

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 8 June via Zoom at 0900

Present: Judith Lawton, Carole Bee, Hamish McDonald & Kevin Skoropada

Apologies: Phil Noye

Moved Carole/ Hamish - Carried

Welcome to Kevin whose appointment to the committee has been ratified by NZBridge.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2026 at 0900 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

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Matters Arising: Nil

Financial Report:

Still well within budget and if all budgeted expenses occur we will be slightly in deficit (approx. \$300) for the year

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

Moved Hamish/ Kevin - Carried

Correspondence:

Inwards:

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution.
2. Lindsay Gunn: 11/5: Requesting winners for Provincial Championship. Noted our website very out of date.
3. Paul Freeland: 11/5: Resignation as OS Recorder
4. Secretary NZBridge: 12/5: National Conference Agenda
5. Secretary NZBridge: 12/5: NZBridge Marketing and PR Plan
6. Secretary NZBridge: 12/5: NZBridge Board minutes 14 April
7. Secretary NZBridge: 12/5: Updated list of regional recorders
8. Secretary NZBridge: 12/5: Board approval of addition of Kevin Skoropada to the OS Committee
9. Secretary NZBridge: 12/5: Acknowledgement of items for discussion at conference, funding for regional championships and Stephen Henry will be in attendance to assist with recorder processes.
10. Otago Club: 14/5: Cancellation of Junior tournament due to lack of numbers
11. Bradley Johnstone: 14/5: CdM feedback
12. NZBridge Bridget Hannaway: 14/5: Change to Major event schedule. Affects Invercargill/Cromwell
13. Tournament NZBridge: 14/5: Repeat of above
14. NZBridge Secretary: 15/5: Supported Paly sessions 2026 info
15. Graeme Stout: 15/5: RC Feedback

16. Neil Marshall: 15/5: RC Feedback
17. NZBridge Secretary: 18/5: NZBridge AGM and performance report 2026
18. Sam Coutts: 18/5: RC Feedback
19. NZBridge Secretary: Active Directors List
20. Gore Club: 19/5: Agreed to host Conference 28 Feb 2027
21. Marg Cockburn: 22/5: Computer Issue and non published tournament results
22. Bradley Johnston: 23/5: RC feedback
23. Carole Bee: 24/5: Forward Wanaka tournament request date changed from Sunday back to Saturday of Anzac weekend going forward. I have forwarded to Rona as I could see no issue. Needs to be ratified.
24. NZBridge Secretary: 25/5: Wellington RC Newsletter
25. NZBridge Secretary: 28/5: National Congress information
26. NZBridge Bridget H: 28/5: Updated National Congress information
27. Anne Somerville: 28/5: RC Feed back
28. NZBridge Secretary: 2/6: National Youth Weekend in CHCH
29. NZBridge Secretary: 2/6: Home Club Report
30. NZBridge Secretary: 2/6: NZ Wide Pairs: 16 Oct any time of day. Increase to \$12 entry new sponsor
31. Kristen Collins: 2/6: Request to hold C point online Saturday 8 Aug 1:30pm. Need to get it on the NZBridge Website
32. Lindsay Gunn: 7/6: Provincial Teams and Pairs Report
33. Graeme Stout (Oamaru Recorder) : 2/6: Forwarding the report as he feels it not for him

Outwards:

1. OS Clubs: Various tournament flyers etc
2. Secretary NZBridge : 12/5: Minutes of May 11 Meeting 2026
3. Secretary NZBridge & Matt McManus: 12/5: Notification of Recorder Resignation
4. NZBridge Tournament: 12/5: Invercargill Club tournament changes
5. Gore Club: 14/5: Request to Host Conference 2027 on 28 Feb
6. Senior RC Team: 17/5: Congratulations & feedback form
7. Women's RC Team: 17/5: Congratulations & feedback form
8. Intermediate RC Team: 17/5: Thank you & feedback form
9. Open RC Team: 17/5: Thank you & feedback form
10. Brad Johnstone: 17/5: Special Thank you
11. Gore Club: 19/5: Thank you & we will Secretary NZBridge: 12/5: items for Conference discussion. RC & Funding for RC, Recorders roles
12. be in touch closer to the time re arrangements.
13. Te Anau Club:19/5: No results available online for tournament. Is there an issue we can help with.
14. Wanaka Club & NZBridge Tournament: 24/5: Approving tournament change to Saturday of Anzac Weekend for 2027 onwards
15. Lindsay Gunn: 2/6: Acknowledgement of receipt of report

Matters Arising: All covered in Strategic plan

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

Moved Carole/Judith- Carried

Strategic Plan:

1. Dan Gifford: Queenstown Pair went ahead and organised to play Wanaka without waiting for instruction from us. Learned of the result from Wanaka pair that evening.

9:20am

Motion: "That we move in to Committee"

Moved Carole/Hamish – Carried

Motion: "That we move out of Committee"

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9:36am

2. Carole to email Julie Atkinson of Fair Play committee and ask about progress in appointing an OS Recorder.
3. OS RC Women's team asking to hold a c point fundraising session. Approved and Carole to Liaise with Kristen over details and advertising. We will get it added to NZBridge to take entries and advertise to all clubs.
4. NZ Wide pairs new sponsor and clubs now able to hold the session at any time during the day. Documents supporting it state the regulations around keeping the hands secure if playing an earlier session. Cost also going up to \$12 per player.
5. Youth weekend to be promoted to clubs in our round up email.
6. Te Anau's results issue is now sorted but we are unsure of where the problem actually lies. Maybe need to chat to Lindsay to find out why some results may be slow being published.
7. Our website tournament results are very out of date. Judith to look at getting them up to date.
8. Gore have confirmed they will host 2027 Conference 28 Feb.
9. New dates for SOUTH ISLAND SWISS pairs 20th Feb which affects Cromwell Intermediate Tournament (more so if it f2f as Invercargill players will be needed to run it). Judith to ask Invers if they wish to host it as we have the online options. Kevin stated we would get more entries inline of top players but it was also noted that we would get less local support and it is a good opportunity for local players to compete in a top tournament.
10. Carole to promote the NZBridge Toolbox in her email to clubs.

Meeting closed 10:20am

Next meeting Zoom 13 July 9am via Zoom