

**Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 13 April via Zoom at 0830**

**Present:** Judith Lawton, Carole Bee, and Phil Noye

**Apologies:** Hamish McDonald

**Moved Carole/Phil - Carried**

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**“That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2026 at 0900 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved-Judith**

**Matters Arising:**

1. We did not get to discuss membership numbers at conference as we ran out of time.

**Financial Report: No report available**

**Motion: “That the Cromwell club’s advertising costs be reimbursed.”**

Carole declared her conflict of interest and abstained.

**Moved Phil/Judith -Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution.
2. NZBridge Secretary: 17/3: Updated schedule for Tournament Director Assessment weekends
3. Margie Baird Oamaru Club: 17/3: Where their learners came from
4. NZBridge Secretary: 17/3: Online Lessons
5. NZBridge Secretary: 19/3: Regional Committees Membership & Election of Officers ALSO Regional Committees Terms of Reference Updated Jan 2025
6. Carole Bee: 22/3: Brad’s fuel for conference
7. Carole Bee: 22/3: Phil Noye’s fuel for conference
8. Ernie Sutton: 26/3: Rubber bridge results for Queenstown. Ernie Sutton & Phil Hensman
9. Bradley Johnstone: 26/3: Updated Regulations for Int trials.
10. NZBridge Secretary: 27/3: Updated Directors List
11. Alexandra Club: 31/3: No website change for their 2027 tournament
12. Catholic Parish Cromwell: 31/3: Invoice for hall hire for Conference
13. NZBridge Secretary: 31/3: Home Club Membership Report
14. NZBridge Secretary: 31/3: Masterpoints report
15. Bridget Hannaway: 1/4: Request for Intermediate team and CdM

16. NZBridge Secretary: 2/4: Canterbury Congress flyers
17. Cromwell Bridge Club: 7/4: Reimbursement request for lesson advertising
18. NZBridge Secretary: 10/4: NZB National Pairs Poster

**Outward:**

1. OS Clubs: Various tournament flyers etc
2. Secretary NZBridge : 17/3: Minutes of March 16 Meeting 2026
3. RC Team Captain: 16/3: Supplementary Rules
4. OS Clubs: 17/3: Conference programme outline
5. Wanaka Club: 17/3: Catch up of stuff missed due to address error
6. Tournament: 31/3: Alex date change request
7. OS Clubs 12/4: Rubber bridge requesting entry numbers form clubs.

**Matters Arising: Nil**

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

**Moved Carole/Phil- Carried**

**Strategic Plan:**

1. Conference review: All very pleased it went well. Good feedback anecdotally. Carole to include a summary in the club email to go out. Peter Newell keen to attend next one given enough notice. Need to emphasise that it is for all club members and not just committee members.
2. Regional Championship:

**Motion: "That the OS Regional Committee put a remit to National Conference that the Regional Championship playoffs be held later in the year 2027 and forward."**

**Moved-Phil/Carole - Carried**

Rational: a. This will allow more time to trial and will be closer to the actual timing of the finals.

b. OS Region willing to swap our National Event date on 28 August for the current round 1 date in May.

c. Currently players do not know until June/July if they are going to make finals but if they think they are going to apply then they can always make flight and accommodation bookings early that can be changed.

Preference: We need a nationally set trials weekend some time in June/July so that players and directors are free and players know when they apply when the trials will be.

- 3. Motion: “That Arleen Schwartz and Jo Simpson be added as a third playing pair to the Women’s Regional Championship Team.”**

**Moved Phi/Carole - Carried**

4. Phil believes that as we are part of NZBridge we cannot have an honorary solicitor and that we will be covered by NZBridge once they appoint a new one.
5. OS Provincials on track. Carole will promote in her email.
6. Rubber Bridge: Email clubs to find out how many entries. Dunedin has 12 pairs, Invercargill 4 so going to take some time to get a winner. Queenstown winners have been named. Will maybe get some interclub playoffs underway if not many other clubs, while Otago finish their playoffs to keep the number of matches pairs have to play to get through fair.
7. Carole to email Senior Regional Championship team and second trial team to remind them to submit their system cards.
8. Invercargill date change request going back to club as clashes with National Conference.

Meeting closed 9:22am

Next meeting Zoom 11 May 9am via Zoom