

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 13 July via Zoom at 0900

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

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2026 at 0900 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Hamish- Carried

Matters Arising:

1. Dan Gifford final between Otago & Queenstown cannot happen until September due to travel plans. Otago finalists still to be found.

Financial Report:

Tracking with budget. Payment of \$163.88 to Carole to transport sign to Winton and \$18 for engraving of trophy for OS Provincials. Judith has some National Conference costs to forward.

Motion: “That the financial report be received and approved.”

Moved Hamish/ Judith - Carried

Correspondence:

Inwards:

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution.
2. Bradley Johnstone: 11/6: Clarification around recorder appointment process
3. Phil Noye: 11/6: Potential OS Recorder
4. Secretary NZBridge : 15/6: AGM Confirmed minutes 2025
5. Secretary NZBridge: 16/6: Board Minutes 12 May
6. Kristen Collins 18/6: Info around fundraising online session
7. Judith Lawton: 21/6: Funding request for Regional Championship at Conference report back
8. Secretary NZBridge: 22/6: Spam email alert
9. Secretary NZBridge: 22/6: Management of tournaments info for clubs and NEW tournament return form on 01/07
10. Kristen Collins: 23/6: Various emails re fundraiser & poster
11. Secretary NZBridge: 25/6: From the Chair 2026 No 2
12. Secretary NZBridge: 26/6: Club Director training information.
13. Secretary NZBridge: 1/7: Home Club Membership report
14. Secretary NZBridge: 1/07: Masterpoint Report
15. Jan Brown: 2/7: Accepting OS Recorder position

16. Pam Whitehead Kaikoura Club:4/7: Asking if we support our Rubber Bridge finalists to get to finals?
17. Secretary NZBridge: 6/7: OS Recorder nomination Jan Brown to be tabled at next board meeting

Outwards:

1. OS Clubs: Various tournament flyers etc
2. Secretary NZBridge : 8/6: Minutes of May 11 Meeting 2026
3. Fair Play Committee: 8/6: Report from OS Provincials
4. Fair Play Committee: 8/6: Request for update re OS Regional Recorder
5. Lindsay Gunn: 9/6: Informing her we have forward her report
6. Kristen Collins :9/6: Request for details for c point fundraiser
7. Judith Lawton: 9/6: Link to Edit our Website re tournament results
8. Judith Lawton: 12/6: Forward Conference Agenda
9. OS Clubs: 18/6: What's on Top email
10. OS Clubs: 22/6: Women's fundraiser info (Kristen has since sent updated info
11. Jan Brown: 1/7: OS Recorder role description

Matters Arising:

1. Pam Whitehead. Carole to Reply that to our knowledge Regional Committees are not allowed to use funds to support players in this so any support needs to come from NZBridge Foundation so contact Alister.
2. Women's team has been well supported in their local fundraising.

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

Moved Carole/Kevin- Carried

Strategic Plan:

1. SI Swiss Pairs 20 Feb 2027 Invercargill have no interest in hosting this event. Phil to approach the Otago Club to see if they will host F2F.

9:25am

Motion: "That we move into Committee."

Moved Judith/Phil – Carried

Motion: "That we move out of Committee"

Moved Judith/Phil- Carried

9:32am

2. OS Regional Recorder:

Motion: "That we ratify the email decision to appointment of Jan Brown of the Invercargill Club as our Regional Recorder."

Moved Phil/Hamish - Carried

General Business:

1. Matt McManus is aware of the issues that occurred with the movement in Wanaka. Support has been offered and accepted.
Concern in our committee around appeals committees also as often in Int/Jnr tournaments players may be unaware of this option and it may also be difficult to convene an appeals committee with any experience from within the ranks of the players or that are not involved directly. Phil to approach Matt and ask if it appropriate to either i) advertise the tournament as a no appeals available tournament or ii) provide an online appeals committee on call from outside the playing field but from experienced players as a possible solution.
We need a generic statement around the right to appeal for Director's to use at the start of every tournament.
2. The communication from NZBridge around tournament expectations indicates that there is an expectation that all directors understand all movements and can discern if the scoring programme and the movement are going to produce a valid result. Who is actually responsible for ensuring this and how do they develop the skills to ensure that they are competent in this area. A large number of directors have little or no knowledge of the scoring programme. Phil to draft a response to the email and document.
3. Insurance package for clubs is still being investigated by NZBridge and while is a possibility it is still likely to be some months away.
4. Judith the email Fairplay to ask about progress with getting Jan appointed and how recorder actions are recorded and how they are supported by NZBridge. Also still no clarity how it is handled when a player has multiple club memberships but is disciplined in one club.

Meeting closed 10:19am

Next meeting Zoom 10 August 9am via Zoom