

Committee meeting of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Wednesday 19th March 2025 7.00pm.

MINUTES

Present

Kate Ramsay, Pauline Sutherland, Janice Hodson, Christine Dallas, Tony Winters, Judith Lawton, Fred Warnaar, Lynn Darnill, Janet Thomas

Apologies

Greg Buzzard, Jane Carroll, Grant Milne, Jan Brown

Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Masons – Heat Pump – hold do not pay invoice. Check warranty
- Meeting re Teams on Wed – will not start until after the end of our teams in Sept

Confirmation of Minutes of committee meeting 12 February 2025

Moved: J Lawton **Seconded:** K Ramsay **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: *To be dealt with as read.*

Inwards:

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| • 12 Feb 25 | Winton Club | Flyer Notice of Tournament – Fwd ALL/NB |
| • 17 Feb 25 | O/S Bridge | Next Committee Meeting – Fwd Committee |
| • 17 Feb 25 | S Scott | Tournament Prizes – Fwd Match Comm |
| • 18 Feb 25 | C Dallas | Heat Pump Invoicing x Masons |
| • 19 Feb 25 | Y Hughes | Director rulings Fwd: Comm – <i>has been addressed</i> |
| • 20 Feb 25 | T Lundin | Heat Pumps – Fwd Comm – <i>Signs to be put back up</i> |
| • 23 Feb 25 | O/S Bridge | Flyer Kapiti On Line Bridge – Fwd ALL |
| • 26 Feb 25 | O/S Bridge | Response re change of Swiss Pairs 2026 |
| • 26 Feb 25 | Inside Sys | Quote for fans <i>Hold over</i> |
| • 28 Feb 25 | S Scott | Tournament Prizes – re no response |
| • 02 Mar 25 | NZBridge | Flyer – Tournament Directors assessments |
| • 03 Mar 25 | O/S Bridge | Flyer National Swiss pairs – Tauranga – Fwd NB |
| • 03 Mar 25 | O/S Bridge | Flyer Wellington Open Teams – Fwd NB |
| • 04 Mar 25 | Kaikoura Bridge | Flyer – all grades tournament Fwd NB |
| • 04 Mar 25 | Taupo Bridge Club | Flyer – Open 5 a Tournament Fwd NB |
| • 05 Mar 25 | Otago Bridge | Flyer for Tournament – NB/ALL |
| • 09 Mar 25 | Queenstown Bridge | Flyer for Tournament – NB/ALL |
| • 10 Mar 25 | O/S Bridge | Dan Gifford Rubber Bridge Notice – Fwd Comm |

• 11 Mar 25	O/S Bridge	Scoring Template and Rules
• 11 Mar 25	G Donaldson	Inside Sys – accept quote <i>hold over</i>
• 11 Mar 25	NZ Bridge	Minutes of Board Meeting – Fwd Comm
• 11 Mar 25	NZ Bridge	Notice of AGM Fwd Comm
• 11 Mar 25	NZ Bridge	Encouraging Juniors to enter Junior Tournaments
• 13 Mar 25	Wanaka bridge	Flyer for Tournament Fwd NB
• 13 Mar 25	G Buzzard	ILT Fireworks 2025 – Fri 15 August <i>check with C McD</i>
• 13 Mar 25	O/S Bridge	Junior Intermediate On-line Teams Comp <i>Send to all</i>
• 13 Mar 25	Timaru Bridge	Promotions and Handicapping – <i>Reply, get to ring Tony</i>
• 14 Mar 25	NZ Bridge	Refreshed website – signing in - <i>newsletter</i>
• 14 Mar 25	DB & Lion Breweries	Price Increase – Fwd GM FW
• 14 Mar 25	NZ Post	Parcel leave Authority <i>check</i>
• 17 Mar 25	NZ Bridge	Easter on line Fundraiser – Fwd ALL
• 17 Mar 25	G Eyles	Bridgemates

Outwards:

• 18 Feb 25	J Lawton	SS – Response advising review <i>Letter to go out</i>
• 18 Feb 25	P Sutherland	KB – Complaint for record
• 18 Feb 25	NZBridge	Swiss pairs – Request forwarded to O/S Bridge
• 18 Feb 25	P Sutherland	NZB – updated club form
• 28 Feb 25	J Lawton	SS – Follow up from no reponse
• 04 Mar 25	T Winters	Presidents newsletter – Silver Div
• 10 Mar 25	T Winters	Presidents newsletter – Silver Reserve Div
• 21 Jan 25	P Sutherland	J Brown – Request for copy of Match meeting minutes

Matters arising from Correspondence:

A full match and committee meeting is to be held to review Silver Reserve Division – Date set of 9 April 2025

That the Inward Correspondence be accepted and the Outward Correspondence be approved.

