



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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Secretary: Marilyn Jackson

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND REGIONAL BRIDGE COMMITTEE Meeting held at Otago Bridge Club 7.00pm, Friday 31 August, 2018

Present: Frances Sheehy, Marilyn Jackson, Maria Godfrey, Paul Freeland,
Lynne Fegan

In attendance: Gillian Alexander (new RBM)

Apologies: Phil Hensman

Welcome: Frances (Chairperson) welcomed all to the meeting, especially Gillian Alexander, Otago Southland Region's new Regional Bridge Mate who advised that she was working 2 days/week.

Minutes: The Minutes of the 16/03/18 & 07/07/18 (Informal Meeting) were approved. Frances/Marilyn

Matters Arising:

Paul reported that Bradley Johnston & Nik Mitchell did not require funding from OSRC to assist with expenses incurred while representing NZ at the World Youth Championships in China.

Inwards Correspondence:

15/07/18 Minutes of NZB National Conference, Wellington
17/07/18 Minutes of NZB Board Meeting, via Zoom Link Up

Outwards Correspondence:

Response to Rona Driscoll re 2019/20 Tournament Schedule

Financials: There was no report supplied - in absence of Treasurer
Requested that there be a Financial Report furnished for all meetings

General Business:

Strategic Plan & Budget

Agreed to reintroduce a Strategic Plan – Lynne to lead this at next meeting

Zoom

Gillian offered to demonstrate usage of Zoom online meeting technology

NZB National/Regional Conference

- Need to know confirmed date well ahead of time
 - No return Dunedin/Wellington flights available to cover Conference timing
 - OSRC forced to incur cost of 1 night's accommodation
 - Less flights available on a Sunday
- *** **Motion:** That NZB be requested to fund 1 delegate (flights, & accommodation if required) for National Conferences Maria/Marilyn

Clubs Requiring Assistance

Agreed that Balclutha & Milton may benefit most from RBM assistance
Jane Stearn advised that Te Anau & Taieri would welcome RBM visits

National 15A – Otago Club, tomorrow

Concerns:

- that the minimal profit will be totally usurped with payment of MasterPoints
- that NZB controls some fixed expenses – despite entry numbers
- initially told full Barometer event, then changed to Half Barometer
- boards had already been dealt for Full Barometer – incurring extra cost
- OSRC required to cover Director's transport to/from Dunedin Airport
- some players believe the entry fee of \$80.00 is too high

Hence, OSRC incurs another loss

Likely reasons for lack of external entries:

Cost of Travel; + loss of NZ Trialing at National Tournaments

*** **Motion:** That NZB be asked for support for this tournament Frances/Paul

Agreed: Frances, Marilyn, Paul consult with relevant NZB representatives

2020 South Island Pairs – 10A

- Invercargill Club = currently proposed host
- Concerns re location & lack of profit
- Local or external player support is not assured
- Cost & frequency of flights – into/out of Invercargill
- No National Selection from this event – hence no necessity to attend
- Do we know that the Invercargill Club is supportive of hosting this event
- Would require extensive local sponsorship
- Local players don't understand the necessity for higher entry fees

Losses for this event held in Invercargill are guaranteed

OSRC does not wish to be liable for losses incurred

*** **Motion:** That NZB be requested to cover any losses from running a 10A South Island Pairs event, hosted by the Invercargill Club in 2020 Marilyn/Lynne

Agreed: Frances, Marilyn, Paul consult with relevant NZB representatives

Secondment of Committee Member

Frances explained that Peter Mountain had generously stood down from the OSRC elections, when it was determined that there were 3 candidates for 2 positions.

Frances also advised that Peter had been pre-approved for secondment by NZB – his contribution for ongoing secondment to the committee will be for his ideas & tournament assistance.

Allocation of Committee Responsibilities

- Frances – Chairperson; organise IPs, Trials & Directors; Liaison with Oamaru, East Otago, Balclutha & Maniototo clubs
- Marilyn – Secretary – inwards/outwards mail; communication with Committee Members
- Phil – Accounting
- Maria – Co-signatory; Tournament Notices; Food for O/S Tournaments
- Paul – Youth; Liaison with Otago & Taieri clubs
- Lynne – Minute Secretary; Liaison with Wanaka, Queenstown, Alexandra & Cromwell clubs

Bendigo Trust

\$3000.00 received towards travel & accommodation costs of O/S representatives for Inter-Provincials
Frances to procure receipt for finalising Bendigo Trust Funding Agreement

O/S Congress – Alexandra at Labour Weekend

- Director, Lindsay Gunn to be billeted with Alison Giller
- Frances to organise nibbles
- Julia (Maria's daughter) will assist with serving of nibbles
- Jean Bonsor organising catering – menus & price being discussed
- OSRC will pay Alexandra Club for usage of their rooms
- Entry Fee = \$100/head – for 2 days of play
- Flyer has been distributed to clubs

IP Selection Process

Bradley Johnston has submitted a paper regarding possible changes to the IP Selection process – owing to late delivery, this paper will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting to be advised – but before end of 2018 year

Minutes Confirmed by:

Name: _____ **Role:** _____

Signed: _____ **Date** _____