

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 24 February 2025 via Zoom at 9:00am

Present: Judith Lawton, Hamish McDonald, Carole Bee and Sonya Adams (guest to report on proposed Int/Jnr online introduction to teams.

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2024 at 9am be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Hamish/Carole– Carried

Matters Arising:

1. Nil

Sonya Adams: Proposal Int Jnr Teams event online once a month.

Sonya presented a draft outline of the rules. Decision to be no prize money as it is largely an introductory series to engage junior and intermediate players in the teams format.

\$100 per team for 4 week comp, only OS Int/Jnr players (NZB grading) and at least one Jnr player at all times the team composition rules. (Can be mixed club)

To be the 2nd Sunday each on the months of May-Aug. Registration closes 7 May with Sonya. Training session on online bridge on 11May at 5pm.

Carole will send info out to clubs once Sonya has clarified a couple of points with Alister.

Sonya left the meeting.

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

Inward:

1. Sonya Adams – Online Teams event
2. Mel Auld – Facebook and Insta advertising campaign for Lessons
3. NZ Secretary – Board Minutes 15 Oct
4. NZ Secretary– Policy Restricted Tournaments

5. Rhonda Bamford – OS Conference Catering Invoice
6. NZ Secretary – Lesson Booklet ordering & info
7. Gore- Tournament Change Request Form – 8B to 5A Open Pairs
8. Wanaka Tournament Change Request Form – April 25 to April 26 2026
9. NZ Secretary Regional Committee Terms Of Reference Draft for Consultation
10. Balclutha Club – Club update info
11. West Otago Club - Club update info
12. Jane Stearns – Rotation Policy response
13. Winton Club – Club update info
14. Oamaru Club – Club update info
15. NZ Secretary – Compass Score Group
16. Kaye Wilson – Congratulations to Kristen for her work as CdM at Regional Challenge
17. Gore Club – Club update info
18. NZ Secretary – Active Directors List
19. Alexandra Club – Club update info
20. NZ Secretary – Invitation to Join a Tournament review committee
21. NZ Secretary – Board Minutes 19 Nov
22. Tournament Schedule Coordinator – Resignation
23. NZ Secretary – NZBF funding application
24. NZ Secretary – Confirmed Regional Committee Terms of Reference
25. Jane Stearns – Concerns re the above; request further review
26. Bridgette Wilcox – 2025 Major events and responsibilities – we have SI teams 30-31 Aug at Otago Club
27. Tournament Schedule Coordinator- resignation withdrawal
28. Yvonne Hughes -OS 10A Swiss pairs did not have a dedicated scorer as per the NZ guidelines.
29. Invercargill Club – request to move OS Swiss pairs to 3rd Sat in January for 2026

Outwards:

1. Balclutha re unconfirmed 11 Oct 2025 Tournament. Now confirmed.
2. Wanaka re unconfirmed 13 Sept 2025 Tournament. Now confirmed.
3. Balclutha – thank you for hosting the OS regional conference
4. NZ Bridge – Minutes Oct 14 & 28 Meetings
5. NZ Bridge – Response to the Terms of Reference Draft
6. Kirsten – Thank you for the great job as CdM
7. NZ Bridge Budget for 2025
8. Y Hughes – acknowledging the email above
9. All OS Clubs – start of year information and notification of this meeting

Matters Arising:

1. Tournament Requests Approved:
Wanaka 25th April moved to 26th April 2026
Gore 8B changed to 5A Open 4th October 2025
Invercargill move OS Swiss pairs to 3rd Sar in January 2026
2. Need to respond to NZBridge again re the terms of reference and the committee tenure as unworkable for small regions like ours.
3. Carole to respond to Yvonne's letter.

Motion: "That the Correspondence be accepted as dealt with."

Moved Judith/Carole- Carried

Financial Report:

Balance at 31 January 2025 \$699.99

Motion: "That the financial report be received."

Moved Hamish/Carole -Carried

Hamish noted that the ability for the committee to provide support and activities that grow our membership is now very limited by our budget largely needing to be used to support Regional Challenge teams in the current format.

Strategic Plan:

1. **Our tournaments for 2026.** We need to consider F2F v Online formats. We have the South Island Pairs 29 Aug 2026. Preference is F2F at this stage as it gives players from our region exposure that may not compete online. Need to wait on the outcome of tournament review meeting held recently.
2. **How do we promote Jnr & Novice events?** Carole to keep an eye on schedule and ask clubs to promote to their players. We will think of a way we can award a subsidised congress entry to these players. For next meeting agenda.
3. **Regional Challenge Trials.** What format do we prefer? Balancing cost with experience of F2F matches. Next Agenda.
4. **NZBridge AGM is 14/15 June.** Judith to attend and possibly Phil.

Meeting Closed 10:40am.

Next meeting to be confirmed either 10th or 17th March 9am Zoom

