

NZBridge Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

10.30am, 13th September 2014, Balclutha Bridge Club, Balclutha

Present: Kristen Collins (in Chair), Frances Sheehy, Marilyn Jackson, Kaye Wilson, James Coutts, Joan Scarlett

Apologies: Nil

Confirmation of Minutes:

Copies of 20 June Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the Minutes as circulated, be confirmed. M. Jackson/ J. Coutts

Matters Arising from minutes: Matters Arising were dealt with in General Business

Correspondence Inwards: - forwarded previously to members

08-09 NZB Flyer – November Club director's
10-09 NZB Recently qualified Tournament Directors
10-09 NZB Babich Wines NZ Wide Pairs
27-08 NZB Minutes – Board Meeting, 05 August
26-08 NZB Pacific-Asia Women's On-line Bridge Tournament
18-08 NZB Appointment of Chief Director, and new Board Members
18-08 NZB Recently qualified Club Directors
08-08 NZB Coaching Grant fund Top-ups
08-08 NZB AGM Notice, Delegate Form, General Business items
08-08 NZB Minutes – National Conference & Regional Reports
08-08 NZB Minutes – Board Meeting, 28 June
07-08 NZB Bulletin - International Programme 2015
29-07 NZB Tournament Master-point Cost Calculator
22-07 NZB National Congress Update
09-07 NZB Coaching Grant Returns, year to March 1014
03-07 NZB Minutes – Board Meeting, 17 June
30-06 NZB New logo for NZ Bridge
29-06 NZB I/P Travel Rates
26-06 NZB Interprovincials 2014, Auckland
26-06 NZB Bulletin – The Future of Scorer
23-06 NZB National Conference Paper – A Turner
06-09 Janet Crowe – East Otago Club, website issues
12-08 Russell Watt – Auckland Club, re I/P arrangements

12-08 Fiona Temple – Club Director’s Manual revision
16-07 Nina Hewitt – Otago Club, re Tournament changes
07-07 L Oliver & Kay Shand, re I/P Team selections

Correspondence Outwards:

I/P Teams, 2014 – K Collins

Notes to correspondence:

Coaching Grants- At the last regional Conference, delegates voted to have coaching grants removed, so unclear what fund top up is. Marilyn is to email Alister and query what the status of the grant is.

East Otago Website- John Shanks is dealing with this.

IP travel arrangements- Chef de Mission will inform Russell Watt of travel arrangements and meal requirements when information is gathered.

Otago Club - would like to have a 3A Christmas Pairs event. Marilyn to email Nina and remind her that if it is to be an annual event it will need to go through NZ Bridge.

Clashes with Oamaru and TeAnau- tournaments. TeAnau have changed the date of their tournament because of the use of the rooms in March by bowlers. Marilyn to email both clubs to try and get separate days and remind them that changes need to go through the Regional Committee. Lorraine Oliver and Kay Shand re IP trials and team selection. Discussion re IP trials see General Business. Kaye to write to Lorraine and Kay acknowledging their concerns. Teams as selected will remain.

Financial Report:

As there hasn't been handover yet, there is no financial report.

Accounts for Payment/Approval

- Martijn Prent: \$318.50 for dealing boards SI pairs and backdated Master Point returns
 - Liz Nevill: \$642.50 catering for SI pairs
 - Kaye reimbursement for SI pairs expenses - \$642.96 + bottle of wine cost for Dennis McCaughan K.Collins/F.Sheehy
 - Invoice for Room rental from Otago Bridge Club yet to be received.
- K.Wilson tabled a budget for SI pairs – Modest profit of ~\$200 depending on Master Point expenses. Decided to give D. McCaughan a bottle of wine as an acknowledgment of work he did on Match Committee for SI pairs.
- Mileage for meeting to be paid when signatories change.
 - James to discuss guidelines for payments for dealing boards and Master Point returns with Martijn Prent.

