

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 11 November 2024 via Zoom at 9:00am

Present: Judith Lawton, Hamish McDonald and Carole Bee

Apologies: Phil Noye

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October at 9am and 28 October 2024 at 5pm be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Hamish– Carried

Matters Arising:

1. An intermediate tournament (Otago Southland Intermediate Pairs) has been added to the Labour weekend programme for 2025 in Queenstown.

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Bridgette H NZBridge – re S I Pairs. Otago club now confirmed.
2. - Request for Regional Challenge CDM. Kristen Collins has agreed.
3. Secretary NZ Bridge – Home membership report
4. - New Budget timing and template
5. – Draft minutes 2024 NZBridge AGM
6. – Reminder increase in NZBridge levies next year and 2026
7. - Hosts of 2025 20A tournaments
8. Gore Club – tournament change form since withdrawn.
9. Tournament co-ordinator – OS Intermediate pairs added to King’s Birthday event.
 - The potential effects of the 2025 online policy for our region. There is an online open event

OUTWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Minutes to NZBridge
2. Conference reports to all OS Clubs

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

Moved Judith/Hamish- Carried

Matters Arising:

Nil

Financial Report:

Balance at 30 October 2024 \$3698.85.

Motion: “That the financial report be received.”

Moved Hamish/Carole -Carried

Motion: “That the draft budget for 2025 be approved and submitted to NZBridge”.

Moved Hamish/Judith - Carried

Strategic Plan:

1. Regional Conference was very successful with good attendance with representatives from Alexandra, Otago, Balclutha, Gore, Invercargill, Winton, Queenstown, Wanaka & Cromwell. Lots of open and frank discussions and feedback invited by Anne Barrowclough. We will try and get the timing towards the start of the year in stages so 2025 we will aim for September and 2026 February. Carole to email clubs when OS Committee meetings are due as a reminder to get anything needing to be addressed to them by that date.

Topics: NZBridge’s Vision; Directors Fees; Club recorders and keeping our clubs friendly; National Toolbox; National Handicapping system progress; Reworked NZBridge website progress; A Club Director’s point of view; The current membership demographic and our current tournament schedule conflicts.

2. **Motion: “We allow Sonya Adams to Open a real bridge account in our name to host the proposed OS Int/Jnr Teams online event next year.”**

Moved Judith/ Hamish – Carried

3. Kristen feels that only having two pairs in the Senior team for Regional Challenge may make us less competitive. Solutions are to be investigated.

Meeting Closed 10am. Next meeting February 10th 9am Zoom

