

NZBridge Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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Secretary

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

11am, 8th February 2015, Alexandra Bridge Club, Clyde

Present: Frances Sheehy (in Chair), Marilyn Jackson, Kaye Wilson, Phillip Hensman

Apologies: Joan Scarlett, James Coutts
Apologies accepted: F Sheehy/ K.Wilson

Confirmation of Minutes:

Copies of 11th January minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the minutes as circulated, be confirmed. M. Jackson/ F. Sheehy

Matters Arising from minutes:

- A. Schwartz airfares have been reimbursed
- Kay Shand has been paid for travel to IPs
- Matt Baird has had youth reimbursement of \$150 paid.
- Check if following have been paid
 - Otago Club for room hire- \$800
 - Brad Johnston youth reimbursement- \$150
 - Ann- Marie Russell IP travel - \$20
 - Balclutha Club: use of rooms for meetings.
- Has NZ Bridge reimbursed 17 airfares for IP travel?
- Thankyou card has been sent to A. Schwartz as Chef de Mission for IPs. A report from her has been requested.
- Youth reimbursement: It was decided to change the criteria for only students to be eligible and for reimbursement of 50% of tournament fees for the year, up to \$150.
- Tournament league: Kaye to change contact details and amend award amounts for 2015 as decided at the January meeting. Kaye to do certificates for 2014 winners and send to relevant Clubs. Winners still to be paid.

Correspondence Inwards: forwarded previously to members

Notes

- Youth Bridge weekend, 7-9 August. All expenses are paid by NZ Bridge.
- Interprovincial teams: To be held in Christchurch, beginning Nov 27. As accommodation is at a premium, a room for the Chef de mission should be booked early. Kaye to investigate Pub Charities as a source of sponsorship for accommodation.

Correspondence Outwards: forwarded previously to members

Financial Report:

Balances

Congress Acc: \$19.80

O/S: \$3954.43

On call: \$2559.30

Total Balance: \$6533.53

Accounts for Payment/Approval

K.Wilson, F. Sheehy, M Jackson, : Meeting travel subsidy for January and February meetings in Alexandra

Invercargill Club – catering for Swiss Pairs. 45pax@\$8 = **\$360**. Invoice required.

Lindsay Lawrence (Swiss Pairs): Directing \$180, travel \$100, dealing 144 boards @30c =\$43.20.

Total:**\$323.20**

Moved accounts be paid: K.Wilson/ F. Sheehy. Carried

General Business:

- 1) It was moved that Philip Hensman replace Kristen Collins on the Regional Committee, and assume the role of treasurer. F.Sheehy/K.Wilson –carried
- 2) It was moved that Kristen Collins be removed as a signatory to bank accounts. Kaye Wilson and James Coutts to remain and Phillip Hensman added as signatories.
F.Sheehy/Marilyne Jackson
Carried.
- 3) Swiss Pairs review: 11 tables. \$239 for Master Points (\$199+GST). The director charged for 3 sessions (\$180) and \$100 travel. Predicted small loss of \$30.
- 4) Secretaries meeting: M. Jackson attended as our representative and provided a verbal report. Tournament schedule was discussed (see agenda #8). A Junior tournament with just 1 session was held as a trial. Majority of those playing preferred 2 sessions and playing against those of similar rank.
A Secreatry/Treasurers timetable was tabled.
- 5) Rubber Bridge:
F. Sheehy is to oragnise this. Entries to close March 25th. Kaye to amend notice.
- 6) IP trials, 2015:
Format- Butler pairs with IMPs scoring. Discuss with Dennis McCaughan/ Michael Albert. Intermediates to play separately with format decided by number of entries. Possibly Swiss Pairs?
Entry fee \$100 /person
Entrants to specify what team they are trialling for.
M. Jackson to get form for updating from Anne- Louise.
- 8) Director Training Enquiry:
Frances to discuss with Alister the possibility of having Alan Joseph run a session the day before the Regional Conference ie 28th March, or have a separate day (funded by coaching grant?). Agreement that Alan's sessions are excellent and it would be good to hold it in Central Otago.
- 9) O/S Regional Conference: Sunday 29th March
Notices with amended dates have been sent to Clubs. Also asking for 2 reps to attend. Agenda may change depending who is representing NZ Bridge -Jane Stern, Alan Joseph, Murray Wiggins?
Regional Issues need to be identified for final session eg Interclub teams.
- 10) Tournament Schedule 2015:
Do Otago want Xmas Cheer again this year? – Kaye to check

O/S pairs and teams Labour weekend. Switch so that pairs is on Saturday 25th Oct because players may be going to Neil Diamond concert.

11) Tournament Schedule 2016:

Decided to return Swiss pairs (16th January) to Otago and compare numbers to 2015.
Oamaru Tournament, Sat, 14th May, clashes with IP trials. Another possible date is Sunday 24th April. Frances to discuss with Club.

O/S Congress: Switch to Labour weekend with the possibility of Queenstown as venue. Phillip to investigate possible venues in Queenstown- Events Center?

O/S pairs and teams switch to Queens Birthday.

Marilyn to send 2016 schedule to Clubs for checking.

12) Website update: The following updates are needed

2014 IP results and photos

Milton – new secretary, Lisa Rutherford, PO Box 107, Milton 9241

Upcoming tournaments 2015

Tournament results 2014/2015

Tournament League winners 2014

Committee – Add Phillip Hensman

Forms- Tournament league, Rubber Bridge, Youth reimbursement, trials notice

13) Interclub teams: event may be in jeopardy. Concerns raised that the rules allow Clubs to change those who play Hamilton from the ones who have “trilled”

Meeting closed at 3.25pm

Next Meeting: to be advised. After Taieri tournament 21st March?

Action points

Marilyn - send 2016 tournament schedule to Clubs'
- send tournament changes to Rona

James - make payments as listed
- update website as listed #9 (except forms)

Frances - talk to Alister about directors seminar.
- talk to Oamaru Club re change of tournament date

Kaye - Tournament league winners- certificates to clubs
- Update Tournament league, rubber bridge, youth reimbursement forms
- Send Phillip info – end of financial year date, reviewer for annual accounts, 2013 accounts
- check if Otago want to hold Xmas Cheer
- investigate Pub Charities for sponsorship of accommodation

Phillip - investigate Queenstown venues for 2016 Congress
- change signatories at BNZ