Decided to give a \$50 donation to Balclutha Club for use of rooms for meeting. Frances to discuss with Kaye McNabb how to get it to the club

General Business:

- 1) Treasurer change over: Moved that Lynne Fegan, Ann- Louise Stokes and John Mitchell be removed as signatories for the Otago/ Southland Regional Bridge Committee, c/o NZ Bridge and be replaced by James Coutts, Kaye Wilson and Kristen Collins as the new signatories. Two of the three to sign. Moved J.Scarlett. Seconded F. Sheehy. Carried.
- 2) Balclutha Tournament: No help requested.
- 3) Palmerston Charity Tournament. Very successful with doantion made to St John.

- 4) Interprovincials: Chef de Mission required. Kristen to approach Arlene Schwartz or Margaret Perley. Info packs need to be sent out and Russell Watt needs to be informed about travel arrangements and dinner requirements asap.
Travel subsidy for trialing needs to be paid to Kaye Shand -\$60 and Ann- Marie Russell - \$20. James will do this. Kristen is to contact Ann- Louise about who has been paid travel subsidies.
There was discussion about format of trials and selection process.
Ideas put forward – teams format, independent selection panel of at least 3 people, trialists state team preference, what constitutes an “established” partnership. Other criteria eg past results considered rather than just trials results needs more prominence.
Decided to further discuss at the Regional Conference.
- 5) Rubber Bridge – no action needed
- 6) Interclub teams: Information sheet needed to clarify that it is the winning Club’s responsibility to organise the team after the “trials”. Regional Committee inform NZ Bridge of the entry.
- 7) O/S regional Teams and Pairs, Labour weekend: Match committee- K.Collins, J.Coutts, D. McCaughan. Kristen to enquire about Liz Nevill providing lunch one day. Director Lindsay Gunn. Poster to go on website and entry either via clubs or email. Results to go on O/S website.
- 8) Regional Conference: Marilyn to ask Alister about preferred dates – 2nd or 15th November. Possible venue Clyde. Expect around 35 -40 people. Frances/ Joan to organise.
Possible topics to include: IP trials, NZ bridge marketing material, Directors, Lessons/classes, are clubs willing to host major events, youth bridge, Scoring packages, gradings, Rubber bridge.
Morning could be formal, with an informal afternoon. Light lunch.
- 9) Club liaison – Marilyn to check what the current list is.
- 10) Strategic Plan:
Unaffiliated clubs and website development can be removed. James to take charge of website.
Intermediate Tournament League: Frances to coordinate entries.
Club Packages/ Club admin will be covered at Regional Conference. Organisational template on website is ongoing.
Scoring for Directors: next Directors Conference 2015?
Bridge Teachers’ Conference: Regional Conference session.
Funding Applications: Marilyn to get contact details for Vivienne Fitzgerald from Lynne Fegan. Joan to investigate possible funding sources especially for the Regional Conference
- 11) Youth reimbursements: O/S Regional Bridge tournaments – 50% entry fee + claim back up to \$150 for tournaments held in the region. Check if claim forms are on website.
- 12) O/S Congress 2015: Location is to be Dunedin for at least another year. Director- Lindsay Gunn/ John Sheehy. Consider going back to Labour weekend in Queenstown for 2016.
Marilyn /Joan to enquire if Winton or invercargill will host Swiss Pairs which is a one day event.
- 13) Kristen is stepping down as Chair. Moved that France Sheehy take over as Chair. J. Scarlet/ M. Jackson. Carried.
Kristen will act as deputy Chair and will organise Rubber Bridge in 2015.
- 14) Newsletter to Clubs: Inform Clubs of liaison people and relevant bits from minutes.
- 15) Regional committee stuff is stored in the Cargill Room, Otago Bridge Club. Includes tea, coffee, bidding pads etc.

Meeting closed at 2.30pm

Next Meeting: to be advised (either 24th Oct if conference Nov 2, or 10th Nov, Balclutha if conference 15th Nov)

