

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 8 September 2025 via Zoom at 9:00am

Present: Judith Lawton, Carole Bee, Hamish McDonald and Phil Noye

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2025 at 9am be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Phil/Hamish– Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

Inward:

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution’
2. Gore Club: Informing of a 1 session charity tournament 14 September afternoon
3. NZ Bridge Secretary 1/5: Regional Challenge (RC) team trials return form- Dealt with by Phil
4. Deborah Huang 10/5: Request for support to enter a junior tournament as a youth player \$25 entry fee paid upon confirmation of her youth status.
5. Taieri Club 12/5: Request for support with funding Facebook campaign for lessons.
6. NZ Bridge Secretary 16/5: Disestablishment of Chef Director and National Recorder roles
7. Phil Noye 1/6: Comments on NZ Bridge Membership trends report
8. Anne Barrowclough 13/6: Conference follow up and reports on reincorporation of clubs by region & membership management. We have 6 clubs in our region not reincorporated at this stage.
9. NZ Bridge Secretary 24/6: RC format 2026 and beyond
10. NZ Bridge Secretary 14/7: Ranking Review Discussion Document.
11. NZ Bridge Secretary 15/7: Changes to Tournament Scheduling guidelines
12. Bridget Hannaway 16/7: to Tournament CC OS requesting a shift from our 20A Major event timing away from winter (end of August for 2026).
13. Carole Bee 26/8: Draft results of our Junior Tournament Initiative to be confirmed and results notified to clubs.
14. Bridget Hannaway 29/8: List of 2026 Major Events 20A we have South Island Pairs 29/30 August 2026
15. Bradley Johnstone 2/9: Offer to support other teams to prepare for the Regional Challenge
16. NZ Bridge Secretary 3/9: Teachers Conference Information
17. Tournament 3/9: No Open 3A tournament 2026 and going forward. In our region this affects; 5 July Mid SI Interclub Teams held between OS and CANT regions; 6 Dec Nina Hewitt Christmas Pairs Otago Club.

Outward:

1. Various to invite to trial and then inform entrants re arrangements for trials and team selections for Regional Challenge (RC)
2. Clubs and Trialists 9/5: Announcement of and congratulations to RC teams selected.
3. Bridget Harraway 16/5: Request for extra funding for RC travel due to timing of flights and an extra night's accommodation required. Declined.
4. Matthew McManus 7/7: Difficulty with draft RC timetable and travel from the South. OS now have a first round BYE.

Matters Arising:

1. Taieri received support with Facebook campaign last year but as a one off support we can support Balclutha this year.

Motion: "That we pay Balclutha \$100 towards the cost of their Facebook campaign for 2025 lesson advertising." Moved Carole/Hamish -Carried

2. New Head Director has been appointed, Matt McManus; Alan Joseph responsible for overseeing training club directors and Caroline Wiggins responsible for overseeing training of tournament directors.
3. NZBridge focus is on retention of players. We have a very skewed demographic in both age and ethnicity. Also a lot of smaller clubs.
4. Q'Town club has their new constitution ready to go. Judith to ring Gore and Milton clubs to see where they are at. Carole to ring Te Anau.
5. Hamish to draft a response to the proposed Ranking changes for the next meeting.
6. We will have a challenge getting our teams selected for the Regional Challenge prior to first online round at start of May. Trials possibly will be held online but over a series of sessions/days/evenings.
7. Judith to make approaches to clubs re the South Island Pairs in our region 2026.
8. Phil will check that Otago are aware that their Nina Hewwitt pairs are affected by the removal of 3A tournaments.
9. Brad's offer of support to other RC teams is very much appreciated. Carole to email and thank him. Judith to email the team and encourage them to take advantage of the offer.

Motion: "That the Correspondence be accepted as dealt with."

Moved Carole/Hamish- Carried

Financial Report:

Balance at 31 August 2025 \$2540.40. NZBridge funding for RC received and distributed to those that have supplied bank accounts thus far. Only other payments to Youth player to reimburse tournament entry \$25.

Motion: "That the financial report be received."

Moved Hamish/Phil -Carried

Strategic Plan:

1. OS Congress in Dunedin on Labour weekend all in hand at Dunedin Club.
2. Regional Conference still proposed for 22 February in Cromwell. Suggested we have a session on NZBridge website; what is there and the good resources it contains.
3. Teaching and Learning Seminar coming up. Carole to email clubs and remind them. Wellington Bridge Club 18-19 October
4. Judith to send Carole a list of things that need updating on the OS website.

Meeting Closed 10:10am.

Next meeting 13 October 9am Zoom