



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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Secretary: Marilyn Jackson

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND REGIONAL BRIDGE COMMITTEE 'Informal' Meeting, held at Otago Bridge Club 6.15pm 07 July, 2018

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

Apologies: Phil Hensman

***. This 'Informal Meeting' of the above-mentioned Committee Members was convened to discuss 2 topics – the results of which, shall be delivered by Maria Godfrey (Otago/Southland representative) at National Conference to be held in Wellington, 15 July 2018.

Review of Inter-Provincials:

- Venue preference – favour Hamilton
- Timing - pre-National Congress
- Teams – favour 3 pair teams; + 2 x Chef de Missions
- Travel – favour NZ Bridge paying for travel
- Accommodation – favour Regional Committees assisting where possible
- Format – favour having a 'Final', if IPs scheduled pre-Congress

Notes:

- 1) The discussion considered other interested players thoughts & comments
- 2) The Hamilton Venue & associated timing of the IPs, may encourage increased interest in trialing in our region
- 3) The Hamilton venue should ease administration of IPs
- 4) With a 'final' being held pre-National Congress, it should attract spectator interest

Review of Grading:

- Agreed that the current determination of grading does require change - to a simpler, more comprehensible system of criteria
- The attaining of 50 x A's or a collection of stars is a questionable qualification for promotion
- Favour the qualifications of 'Open' & 'Restricted Open' as used at National Congress
- Don't want to discourage playing, in order to drop rating points so as not to achieve change of division

Other Matters discussed:

2019/20 Tournament Schedule

Suggested change of timing to early/mid February not favoured, owing to closeness of timing to:

Australian Congresses – Canberra & Gold Coast

10A Swiss Pairs

Festival Pairs

2018 scheduled for September – a far preferable timing for Otago/Southland

** . Request change of proposed timing:

from early/mid February

back to September

Financial Support for World Youth Championships (China) O/S Participants

O/S Committee available to assist with funds for Bradley Johnston & Nik Mitchell

Should be consistent with past contribution to James & Elena

Phil Hensman to be requested to research past funding contributions

Paul offered to 'sus out' Brad & Nik as to their short-fall in funding

Otago/Southland Website

Current status for website is 'outdated'

Current & 'missing' Minutes to be uploaded – Lynne to provide to Shanks

Paul offered to review the website, & report back to the next meeting

Next Meeting Date:

To be determined & advised

During August, prior to 01 September tournament

Phil Hensman's availability to be determined

Lynne Fegan unavailable if meeting held pre 24 August

Meeting Closed: 7.00pm

Lynne Fegan
Minute Secretary