Moved: Pauline Sutherland **Seconded:** Lynn Darnill **Carried.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Financial report tabled for 28 February 2025

Matters arising from Treasurer Report:

Kiwibank – Term Deposit – *Two separate term deposits – 38k and 25k – 4%*

Moved T Winters Seconded F Waarnar

Unpaid invoices (Subs) *The following to be removed – A&S McRae, J Jolley, M Morrison, M Girhotua, V Axon.
Can reinstate if they come back*

Masonic Lodge sponsorship, how much?

Donation of \$150 from Audiology South 10/03/25

Treasurer report accepted with Accounts Payable of \$4990.35 + the GST to be paid

Moved: Christine Dallas **Seconded:** Janet Thomas **Carried.**

MATCH REPORT

March – Recommendations

- It was moved that Life members whom have departed will have a series named after them

Moved: T Winters Seconded Lynn Darnill

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

- Rubber Bridge entries called for

HEALTH & SAFETY

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Property**
 - Bar – drain blocked – Grant to look at
- **House**
 - Janice will have a buy up in the next day or so
- **Bar**
 - More people required to help with Bar – Tony to put in newsletter
- **Masonic Lodge**
 - Lease Re-signing
- **Membership Club Promotion:**
- **Computer:**
- **Constitution Sub-committee – 2025 Greg, Tony and Jane**
- **Concerns & Feedback**

ACTION ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD:

Action	Responsible	Update
Lessons with Moss	Greg	Monday Nights
Fire Drill	Grant	Next drill 12 June 2025
Private Car Park Sign	Grant	To be erected in the Car Park
Dealing Machine	?	Needs Serviced (software download?)
Ventilation Fans	Grant	Quote x inside Systems to get
Drains	Grant	To be checked by camera
Constitution	Greg/Jane	To get skeleton draft x Otago Bridge
Masons	Greg	Use of Bar – two more names req

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Masons – Heat Pump Invoice – *on hold*
- Life Membership – Constitution change @ AGM to adopt
- Correct channels for members concerns and complaints – *Janet Thomas*
- Use of bridge computer – *Lockout passwords to be implemented*
- **TEAMS:** Proposal x Winton Club, combine competition on Wed evening
 - Suggested Wed night Winton come in and maybe add Gore? *Sept 2025*
- Club General cleanliness – it was felt that the number of hours each week by the cleaner was not enough to keep up the standard of cleanliness required, Cleaner to be approached to increase hours to 7 hours per week. And be given a schedule of duties Judith/Christine/Janice

Meeting concluded at 8.30 pm Next meeting Wednesday 16th April 2025

Meeting re Silver Reserve Division Wednesday 9th April 2025

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

Signature: _____

(Invercargill Bridge Club President)

Date: _____

Match Committee Notes
Monday, 17 February 2025, at 6.45 pm

Present: Judith Lawton, Jan Brown, Jane Carroll and Jill McMeeking

Apologies: Greg Buzzard, Tony Winters, Geoff Eyles

Letter of Concern re

Swiss Pairs Prize Awarding:

A letter had been received from questioning the awarding of prizes at the event the previous day. It had been circulated around some Committee members, and written feedback had been provided by Geoff Eyles and Greg Buzzard.

It was noted the tournament had been publicised as a Swiss Pairs 8B event; no mention of grades/sections was made in that advertising; no mention of awarding of prizes was made either. When the tournament was set up, there were no sections set-up or displayed for players.

