

**Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 18 September via Zoom at 1:30pm**

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

**Apologies:** Nil

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**“That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2023 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved Carole/Lynne– Carried**

**Matters Arising:**

1. Hensman cup engraved and up to date and in Otago Club
2. Judith has found 2 surplus cups that could be repurposed. Decision on their use at future meeting.

**Correspondence:**

**INWARDS:**

As per emails:

1. Sonya Adams/Jane Whitmore (Balclutha) – council has insisted that our signs be removed, due to advertising gambling. Jane went to the council to explain that bridge was not gambling and was told it made no difference. Signs had to be consented with a considerable fee attached and it was unlikely to be granted and fee not refundable. Lynne to investigate the bylaws and report next meeting.
2. Denise Carter re 2023 Congress and what they are responsible for. Phil reported that Otago have their AGM tonight and so after that they will have a better idea of their capability. Will be a fairly new committee. Lynne has offered to do admin and entries so poster can be made and sent out with our bank account.

**OUTWARDS:**

1. Minutes previous meeting to NZ Bridge Secretary.
2. Letters of thanks to Wanaka and Otago clubs for agreeing to host Kings Birthday Provincial Teams/Pairs and OS Congress respectively.
3. Emails to Alan Morris, Alister Stuck and Sam Coutts re conference topics and timing.

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

**Moved Carole/Phil- carried**

### **Financial Report:**

\$12760.04 as at 31 August 2023. Lynne will send out final break down of SI Pairs.

**Motion: "That the financial report be received." moved Lynne/Phil-carried**

### **General Business:**

1. Potential for a third day of Swiss pairs at the OS regional congress going forward from 2024. To be discussed at our Regional Conference.
2. Letter of thanks to go to David Stephen (Director) and Kevin Walker (Scorer) for the SI pairs which ran very smoothly and were a great success.
3. OS Conference 19 Nov in Alexandra. They will cater.
  - Carole to email clubs with programmes and ask for numbers to be directed to Alexandra club.
  - Hamish MacDonald will speak to their new website if time allows.
  - Phil happy to talk about 1. Teaching/Learning think tank and 2. Club compliance with legislation and changes that are occurring in the Incorporated Societies Act.
  - We do not have good data on how many of our clubs own their own buildings or are not incorporated societies.
  - Judith to ask Alan Morris if Mel Auld (new marketing position) should come.
3. National Bridge Teachers' Conference. Only aware of 4 registrations form OS region at this stage. Carole to email clubs for a push to attend. Funding available from New Zealand Bridge Foundation to help cover costs.

**Motion: "That Otago Southland Regional Committee contribute up to \$150 per car or flight for all attendees from our region."**

**Moved Phil/Lynne - Carried**

4. Lynne had very little feed back re the administration of the Hamilton Plate going forward but we feel it should go back to Alexandra as that is where it originated and they will administer and co-ordinate with the hosting club.
5. TWIG still trying but Winton are having trouble fielding seniors. Suggested that intermediates that play open tournaments play up. Some players from Invercargill may play for Te Anau.

### **Regional Directions:**

1. Carole to email all clubs re the conference. We will support them with funds for travel on a per case basis. We need them to attend to find out

what they need and open the communication lines between us and head office.

2. We need to reinstate the 3 monthly calls to our clubs we are to liaise with. Timely to do now and mention regional conference and National Teaching conference.

Meeting Closed 12 noon

Next meeting Monday 16 October 10.45am. Apology from Carole

**Next meeting 11am 11 Sept 2023**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Actioned</b>
Judith	Email Alan Morris re Mel Auld attending conference	ASAP	
Judith	Conference Programme Confirmed	ASAP	
Carole	Email thanks to David Stephens and Kevin Walker	ASAP	√
Phil	OS Congress poster from Sonya	ASAP	√
Carole	OS Congress poster to Alister for Web and distribution and to OS Clubs	ASAP	√
Carole	Email clubs re our conference and teachers conference	ASAP	