



New Zealand Bridge

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF INTERESTED PARTIES FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 7TH REGION OF NEW ZEALAND BRIDGE
Held during the National Bridge Congress – Hamilton on Wednesday 30th
September 2009 at 1.15pm**

PRESENT Kay Nicholas, Graham Wakefield, Alan Turner, Alister Stuck, (For NZB)
Steve Gray, Sally Moore, Jim Murray, Shelia Beggs, Adrian Abraham
(For the Region)

1 WELCOME

Alister welcomed everyone to the meeting and agreed to Chair the discussions. An Agenda document was handed out and the following items covered.

2 Establishment of a Transition Working Party

Those present agreed that a Working party should be established and this to comprise Alister Stuck, Robin Young, Steve Gray, Joan Small and Judith Calder. Alister to contact those not present and seek their agreement to participate.

3 Communication

It was agreed that Alister would set up a mailing list for interested parties so that information and progress reports can be shared.

4 Name for the 7th Region

The participants from the Region advised that would like the new area to be known as “Top of the South”. This differs slightly from that which was minuted previously by the Board (“Top O the South”). Graham Wakefield advised that this change would be ratified at the Nov Board Meeting.

5 Election Process – Regional Committee

It was agreed that this process would be managed by Alister who would call for nominations from the 8 Clubs who will form the new Region. It is likely that this will coincide with the Board elections scheduled for early 2010 with nominations to be lodged by Feb 10th.

6 BANK ACCOUNTS

It was agreed that Alister would manage the opening of new Accounts with the BNZ and he would take responsibility for collating the necessary paperwork.

7 New Region Computer Number

Alister reported that a new Computer number would need to be established for the Region. It is a possibility that the Clubs involved would need to be renumbered also. Alister will discuss with the Boards Computer Support contacts and will manage this project.

8 Updates to the NZ Bridge Manual

It was agreed that the next Manual would include references to the new Region but with a note that the changes would be effective from July 1st 2010.

9 Tournament Schedule

The meeting was advised that there would be no amendments to the 2010 Tournament Schedule. Kay outlined that the forthcoming comprehensive and strategic review of the Tournament Calendar for 2011 forward would be conducted with the full recognition of the existence of the 7th region.

10 Interprovincials- Rubber Bridge Finals

Kay confirmed the Boards intention to allow the new Region to contest the above events from 2010. This would necessitate Trials/ playoffs being held in the new Region prior to the Region being formally established.

11 Funding

Graham outlined the Boards plan to fund the new Region over and above that likely to be received from the Canterbury Region where their funds will be split on a pro rata basis. The Top of the South Region will receive a levy share of \$2 per player calculated on their membership as part of the Annual Return process scheduled for later this year.

In addition, the Masterpoints refund for the Canterbury Region as at 31 March 2010 would be split with the amount generated by the Northern Clubs allocated to the new Region.

In both cases these funds will be held by the Board until the new Region and the associated Banking arrangements are in place from July 1st 2010.

12 Feb 2010 Regional Conference

Alan Turner invited the representatives from the Region to nominate someone to attend the next Regional Conference to be held in Auckland over Waitangi Weekend. The Board would cover the Travel and Accommodation costs (if any) for the representative. It was left that Steve Gray would advise Alister of the person's details.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm