

**Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 9 February 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 26 January 11am be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved Carole/Phil– Carried**

**Matters Arising:**

- 1) Judith will take the sign for either Winton or her fence. Carole to transport.
- 2) Need to get conference RSVP’s for catering in What’s on Top email
- 3) Remind clubs about claiming back up to ? for advertising and printing

**Financial Report:**

Balance at 31 Jan 2026 \$444.61.

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

**Moved Hamish/Phil -Carried**

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**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution.
2. Secretary NZBridge 26/1: Update re planning meeting in Wellington agenda and venue
3. Secretary NZBridge 28/1: Did we receive formal response re Gore report.
4. Secretary NZBridge 28/1: Info re Levies Invoices and their timing
5. Jane Windle Oamaru Club: 28/1: Agreeing to hold Open Pairs, Int Pairs and Open teams for Kings Birthday.
6. Secretary NZBridge 29/1: Board Minutes 9 Dec 2025
7. Oamaru Club 31/1: Concern over running Int & Opens in same room with different numbers of boards. Judith replied Int could play the same number of boards.
8. Secretary NZBridge 2/2: OS budget for our info at upcoming planning meeting.
9. Secretary NZBridge 2/2: Discussion re new format/grading for Congress teams 2027
10. Bridget Hannaway 4/2: Responsibilities of Hosting clubs for 20A National Events and Director/Scorer appointments 2026
11. Various: Re Trials for RC Intermediate teams.

**Outward:**

1. Secretary NZBridge: 26/1: Minutes of 1 Dec 2025 meeting
2. Various emails forwarding tournament advertising to all clubs
3. All OS Clubs :26/1: Junior Incentive scheme and regional meeting update
4. RC Int Team Captains: 26/1: Trail Proposed dates.
5. Oamaru Club: 27/1: Follow up to phone request to host the Kings Birthday weekend Provincial Championship.
6. Tournament & Alexandra: 27/1 Change of Alexandra tournament 2027 approved
7. Oamaru Club: 30/1: Accepting their offer to host Kings Birthday Prov Champs
8. Tournament & Wanaka: 30/1: To change the host of Prov Champs to Oamaru and add Intermediate pairs to programme for Sunday.
9. Secretary NZBridge 30/1: Can we add a form to website for youth support application?
10. Secretary NZBridge 4/2: Replying to email above re Gore report
11. Heather Bunn: 6/2: Decision re trail dates should be made on Monday

**Matters Arising:**

1. Carole to draft and email to NZ Bridge for Hamish to polish re our lack of clarity around the complaints procedures, what the standards are, who is responsible for what, and what the reporting mechanism and feedback mechanism is.
2. Dan Gifford. Carole to email clubs to get them to find their club reps for Rubber bridge if they wish to do so.
3. Oamaru seem to be happy with arrangements now for King's Birthday. Carole to email to reassure and mention scorer needed.
4. Carole to respond to NZBridge re proposed change in Congress teams format for 2027 that we will consult at our Regional Conference and respond then.

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

**Moved Carole/Phil- Carried**

**Report form Planning Meeting in Wellington on 8<sup>th</sup> February**

1. Need to drive our clubs to have a rep at O S Conference. She will call clubs.
2. A drive is on to increase junior player participation in National Congress. Maybe we could look at support as a prize for the junior incentive.

3. The difference between our budget and the published figures was explained as GST but it does not match up.
4. Judith talked to Murray Wiggins about the top-heavy intermediate section, an issue he is looking at. We will forward Hamish's paper and invite Murray to contact him.
5. Phil to Communicate with Kate Terry re OS conference topics and length.
6. Zoom lessons for teaching and learning being investigated.
7. Information for the first round of RC is on the website now.
8. Regions do not have to send CDM to Regional Champs.
9. There is a review to be carried out on why people do or do not enter the Regional Championship competition.
10. Reminder that regions can pay up to \$1500 total in honorariums to secretaries and treasurers.

**Strategic Plan:**

1. Regional Challenge Trial proposed dates 14 Feb, 10 March, 24 March evenings. Start time around 7pm. Director (Brad Johnstone) will be in touch with format. System cards due to Bridget by 17 April. We will pay the director. Carole to email team captains
2. Dan Gifford information to be sent to clubs.
3. Youth Support form approved and will be added to our website. Wording on NZBridge Youth page to be amended to reflect the new system.
4. King's Birthday: Touch base with Oamaru to make sure they are aware of the requirement of a non-playing scorer for 10A and above.

Meeting closed 10:05am

Next meeting Zoom 9 or 16 March 9am via Zoom