Prior to the tournament prizes were agreed to be first, second and third, depending on entries and grades. On the day of the tournament, those of the Match Committee present agreed that the prizes would be awarded to the top three placings for Open and top two placings for Intermediate. There was mention that if an Intermediate pair gained one of the top three placings, then that would change the prizes to be awarded, and there would need to be a reconsideration.

At the time prizes were being allocated, it was evident an Intermediate Pair had gained second place. Greg Buzzard was asked to contribute to the discussions at that time. Jane Carroll was not as she was potentially a recipient of a prize. It was agreed Top three places would get the Open prizes, and that the two Intermediate prizes would also be awarded.

The matter was discussed at length, with little resolution or agreement. One member was of the view that the tournament should have been run on the same lines as in previous years (i.e. entries split into sections and prizes awarded across the sections).

Because of the fact only four members of the Committee were present and able to discuss this (one of whom was feeling compromised as they were a prize recipient), it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the next full Match Committee meeting. In the meantime, prizes are to be issued as announced on the day, and any announcement of results to be prefaced by the words "winners as announced on the day". If there is to be an alteration to the prizes, this can occur at a later date.

Judith noted she had acknowledged receipt of the letter in the meantime.

Termination: There being no further time to discuss anything else, the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Match Committee Notes
Monday, 11 March 2025, at 6.30 pm

Present: Judith Lawton, Greg Buzzard, Jan Brown, Tony Winters, Jane Carroll, Geoff Eyles and Jill McMeeking

Apologies: -

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2025, which had been previously circulated to all members of the Committee, were confirmed on the resolution of Greg Buzzard and Jane Carroll – Carried.

Letter of Concern re

Swiss Pairs Prize Awarding:

Noted the recommendation from the meeting stood, and there was no reason to change it. The email from Geoff Eyles encapsulated exactly what had happened (which all had received a copy of). Agreed that this should be the basis of a response that is ultimately sent back, should the full Committee agree.

Masonic All Grades Tournament:

Currently 9 tables entered.

All grades tournament – prizes will be available for Open, Intermediate and Junior (should there be sufficient entries). Currently proposing to offer Two prizes for Open, two for Intermediate and one for Junior – noting that should a lower graded pair take a higher graded placing, they will receive that higher prize. Prizes to be \$60/\$50 for O and I, and \$60 for J.

Agreed entry fee to be \$30.00 per person. NZ Bridge site to be updated with this information.

Marilyn Jackson Directing – Jan Brown to liaise re arrangements.

Jane Carroll will liaise with Janice Hodson re catering

Masons representative will be attending in the morning.

Inconsistent Start Times for Divisions:

The committee discussed the inconsistent start times between grades. Agreed that changes should not occur mid-year, but that this could be a topic for discussion at the AGM. Questioned whether 15 minutes would be sufficient change to make a difference to late finishes. Noted reminder to go out to Directors to keep board numbers down to 22-26 boards max where possible – noting that boards can be removed from the system (and Directors/Scorers can be shown how that can be done).

Results not posted to Website:

Noted there had been some technical issues with getting results to the website. This was anticipated to be temporary – Geoff was working on a fix.

Director/Player Discussion at end of Play:

Concerns had been expressed about discussion that had been ongoing about a Director's ruling on a Silver night. Following discussion the meeting agreed that Greg

suggest to both people that should similar incidents occur in future, they take those discussions away to the Committee Room.

Question re high handicaps for players:

There were questions raised about why some players appear to have high handicaps. This is due to their playing results on the nights they play on. The handicap system is computerised, and monitored by Geoff Eyles. The meeting confirmed its comfort with the handicap system. For those wishing to have a clearer understanding of how it works, that information is contained in the July 2024 President's Newsletter. In the meantime, Greg to respond to the enquirer with this information.

Life Member Names on Series:

There was some discomfort expressed by a life member about having their name included on a series, as previously proposed. The suggestion was made that those life members could be honoured in this way. There was general support for this approach.

Murihiku Teams and Pairs Event:

Director – S Strang

Entry Fee - \$40.00 per person Teams; \$35.00 per person Pairs; \$65.00 if a person enters both.

Lunch to be provided for Director

Scorer to be identified.

Promotion can start as soon as this weekend is over.

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