

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee 7pm Tuesday 30 November 2021 via Zoom

Present: Judith Lawton, Lynne Fegan, Philip Noye, Carole Bee and Sonja Adams (OSRBM for an introduction and discussion at the beginning of the meeting)

We congratulate the Otago Southland Teams for their achievements at the Interprovincial competition held recently and thanked Phil for his endless hours bringing this all together in fairly “fluid” conditions. Thank you everyone for your efforts and forbearance.

Team’s Results: Open 6th, Women 2nd, Senior 5th, ntermediate 1st, Overall 3rd

Judith welcomed Sonja and after introductions were made, we heard about her plans thus far. Sonja will be introduced to the club through us. She will write a short blurb to send to Judith for next newsletter.

RBM Report

1. There will be a NZBridge funded stand at the Wanaka Show 11-12 March 2022 at which bridge will be played, information given out and contacts collected on behalf of clubs for lessons. An invitation will go out to all clubs to participate in this on a roster basis. Strongly suggests that local clubs at least hold off on beginning their lessons until after that date so we can strike while the iron is hot rather than waiting a year to get these people on board.
2. Contacts will be sent directly to clubs.
3. Other initiatives already under way in Wanaka prior to accepting position are Pub Bridge. Basket of gear is left at the pub (table cloth, boards etc) and you get a table of four and make a reservation with the pub for the table. Only expectation is that a bit of money goes over the bar. They pay table fees via honesty system.
4. Will be teaching Mini Bridge at the Glendu Bay Camping ground over summer. Aimed at children once everyone comes in from the lake.
5. A lot of Discussion around getting learners is one thing but clubs need to know why their retention falls away and address that.
6. Need to target other “events” like the A&P shows such as craft fairs.
7. Sonja is working with NZBridge to increase their social media presence. A rebranding is occurring and an Instagram and 2 Facebook pages (one as more of a chat forum and one as an info source are being developed).
8. Investigating teaching bridge in schools possibly through the Duke of Edinburgh Challenge Scheme which has NCEA links.
9. Sonja reinforced that while she is employed by NZ Bridge and funded for some things, she is only able to give clubs a hand with things but they need to have the resources available. She is not a conflict resolution resource or a lesson teacher...there for support.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 October 2021 were taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record. Phil/Lynne - Agreed

Correspondence

INWARDS:

- 5 Oct NZBridge Secretary- Covid Advisory number 19
- 6 Oct From Chris Marshall re lack of enthusiasm to play Provincials online.
- 6 Oct NZBridge Secretary - Publication from the Commerce Commission re disruption to travel
- 6 Oct West Otago amending their list of registered Directors. They have no qualified directors.
- 7 Oct - Alan Grant displeasure at cancellation of Congress.

13 Oct - Hamilton Club poster for Congress Teams
13 Oct - NZBridge Richard Solomon re change of format for inter provincials.
15 Oct - NZBridge Levies Account 1 Oct to 31 Dec 2021 \$0.00
18 Oct - Otago Bridge Club expression of interest in hosting 2022 OS Congress.
21 Oct - NZBridge Secretary Draft minutes AGM 2021
21 Oct - NZBridge Secretary Minutes 14 Sept Board Meeting
21 Oct - NZBridge Secretary From the Chair newsletter
23 Oct - NZBridge Secretary - Recently qualified Club Directors
1 Nov - Otago Bridge Club requesting change to Otago Junior Pairs dates 2022
2 Nov - Rona Driscoll - Approval of Otago Tournament date changes
2 Nov - Dave Rybinski re Babich Nation Wide Pairs
9 Nov - NZBridge Secretary Covid Advisory 20
10 Nov - NZBridge Secretary Poster for SI Pairs Jan 2022
11 Nov - Rona Driscoll - 2023 tournament dates out for confirmation.
12 Nov NZBridge Richard Solomon Invoice for Interprovincial Entries.
12 Nov Queenstown Bridge Club requesting tournament date change due to venue becoming unavailable.
12 Nov NZBridge re lack of banking docs form Otago Southland Committee
16 Nov Gore Bridge Club re tournament dates for 2023
18 Nov Judith Lawton RBM Contract SIGNED by Sonja Adams
23 Nov Queenstown Club confirming new venue, Arrowtown Community Centre
23 Nov NZBridge Secretary Minutes 19 Oct Board Meeting
25 Nov NZBridge Secretary Club details form and information
28 Nov Phil Noye Cd'M report 2021 Interprovincials
28 Nov Phil Noye Feedback from Players in above
29 Nov NZBridge Secretary Covid Advisory 21

