

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 10 April via Zoom at 9am

Present: Judith Lawton, Philip Noye, Lynne Fegan and Carole Bee

Apologies: Sonya Adams

Moved Carole/Lynne - Carried

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2023 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Phil – Carried

Matters Arising:

1. Wanaka club is now holding lessons, starting in May.
2. We need to get the locations of our road signs and add to our asset register.
3. Regional development of a site to support classes for practise may be too large an undertaking for a region. May be some thing NZ Bridge could look at.
4. Facebook campaign had more effect in smaller centres. No follow through on clicks in larger centres. Non in Dunedin.
5. OS Club websites now all updated. 7 Further changes came through.
6. Rubber bridge underway. We have 6 pairs Invercargill, 6 Queenstown, 4 Otago and 2 from Wanaka. Clubs been asked to have internal draw completed by 30 April.

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Email Greg Buzzard re IP trials. Now possible to score against a datum with an online trial but we need a director that is capable of doing this. Results take a bit longer as may need to be calculated by hand.
2. Email from Yvonne Hughes re IP trial online. Judith has responded.

OUTWARDS:

1. Minutes previous meeting to NZ Bridge Secretary.
2. Reply to Alan Grant.

Motion: “That the Correspondence be accepted as dealt with.”

Moved Carole/Lynne- carried

Financial Report:

Lynne circulated the financial report. Closing balance at \$13419 as at 31 March 2023. Spent \$8000 for financial year.

Motion: “ That we purchase the card tabards from Oamaru Club for Bridge promotions for \$195.50.” moved Lynne/Carole - carried

Motion: “That the financial report be received.” moved Lynne/ Phil-carried

Noted that we do not need a reviewer of our accounts as we are not a legal entity and all transactions go through NZBridge.

Regional Directions:

1. Annual budget for 2023 was submitted last year. Judith to tell Alister that they already have our three year budget.
2. A&P both sites (Invercargill and Wanaka) very busy and Sonya did an amazing job co-ordinating it all and manning the Wanaka site. Lots of awareness raising but not sure of the follow through rate. 10 Contacts given to Invercargill, all contacted but none came to lessons. Cromwell got three contacts, one followed through. Sonya will report to the next meeting.
3. Strategic Planning Meeting in Wellington:
 - Forward looking.
 - Full website update to come. Employing a full-time marketing and communications person for NZBridge
 - Skilled contractors will be made available to troubleshoot for regions and clubs.
 - Regional Support Person roles are to continue. Seem to be largely administrative roles in other regions.
 - “A point” fees will increase to support international programme and the new communication role.
 - Promotion suggested for Coronation Bridge on 6 May
 - A budget template for clubs to use for tournaments will be developed.
 - A coaching grant is available to support clubs coaching players or directors.
 - Honorariums are available for Regional Treasurers and Secretaries. Lynne and Carole declined these.
 - Suggested a regional or club “uniform” e.g. cap or tee shirt for National Congress.

- Offering prizes locally for Rubber Bridge winners. We feel a trip to Congress is a good prize from OS when it is usually involves a great deal of travel and accommodation from here.
 - Some discussion around Pianola Bridge - score against all participants, not just your club.
 - Overall OS Region seems to be functioning well.
 - Should be follow up action from Board after their meeting last Sunday.
4. Still hard for regions to know what the RSP role is and how what we want aligns with what NZBridge has said they are employed to do. Sonya very active on our behalf. She has now been invited to the National Congress organising committee.
 5. Supporting our Directors: We have Stewart, Mary and Marilyn (who still needs one supervised tournament to gain full qualification) in our region. Mary is still an active player in tournaments so this will limit her availability. Carole to contact Stewart and Marilyn and ask for their availability or otherwise and then distribute to our clubs. We have Mary's information.
 6. Invite for IP trials to go out ASAP. Will be online. Need a director so Phil will contact NZBridge for one.
 7. Concern expressed over they delay in getting some tournament results online in a timely fashion after a tournament. Felt it due to a lot of reasons, lack of familiarity with the programme, technical issues, software, issues with the scoring. Only way to clarify is if we physically monitor after a tournament and contact if there is a delay. There are several different programmes that directors are expected to be familiar with.
 8. King's Birthday Provincial Pairs and Teams at Queenstown. They are very proactive, and Lynne had a very productive meeting with them. Question of how to budget without numbers and what happens if there is deficit. Agreed we would cover Director fee in the first instance should that happen and then discuss from there. Lindsay is directing and will be billeted. Still looking for a scorer.
 9. 2024 10A tournaments: Provincials and Congress. To approach Oamaru and see if they would like to host Congress before offering to Otago and to Offer Provincials to Wanaka in first instance then to Queenstown.
 10. Regional Conference date now to be Mid November. To be confirmed once the tournament schedule is confirmed at that end of the year.
 11. Discussion around the distribution of tournament posters. If the chain of handling is shorter then there is less chance of an error or oversight. Clubs

to be supplied with a contact list for OS region, Canterbury Region and Alister and asked to circulate locally themselves and to Alister for National distribution. OS Secretary will assume anything coming from Alister, from our region, has already been circulated to our region's clubs.

12. Starter packs very positive. Carole to email Alister to say thank you.

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