

**Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 27 November 2023 via Zoom at 10:45am**

**Present:** Judith Lawton, Philip Noye, Lynne Fegan and Carole Bee

**Apologies:** Nil

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**“That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2023 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved Judith/Lynne – Carried**

**Matters Arising:** Nil (some discussion under general business relates to last minutes)

**Correspondence:**

**INWARDS:**

As per emails:

1. Sue Scott re access to website for Otago Southland Swiss pairs in January.
2. Babs Merel de Visser expressing interest in directing at OS Congress. Carole to reply that Otago are receptive to her approaching them as Lindsay recognises that there needs to be a succession plan. She to negotiate with either Lindsay or Murray Wiggans for the extra sign off needed for 10A level tournament.
3. Nominations for NZ Board notice. Close January

**OUTWARDS:**

1. Minutes previous meeting to NZ Bridge Secretary.
2. Responses to IP questioner to NZ Bridge sent as raw data so they can see the comments. Overall preference for F2F if it can be done cheaply but not at the end of conference or congress which puts pressure to attend conference or congress and requiring a lot of time off work and expensive.

**Motion: “That the Correspondence be accepted as dealt with.”**

**Moved Phil/Lynne- carried**

**Financial Report:**

Lynne circulated the financial report. Closing balance at \$13056.62 as at 31 Oct 2023. Spent about 29% of our budget for financial year. Using money to support travel to teaching and learning bridge and our conference is money well spent.

**Motion: “That the financial report be received.”**

**moved Lynne/ Phil-carried**

## **General Business:**

1. Phil reported on Interprovincial results which were very pleasing.  
Open 4<sup>th</sup> Women 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Phil reported that the tournament went very smoothly. It was well organised and communication was great. Our Intermediates have little or no experience playing with screens which make the alerting process cumbersome. Open team played well and just had bad luck at times, beating both teams that finished 1<sup>st</sup> and second. Senior team performed tremendously well and deserved their result, winning by almost 50 VPs. They couldn't be beaten with a whole round to go. Intermediates also a strong team that played well. Some may move to other grades next year. Judith to send a letter of thanks and congratulations to all participants. We may need to look at ways to increase out intermediate players exposure to teams play. Many thanks to Phil for his Cd'M work which is huge.
2. Otago Southland Regional conference at Alexandra last Sunday very well received and a very positive day. Great attendance and Alan Morris engaged well with the clubs who felt heard. Carole to do a formal feedback opportunity and see how we can help those clubs that didn't attend to get there next time. Definitely a wish for another follow up and possibly to add a session on teaching and learning. Will be at Balclutha next year. We need to check what their technical capability is re screening computers etc. Phil will disseminate the information he presented to all clubs.
3. Huge thank you to Phil for his hours putting the presentation together and presenting on the day.
4. Feedback from Teaching and Learning Conference: Lynne and Carole attended as part of a total of about 14 from our region. Worthwhile going to get some fresh ideas to stimulate thought about how and why. Ratified how we feel about what we are doing and that we are not the only ones struggling to retain although bigger clubs that can offer separate sessions with assisted play have easier pathways for learners. We need to remember that even if they don't play in the club...they are still potentials and are spreading the word. We should continue to support attendance as a Regional Committee.

5. Phil is updating our Strategic Plan in readiness for Feb 2024 submission. He has requested some membership data from Alister as he has an interest in how many clubs have a large cross over in memberships (can affect both clubs drastically as this group moves through and potentially stops playing) and also if our tournament schedule next serves the grades that most of our players are (out of 1400 total we have 120 Open, 560 Intermediates and 720 Juniors). Food for thought.
6. We will not have a presence at the Wanaka A&P Show this coming year.
7. Lynne will work with clubs to get our website details updated early next year after this round of AGMS.
8. Repurposing the OS Women's Pairs cup for TWIG competition.
9. Road signs. Judith to get photos of them and we to ask all the clubs if they are interested in hosting a sign on a roadside somewhere. South Otago proving to be not possible.
10. National Teams 2024 Aug 31 Sept 1 will be F2F at Otago Club. NZ Bridge will provide directors/scorers.

Judith wished everyone a Merry Xmas.

Meeting Closed 12:10pm

Next meeting 15 Jan Zoom 10:45am