

COUNCIL MEETING- HAMILTON MAY 2010

Income and Expenditure 01/05/07 to 01/05/10

Bank balance 1/05/07	11,077.85	
Entry Fees 2007 Zone 7 Champs	9,000.00	
Cost of 2007 Zone 7 Champs		10,453.21
Levies received	1,370.00	
Interest received	321.32	
Bank charges		8.50
Meeting expenses Broadbeach 2009		425.00
Bank balance 01/05/10		<u>10,882.46</u>
	<u>\$21,769.17</u>	<u>\$21,769.17</u>

NB Levies for 2008 & 2009 are still outstanding. They are computed as NZ\$10 per member country plus 2.5 cents per registered member.

No expenses have ever been refunded to the President. There is a case for refunding NZ\$2,000 towards the cost of his airfare to Macau.

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Hi Everybody,
Here is the DRAFT Agenda for our meeting in Hamilton. Any requests for additions, changes etc should be made as soonas possible to me.

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Election of President.
- 3) Appointment of Secretary.
- 4) Appointment of Treasurer.
- 5) Appointment of delegate to WBF Executive Council.
- 6) Financial Statement.(see attached)
- 7) Proposal from NZB re future Zonal Championships.
- 8) General.

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Attachments:

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Zone 7 Playoff

Position of New Zealand Bridge Board

The New Zealand Bridge Board Proposes that:-

- 1. Future Zone 7 qualifying contests for the World Teams Championships are held at the PABF venue and run in parallel with the corresponding Zone 6 qualifying event.**
- 2. The Zone 7 qualifying Event is contested by Teams (from the Zone 7 Countries present) whose players have contested the immediately preceding PABF Championship Events.**

Benefits

1. Competition

Prior to 2009 the Zonal contest when held over two or three days was little more than a formality as to who would occupy the two qualifying places. In 2009

Last year, the two Pacific Nations (New Caledonia and French Polynesia) following a week of solid International Bridge competition provided stern competition in the Zone 7 semi-finals. These two nations clearly benefited from their International experience.

2. Cost

All Zone 7 Nations face the burden of cost because of their relative geographic isolation. In odd numbered years this can prove prohibitive for most countries of Zone 7, who qualify for the WTC. They need to fund up to 3 possible International Events i.e. the PABF Championships, World Teams Championships and a possible Zone 7 Play-off event.

Even with a substantial player base of 14,500, New Zealand must rely on its International Teams members to self fund a significant proportion of any International Programme.

3. *Players' Time & Expense*

The playing population of Zone 7, including those who have competed regularly on the International stage and those who aspire to, is by and large amateur and involves careers and families. The burden of cost that they face in annual leave, leave without remuneration, time and cost in preparation, and of course paying for part of their overseas trip(s) is considerable and cannot be adequately compensated. Adding a third international event, (a separate Zone 7 Play-off), would be beyond the resources of New Zealand Bridge to attend or to host.

Semi-Final Draw

- 1.** At the end of the PABF Championships ranking of Zone 7 countries to be made
- 2.** The draw for the semi-finals would then be based on this ranking of the Teams
 - This scenario would apply to **Open, Women & Seniors categories**
- 3.** The Play-Offs to run concurrently with the Zone 6 Play-Offs
 - The length and timing of matches to match those of the Zone 6 Play-Offs
 - Day 1 Play-Offs / 4 x 16 Board Sets
 - Day 2 Play-Offs / 3 x 16 Board Sets

Format for Semi-Final Play-Offs

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| 1 Team | No Semi-Final or Final |
| 2 Teams | Play a Final over 64 boards (Day 1 only) |
| 3 Teams | Top placed Team goes straight into the Final <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Number 2 and 3 Teams play Semi-Final over 48 boards▪ Final played over 48 boards |
| 4 Teams | Top placed Team chooses opponent from 3rd & 4th placed Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remaining Teams play 2nd Semi-Final – both matches over 48 boards▪ Final played over 48 boards <p>3rd / 4th Place Play-off played over 32 or 48 boards</p> |