OUTWARDS:

5 Oct To Otago Bridge Club and Caterer informing them of Congress cancellation
5 Oct To Martin Oyston informing him of Congress cancellation
6 Oct Letter Bendigo Thanking them for donation.
7 Oct To Alan Grant in response to above - Judith
2 Nov - Rona Driscoll - Approved change of dates for Otago Junior Pairs Forms 2022
14 Nov Queenstown Declining the change of date as it clashes with other OS events
29 Nov Gore Bridge Club re changing 2023 dates for tournaments.

Matters Arising:

1. Need to return the Grant from the Bendigo Trust as we had no accommodation costs for Interprovincial (IP) competition.
2. Carole to confirm the Otago Club as the host for the 2022 O/S Congress and inform Rona that this has been confirmed.
3. Need to redirect Gore Club to us re a change of date for 2023 tournament.
4. Good feed back from Chef de Mission and players re the whole process and playing platform for the IP. Some areas of concern that will need addressed if this format is to be used again in the future.

The Correspondence was accepted as dealt with.

Lynne/Judith - Agreed

Financial:

Still in a good overall financial position \$21718.28 balance as at 30.11.2021.

Moved that the financial report be accepted.

Lynne/Phil - Agreed

Agenda Items:

1. South Island Swiss pairs Invercargill 2022 Invercargill will run and while it is self-catered lunch we will fund \$8/head for sundry catering. We organise and pay for Director & Scorer and A Points. Lynne will investigate historical table fees and prize money and advise us.
2. Vouchers will be used for all OS run events for Prizes.
3. IP trials in May. Still considering the feedback but seems likely we will favour a pair-based trial to get the strongest teams, made of established partnerships, with an invitation to apply and then trial by invitation. Players will need to declare their willingness, or otherwise to play online. Decision pending after more consideration of this year's feedback. Most likely held in Otago as need experience Director and scorer (Lindsay to be approached by Phil). Venue for IP tournament not yet confirmed. Carole to ask Alister when this is likely to happen. Looks like NZ Bridge moving towards three pair teams...We may struggle to find that in some classes.
4. Rubber Bridge. We need to send out the instructions and get registrations confirmed by 28 Feb so can be played over March to May period.
5. SI teams 22 Aug in Invercargill. NZBridge source scorer and director. Judith to ask who and what the cost is.
6. Our congress in October. Lindsay to be asked to direct.
7. Lynne to liaise with Sonja re getting to meet the clubs at their clubs and particularly see how the learners are getting on.
8. OS Conference. Will canvas those from NZBridge that have said they will come to try and find a date.
9. Our offer to pay table fees for junior pairs attending national congress may need to be upgraded to flights, need to consider further the fairest way to decide the recipients.
10. We do not really need to talk to John Skipper.
11. The Oamaru Mid-South Island Teams Tournament 3 July 2022, should this have come through OS Committee?
12. Phil's teaching notes are still a possibility but he is currently working with an online lesson format (60SecondBridge) and may be able to link us in with them and their resources.
13. We need to update all the club contacts (Carole to email the clubs) and the tournament list on our website (Lynne to do this)
14. Noted that Queenstown have solved their venue issue and will now be playing in Arrowtown Community Centre.
15. Director's course was very well run. Only 1 outright pass and 3 provisional passes we believe (need to direct a tournament under the supervision of a qualified director to gain the qualification).

Strategic plan:

See attached Document

Meeting closed 9:20pm

Next meeting date to be advised

Critical Actions

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	Actioned
Lynne	Find data on table entry and prizes for SI Swiss Pairs	ASAP	
Phil	Approach Otago Club and Lindsay re IP Trials	ASAP	
Lynne/Judith	Get info out re Rubber Bridge	ASAP	
Judith	Contact NZBridge re director and scorer for SI teams	ASAP	
?	Ask Lindsay to direct at OS Congress Oct	ASAP	
Judith	Ask NZBridge re dates for conference	ASAP	
ALL	Think about getting Juniors to Congress	Next meeting	
Carole	Email all clubs re changes in details.	ASAP	
Carole	Send change of date forms to Gore for 2023	ASAP	
Carole	Email NZBridge re venue for IPs in 2022	ASAP	
Carole	Confirm with Rona and Otago hosting of OS Congress 2022	ASAP	