

**Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 22 January 2024 via Zoom at 11am**

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

**Apologies:** Nil

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**“That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2023 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved Carole/Lynne – Carried**

**Matters Arising:** Nil (some discussion under general business relates to last minutes)

**Correspondence:**

**INWARDS:**

As per emails:

1. Bridget – re Inter Regionals being held f2f in Wellington. We will investigate booking accommodation (25 people excluding spouses/family) for the team once we have heard if NZ Bridge have been able to secure a group discount. Carole to email to follow up.
2. Matt Blakeley – reimbursement for entering tournaments as a youth player. Has been processes but no longer allowed going forward under NZBridge guidelines.
3. Rona O’Driscoll – 2025 Programme. We are okay at this stage.
4. Sonja Adams – Tabards and flags. Agreed to sell tabards to NZ Bridge for \$195 our purchase price and donate the flags and flyers. We will try and find a spot for the sign around Oamaru/Palmerston. Lynne will contact East Otago.

**OUTWARDS:**

1. Minutes previous meeting to NZ Bridge Secretary.
2. Email to Babs-Merel de Visser indicating that Otago are willing to work with her to direct Otago Southland Congress at Labour weekend.
3. Request for feedback on Regional Conference.

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

**Moved Judith/Carole- carried**

### **Financial Report:**

Lynne circulated the financial report. Costs for Conference thus far \$800 travel and \$1020 catering. Closing balance at \$9264.72 as at 31 Dec 2023.

**Motion: "That the financial report be received."**

**moved Lynne/ Judith-carried**

**Motion: "That Phil submit an account for his hours at \$30 per hour for: IPs 25 hrs weekend tournament plus 10 hrs for organising trials and selecting; Regional Conference 16 hrs preparation; Business Plan 2023 16 hrs; Business Plan 2024 update & rewrite 16 hrs which is 83 hours total."**

**Moved Carole/Lynne – Carried (Phil removed himself from discussion and abstained from vote)**

**Motion: " That we invite clubs to apply to us to be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$300 per club for the advertising costs for lessons by providing receipts/invoices to us by 27 February."**

**Moved Phil/Lynne - Carried**

### **General Business:**

1. Report back from Regional conference very positive. All clubs found it valuable and wish to continue to have the opportunity to connect with other clubs. Everyone felt safe to contribute and did so.
2. Phil will send out the material to clubs once he has updated it as he was unaware of the changes to the **Registered Charities Act** (Phil is this the correct terminology?) that also affect a number of our clubs.
3. We may struggle to get an IP team as a reluctance to play F2F in Wellington and also due to the potential promotion of players up a grade.
4. 10 Clubs have responded to the request for club detail updates or confirmation of status quo.

### **Strategic Plan:**

1. Phil has done an outstanding job of updating this document for us.
2. Teams tournaments at the Jnr/Int level are lacking and possibly in clubs also. 90% of our players are Jnr/Int so we need to reflect on this when considering our tournament offerings.
3. Also need to try and get data to see how many clubs are heavily reliant on secondary members.
4. Phil has also looked at tournament data and how many players play outside of their own club or own region.

5. We can promote novice tournaments and look at linking tournaments held by separate clubs and make them part of a series to qualify to be invited to compete in a regional final of some sort.
6. We are able to keep a regional support person if we put it in our budget and employ them ourselves.
7. We need to try and hold sessions on movements for smaller clubs and scoring teams events to upskill some of our clubs.
8. We may be able to find someone in each geographical area in our region to teach improvers lessons.
9. National Online policy needs to be announced before we can respond and adjust our budget with regard to that beyond this year.
10. The committee needs to reach out to clubs to find a replacement for Lynne who is stepping down this year. Carole to email clubs.
11. We will ratify the budget by email as required to meet NZBridge Deadline.

Next meeting 18 March 11AM Zoom

Meeting Closed 12:15pm