow. In the interim the workshop minutes and an initial Bulletin would be circulated to the Clubs and Regional Committees.

Workshop Closed – 4.45pm