

**Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 1 December 2025 via Zoom at 8:30am**

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

**Apologies:** Hamish McDonald

**Moved Carole/Judith - Carried**

**Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**“That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2025 at 9am be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved Phil/Judith– Carried**

**Matters Arising:**

1. Junior Incentive need to follow up if these have been paid. Still some bank details to come...Carole will send a reminder to clubs to remind their winners.
2. Report from Gore tournament to be followed up at the board again.

**Financial Report:**

Balance at 31 October 2025 \$275.40. Teaching and learning subsidies paid out, two bounced back so Carole to see if clubs can check they have received theirs. RC travel paid to those that we have details for but still a couple to come. Judith CdM for Regional Challenge still to come out also. Hamish has submitted our budget to NZ Bridge for 2026.

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

**Moved Phil/Carole -Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**INWARDS:**

As per emails:

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution.
2. Secretary NZBridge 13/10: To honour website promise of support to junior players until clarified.
3. Sue Brown 14/10: Regional Tournament Co-Ordinators. Role and new version of Manual C3 to C8.
4. Secretary NZBridge 14/10: Gore report forwarded to “Fair Play” committee via Julie Atkinson (Chair). Asked to forward to the regional recorder.
5. Secretary NZBridge 14/10: Home Club Member’s report.
6. Secretary NZBridge 14/10 : Clarification that we can continue to budget for youth as per website.

7. Secretary NZBridge 14/10: World Bridge Federation information.
8. Bradley Johnston 15/10: Request to trial Fair Play posters at labour weekend congress.
9. Secretary NZBridge 15/10: Alerting us to Milton's struggle for numbers.
10. Sue Brown 15/10: Clarification of 5A and B point tournament being the region's responsibility to make any changes.
11. Phil Noye 19/10: Kate Terry will come to our conference. Hether Wellman may be keen to join the committee.
12. Bridget Hannaway 22/10: Request for Rubber bridge finalists and for system cards for RC player to be uploaded.
13. Bridget Hannaway 23/10: Chef de Mission duties and role.
14. Murat Genc 24/10: Still waiting on subsidy for Regional Challenge Travel
15. Ann Phillips Milton Club 28/10: Wanting help to change their website. Lost the access somewhere along the way.
16. Tony Winters Invercargill 29/10: Request to cancel March 8B Open tournament.
17. Deb Huang 19/10: \$35 for Otago Intermediate pairs.
18. Secretary NZBridge 1/11: End of Year forms for clubs
19. 2/11 :Various re error that occurred in the scoring at Regional Congress. Opinions sought as to how to rectify to keep everyone happy as it changes the placings.
20. Secretary NZBridge 3/11 : Board Elections reminder on closing date.
21. Secretary NZBridge 4/11: Notification of upcoming 8 Feb 2026 in Wellington.
22. Jane Stearns 4/11: Re funding support withdrawal for FB campaign. Phil responded.
23. Julie Bunnell Central Districts 7/11: Funding for advertising.
24. Tournament Schedule 15/11: Notification all updated for 2027
25. Secretary NZBridge 17/11: Message from the Chair No 6
26. Secretary NZBridge 18/11: NZ Board Minutes
27. Secretary NZBridge 18/11: Reminder Budget due
28. Hamish MacDonald Financials 20/11: Financials for October
29. Tournament Schedule 28/11: Change of Gold Coast Congress to Brisbane Gold Congress an now starting on 30 January 2027 which may impact some club's tournaments and the Tauranga Mini Congress.

## **OUTWARDS:**

1. Secretary NZBridge 13/10: Report to NZ Bridge on Gore Tournament. To be put in front of Board.
2. Secretary NZBridge: 13/10: Query re conflict between website and our budget constraints re youth player subsidies.
3. All Otago Southland Clubs 13/10: What's on Top round up for the region and what is coming up.
4. Regional Recorder 14/10: Gore report
5. Secretary NZBridge 20/11: OS Region Budget
6. Otago Southland Clubs 29/11: Forward Rona's email re Brisbane Gold Congress 2027 dates

### **Matters Arising:**

1. Invercargill tournament be cancelled.
2. **Motion: “That Deborah Huang be paid \$35 for Intermediate Pairs at OS Congress.”**  
**Moved Carole/Phil – Carried**
3. Judith will attend Feb regional planning conference in Wellington.
4. Scoring error in Congress issue has been resolved but ALL CLUBS should have a written policy to deal with scoring issues around timeline, prize money and points to rectify the situation. Head Director Matt McManus to draft a policy that he will circulate to clubs.
5. Phil responded to Jane Stearns re fb campaign and it’s lack of usefulness in our region to actually increase numbers.
6. OS Conference clashes with National Teams. New date to be investigated. Possibly 22 March in Cromwell.
7. Milton club at risk, numbers very low but little or no desire to build the club back. Most players from surrounding districts now head to Taieri or Balclutha.

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

**Moved Phil/Carole- Carried**

### **Strategic Plan:**

1. Regional conference in Cromwell date tbc and possible topics include:
  - NZ Bridge website resources, what is there and where to find it.
  - Learnings from the teaching and learning conference.
  - Hearing from NZBridge directly.
  - Head Director session.
  - Junior incentive scheme.
  - Tournament gradings and how to best serve our membership demographic.
  - Anything that crops up from regional conference in Feb.
  - Website hosting and management. John Shanks is likely to withdraw his services in near future. What do we want to do?

2. RC 2025 we were 1 of three teams total to have a non-playing CdM. We had been informed that it was not possible for a player to fill the role. Not good use of our limit funds when there is plenty of experience in the teams.
3. Regional Challenge teams for 2026 to call for teams of four to trial. Need names by mid January so we can organise online trials if needed. Carole to email clubs and this year's teams asap.

Meeting Closed 9:30am.

Next meeting Zoom 21/22 Dec tbc to discuss RC team trials and Regional Conference date.