



# Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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## **MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, 10.30am – Maniototo Bridge Club Rooms**

**Present:** Kristen Collins (in Chair), John Mitchell, Frances Sheehy, Marilyn Jackson, Ann-Louise Stokes, Frank Gradon, Lynne Fegan

**Confirmation of Minutes:** 17 February 2012

Copies of 17 February 2012 Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the Minutes as circulated, be confirmed. Jackson/Mitchell

### **Matters Arising:**

Refer General Business

### **Correspondence Inwards:**

Notice of Club Directors Exams 30 June & July, nominations close 18 June  
Bridge Teaching Resources  
Levin Bridge Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 22 April 2012  
2013 Tournament Schedule

### **Correspondence Outwards:**

Queenstown BC – notification of Improvers Lessons Grant  
Jean Peche Memorial Nomination of Sam Bailey  
Teaching Resources to all Regional Clubs  
Congress Flyer to 70 Clubs

**Financial Report:** See separate detailed papers

Current – 5 Feb - 30 Mar 2012 - \$ 1,328.52  
On Call – 5 Feb – 30 Mar 2012 - \$10,693.71  
Congress – 5 Feb – 30 Mar 2012 - \$ 35.41

## **Accounts for Payment/Approval**

A Stokes – fruit for SI Teams, Stat. postage	\$410.65	
NZ Bridge – 2011 IP Champs at Congress	\$720.00	
NZ Bridge – 2012 Congress Advertising	\$115.00	
Otago Bridge Club – Room Rental	\$270.00	Moved Stokes/Collins

## **General Business:**

### 1) SI Teams update

Generally the committee was pleased with how the tournament went, however the lack of results available to post on our website were of concern.

There was a concern that Cliff Rickard may not have been paid for his scoring or dealing roles. Ann-Louise is to clarify with Arie who is responsible for these payments, and if there is a standard rate for dealing boards.

Regarding the catering, an alternative to Subway on one of the days would be preferable next time.

### 2) Youth Player Re-imburement – Congress

The Committee agreed to pay the entry fee to the Otago Southland Congress for the registered youth players from the area.

### 3) Youth Player – 5Apt fundraising tournament for Otago Youth Player

Awaiting a date from Jared Fudge.

### 4) Director Training

Lynne is trying to organise a time with Alan Joseph during the week after our Congress at the beginning of June.

### 5) IP Trials & Inter Club Teams

The new format for IP Team Trials is being well received and the committee agreed the need to adhere to the criteria. If there was a phantom the committee may relax the criteria to assist with the running of the tournament. A pair has expressed their interest, whilst not meeting the criteria and the committee will review their entry once all applications have been received.

The Inter Club Teams notice has gone to all clubs and Nick Bailey has agreed to direct and deal the cards.

### 6) Cancellation of Bridge Tournaments

It was felt necessary for a notice to go to all clubs regarding the correct procedure if a tournament was in any danger of being cancelled. This is something that the Committee does not want to see happen at all and they will assist in whatever way they can to ensure that a tournament proceeds.

Kristen presented an excellent document which will be sent to the clubs.

7) Dan Gifford Memorial Rubber Bridge

Notice has gone to all clubs, entries close on 1st May. Play to be completed by 31 July, or sooner depending on numbers.

8) 2012 Congress

Flyers have gone out to 70 clubs in New Zealand and an advertisement is in the NZ Bridge magazine. The website is now open and accepting entries.

Lynne is to ask Martin if he would produce our booklet.

9) Regional Committee Nominations

We have only received three to date, closing date is 30 April 2012

10) Strategic Plan

Committee Members need to contact their clubs more frequently if possible. Having the meeting at the Ranfurly bridge club was an excellent way to meet with some of their members and hear about the challenges which they face, the greatest one being how to retain members in a sparsely populated rural area.

Their lessons are about to start soon and Kristen was able to introduce the idea of Mini Bridge as a good introduction. This is an excellent way to get students playing bridge straight away, whilst easily introducing them to many of the concepts in a friendly and relaxed manner.

It was agreed that we should try and move our meetings around the clubs as it was beneficial for all of us.

The committee agreed to provide clubs who don't already have a website a page on the Regional Website with their club details and a link to NZ Bridge. Frank has offered to organise this.

11) Lynne presented a verbal update on relevant events from NZ Bridge

12) Intermediate/Junior Tournament League

Marilyn spoke about her concerns, and those that had been expressed to her, regarding the format. It was agreed that this is a pilot scheme and the rules have already been sent out, with 16 people registered so far. The committee is happy to review it at the end of the year and make any changes that may be needed then.

13) Appointment of Auditor

Resolution passed that Arthur Paton be asked to audit the 2012 Accounts.

Moved Collins/Jackson

**Anticipated Date of Next Meeting: 27th May, venue to be advised.**

**Declare the meeting closed at: 3.00pm**