

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee 4pm Sunday 15 August via Zoom

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

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held in July were taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record by Phil/Lynne - Carried.

Matters Arising:

1. We now have a minute that has been approved so can go ahead with the application to the Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation to help with the O/S provincial team accommodation costs. Judith to complete this.

Correspondence:

1. Inwards:

Brad Johnston (10/8 email) – resignation from Otago and Otago Southland Regional bridge committees

Y Hughes (12/8 2 emails to L Fegan) – difficulties with on line entries.

Allan Morris (2 emails 5/8 & 6/8) - re director for congress

M Wiggins (2 emails 10/7 & 5/8) -re director for O/S congress

M Oyston (10/80 – re O/S congress

2. Outwards:

Murray Wiggins (2 emails) – re organising a director for O/S Congress

Allan Morris (email 5/8) - re director for congress

Martin Oyston (10/8) – re O/S Congress

Financial:

1. Only 1 transaction for the month and still waiting to be reimbursed for travel and accommodation paid for Inter Provincials. Lynne will hurry NZ Bridge along as we have had this outstanding for some time.

Agenda Items:

1. Brad's resignation was accepted with much regret. Carole will write an email of thanks for his vast contribution during his tenure and also ask if there are any ongoing tasks or issues we need to be aware of and pick up. Carole will email all clubs and ask for suggestions for people who might help us spread the load around the province and also fill the IT and youth void that Brad's resignation has left. Most important is positivity and enthusiasm for progressing the game of bridge at all levels. Committee members will also get their thinking caps on.

2. Phil presented his financial review for congress that was read along-side Brad's review. Some concern that we and clubs are running our tournaments based on historical practise with no real idea of the true costs, especially for master-points so we are developing a template that clubs could use to estimate these costs to give them some idea. Of course it is hard without confirmed entries. A Point tournaments may include the cost of flying in and accommodating a suitably qualified director and a scorer.

It was noted that running teams event costs significantly more for master-points than pairs events.

3. Congress director. Martin Oyston has agreed to direct at O/S congress on Labour weekend. OSRC have confirmed we will pay \$800 for director's fees, flights and transfers; accommodation has already been confirmed and will be paid for by OSRC. Martin advised he will not be requiring a scorer for the event.

4. Judith to update the entry fees on the congress poster to be forwarded to NZB for distribution

5. Prizes for congress will be paid by voucher (on line), Judith will provide these for use at Congress.

6. It was noted that Gore's charity tournament results were delayed getting to the web.

7. We (O/S) are hosting the South Island Teams, O/S Congress and O/S conference next year so we need to find a club willing to host these events that has a suitable venue and able to cope with the admin required. Carole will email all clubs asking for an expression of interest. Judith will forward her an outline of what they would be committing to for each event. It was noted that regional clubs have historically hosted specific events (O/S Swiss Pairs in Invercargill, IP Trials in Otago, Provincial teams and pairs in Otago) but that this does not need to be the status quo. A review of the entire O/S tournament schedule needs to be completed that identifies the aims of the programme and analyses its effectiveness in potential to deliver this.

Strategic plan:

1. Cromwell to host the Hamilton Plate (teams event for Jnr, Int and Open team from each of Queenstown, Cromwell, Alexandra and Wanaka).
2. Some consideration could be given to O/S committee awarding a prize to Junior Pairs that compete in regional and/or local tournaments and feature in the results as an inducement to enter. We need to consider the format carefully but would possibly be a free entry to a regional or South Island event or help with travel or accommodation to one of these events. May be calculated over a period of a year for a minimum entry number from specified tournaments.
3. There are no longer any coaching grants available from NZBridge.
4. We need to identify someone who might be interested in providing improvers Lessons throughout our province. Current providers and others who have donated vast amounts of time to this and these sort of things and others may be suffering from volunteer burnout. They get very little recognition for what is an enormous commitment.
5. Still waiting for report on Regional Bridge Mates to come from National Conference.

6. Noted that there is a National School tournament in Auckland on 1 October with no notice having been given to other regions. Judith to write to NZBridge re this.

See attached Document

Meeting closed 5:50pm

Next meeting TBC but matters to be dealt with as they come via email in the interim.

Critical Actions

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	Actioned
Judith	Application to Bendigo Trust	ASAP	
Lynne	Chase NZ bridge re IP travel reimbursement	ASAP	
Carole	Email province re Brad's resignation	ASAP	
Judith	Update fees on poster for congress	ASAP	yes
Carole	send congress poster to NZB	ASAP	complete
Judith	email Yvonne re emails to personal email accounts	ASAP	complete
Carole	Respond to Yvonne and forward to NZ Bridge	ASAP	
Carole	Email clubs re OS Congress 2022 and SI Teams 2022 venue	ASAP	
Judith	Email NZBridge re National School tournament in Auckland	ASAP	Complete
role	respond to Hamish Ryan's email.	ASAP	yes