



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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Secretary: Marilyn Jackson

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND REGIONAL BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ALEXANDRA BRIDGE CLUB 9 JANUARY 2016, 2.45pm

Present: Frances Sheehy - Chair, Marilyn Jackson, Phillip Hensman, Maria Godfrey

Apologies: James Coutts, Joan Scarlet

Minutes of Meeting - 25 July 2015:

Passed as a true record of proceedings.

Moved Phillip/Frances Carried

Matters Arising: Grant from Bendigo was successful and \$2500 was given for the I/Ps. Copy of bank statement showing payment made to Ibis Hotel to be forwarded to Bendigo to complete sign off.

Correspondence:

Inward: forwarded previously

Outward: Nil reported

Financials:

Bank balances and Accounts presented:

Operating account	1,192.26
Congress	848.57
On Call - all congresses	7620.58
TOTAL	\$9661.41

Accounts for payment:

Ibis Hotel	2500.00	I/P accommodation
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K Nicholas	120.00	Dir O/S Provincial Teams
M Johnstone	120.00	Prize O/S Provincial Teams
M Jackson	280.00	Prizes O/S Provincial Teams
Otago Bridge Club	420.50	Rent I/P Trials/Congress
NZ Bridge	720.00	I/P Trials
S Coutts	200.00	I/P Teams Travel
S Lawless	200.00	"
A M Russell	246.00	"
N Hewitt	250.00	"
P Hall	150.00	"
G Eyles	900.00	I/P Capt Airfares 526 Accom 313 Meals 61
B Johnston	250.00	Youth Reimbursement Intermediate League
N Mitchell	250.00	Youth Reimbursement Junior League
V Bouton	150.00	Youth reimbursement
Total:	6738.50	

Accounts approved for payment: **Moved Phil/Marilyn Carried**

Masterpoint payment schedule discussed.

General:

1. O/S Swiss Pairs 16 January - Lindsay directing \$120 plus dealing \$50 (approx)

Catering \$1440 Prizes 1st - 4th \$80 \$60 \$50 \$30

2. South Island Teams - Allan Joseph has been appointed Director for this event to be held at the Otago Bridge Club on 13/14th February.

The committee would like to nominate James and Lindsay for the match committee. Frances to ask and names passed onto NZ Bridge.

Maria will discuss catering with Liz and if numbers too high for her to deal with look into the possibility of Robert Cowan of Brown House Catering quoting a price possible within our budget.

Fee set at \$280 per team.

Prizes 1st- 4th \$120 \$100 \$80 \$70

Notice needs to be sent out and online entries to be set up on the website.

3. O/S Regional Conference 2016 - Frances waiting on word from NZ Bridge on whether the 28th of February in Balclutha would suit. Discussion over concern about holding this conference annually and would prefer bi-annually. Frances to communicate with Richard Soloman over this.

4. Cinema Advertising Committee discussed how worthwhile this would be and whether the timing would have any affect on new people trying our lessons so this has been deferred.

5. I/P Teams 2015 - Review - No report has yet been received from the team captain Geoff Eyles. An issue has been brought to our attention over two pairs who qualified for the teams who did not fulfill their obligation of playing in three A point tournaments before the event in November. As a consequence of this the committee has decided that the four players concerned Moss Wylie, Peter Hall, Anne-Marie Russell and Anne Sommerville will not be eligible for selection in any team in the 2016 trials. Frances will inform the players involved.

6. I/P Trials 2016 - Planning - Trials to be held in Dunedin on May 14/15. The format will be the same as last year and Marilyn will organise the flyers to be sent out to all clubs in February. Lindsay to be asked to direct.

7. I/P Teams 2016 Otago - Otago Bridge Club is hosting the I/Ps this year and a planning committee consisting of Margaret Perley (chair) Dennis McCaughan, Frances Sheehy, Marilyn Jackson, John Sheehy and Maria Godfrey has been set up to begin planning this event.

8. Rubber Bridge 2016 - Marilyn will prepare the flyers to be sent out to all clubs. \$10 charge. Frances to contact Wyn Jones who expressed an interest in organising this event to encourage more participation.

9. O/S Congress 2016 Venue - Congress scheduled to be held over Labour Weekend. Phil is looking into a venue in Queenstown. The move to Dunedin did not increase numbers as hoped so trying Queenstown again.

10. O/S Provincial Teams and Pairs 2016 - To be held at Otago Bridge Club over Queens Birthday Weekend. Frances will ask Lindsay to direct.

11. Youth Reimbursement 2015 and 2016 - Claims have been made from Brad Johnston, Nik Mitchell and Vicki Bouton. Each of these players will be paid \$150. Concern arose over how these claims are being made as the form online is not being filled out and the claimants are not providing full information details about the tournaments they have attended. Information on applying for this reimbursement is to be amended on the website to accept emails as application as long as it includes details of tournaments attended and each applicant needs to apply for their own reimbursement.

12. Tournament League 2015 and 2106 - Two players only have registered for this competition. Intermediate was therefore won by Brad Johnston and Junior was won by Nik Mitchell. Each player will be paid \$100. The tournament league competition has been cancelled for 2016.

13. Tournament Schedule 2107 - Marilyn to send out a request for all information related to dates for tournaments in 2017 to be returned by February so the schedule can be organised and set.

14. O/S Website - updated - The website has many areas that need updating . Marilyn and Frances will go through the pages on the website and make notes on what changes are needed and John Shanks will be advised of these to make the changes.

15. Adding/Withdrawing Signatories - The committee agreed to add Maria Godfrey as a signatory to the bank account and for Kaye Wilson to be removed as she is no longer on the committee.

Meeting Closed: 5.15pm