

9th December, 2016

Letter to all Regional Committees and Clubs

Dear fellow bridge players

In recent weeks we have received quite a few letters, emails and calls from regions, clubs and individuals concerning the review of New Zealand Bridge structure. We thank you all for offering your ideas, feedback and suggestions and please accept this letter as an acknowledgement for taking the time to write to us. The Board of New Zealand Bridge met last Friday and has been reviewing these responses.

The Board wants to put in place the optimum resourcing plan to underpin the future of the game. However, we would like to clarify the following points:

- No final decisions have been taken on changes to NZB structure or staffing.
- The current Board would never countenance any strategy which carried financial risk to NZB, Regions or clubs, nor would it sanction something which would see fees and levies increased because of a change in structure.
- Elections have now been called for the positions of Chairperson and two board members who all are required to retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
- A decision on how a casual vacancy created by the earlier resignation of Carol Richardson is filled, will be circulated to you in the next day or so.

The Board remains committed to its mission of “facilitating, maintaining and growing the game of bridge in New Zealand” and acting in the best interests of all its stakeholders.

On behalf of the Board I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you well for the festive season.

Yours sincerely



Arie Geursen
NZB Chairman

