



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

Friday 30 August 2013, 7pm at Otago Bridge Club Rooms

Present: Kristen Collins (in Chair), Marilyn Jackson, John Mitchell, Kaye Wilson,

Apologies: A. Stokes. L. Fegan

Confirmation of Minutes: 14th June 2013

Copies of 14th June, 2013 minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the Minutes as circulated, be confirmed. Mitchell/Jackson

Matters Arising: -

NIL

Correspondence Inwards: - forwarded previously to members

30-6	NZ Bridge	IP Info Bulletin 1
5-7	NZ Bridge	IP Info Bulletin 2
24-7	NZ Bridge	Recently Qualified Directors – no one from Otago
25-7	NZ Bridge	2014 Tournament Schedule
30-7	Christine Samson	re Int/Jnr tournament League
1-8	NZ Bridge	East Otago Club Affiliation
6-8	NZ Bridge	Strategic Plan and Regional Budget Template
8-8	NZ Bridge	New System Card for all A pt Tournaments
Aug	NZ Bridge	Numerous reports for Regional Conference

Correspondence Outwards:

- July All Otago/Southland Clubs outlining how masterpoints are calculated and what we had spent the money on in the region
- August NZ Bridge – letter requesting that Youth can play in both IP Teams and Youth Teams, what supervision of Youth at IP Teams in the absence of a Chef de Mission and asking for follow up with clubs whose masterpoint returns do not tally with their advertised sessions

Notes to correspondence

NZ Bridge are going to circulate excellent letter re masterpoints. Alister has sent all masterpoint sessions to regions. Up to regions to match up with calendar.
Re youth – Susan Humphries will supervise youth at IPs

Financial Report: See separate detailed papers

Bank A/c Balances

Current –6 June – 26 August	\$223.97
On Call – 6 June – 26 August	\$5043.80
Congress –6 June - 26 August	\$34.43

Accounts for Payment/Approval

Nil

Moved that the financial accounts be accepted: Jackson/Collins

General Business:

Int/ Jnr tournament league

For all tournaments, players must be graded as per NZ Bridge grading. Memo to be sent to all clubs stating this, along with E42 in the bridge manual. Template for entries should include rating points and grading - tournament secretary should check this.
Reply to be written to Christine Samson.

Congress venue for 2015

Invercargill has expressed an interest in hosting Congress. Decided to keep in Dunedin for at least a couple of years and maybe canvas participants on preferred venue. We could look at hosting another major tournament in Invercargill.

IPs Changes

Matter was discussed at Regional conference and it seems unlikely that there will be any change because of space and cost issues. Format may be looked at.

O/S Provincial teams and pairs 26/27 Oct

Kaye to organise with a match committee. Posters same as for last year.

Rubber Bridge 2014

Numbers need to be increased- possibilities include holding a tournament at each club with education session on strategy / scoring before. Agenda item for next meeting.

Regional Conference update

- NZ bridge are finding cost saving measures- increasing levies and masterpoints (user pays)
- other regions encouraged to run Swiss pairs tournaments as we do.
- decided that learners should not pay levies until they become members of a club.
- discussion about moving regional conference around – NZ Bridge would like to keep in cheapest place. Committee supported some sort of travel equalisation – letter to be written to NZ Bridge.
- discussion about increasing and retaining membership
- cut coaching grant – no one applies
- marketing presentation by Shirley Newton and Alan Turner who listed a number of strategies including branding and having a major sponsor.

Strategic plan

Directors exams- hopefully 2 sitting this year

Website development- Lynne will do final push.

O/S congress – move to Dunedin

Intermediate / junior scorecard – core group of followers, promote at individual events.

Club packages- improvers lessons

Scoring for directors- next year directors manual for scoring programmes

Bridge teachers' conference workshop 2014, conference 2015

Funding applications- fundraising for smaller clubs

Affiliation- Kaye and Kristen to visit Pamerston Club on Sept 11th and welcome them to NZ bridge

Date of Next Meeting: tba –

Declare the meeting closed at: 9.15pm