

**Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 16 March 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 9 February 2026 9am be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”**

**Moved Phi/Judith– Carried**

**Matters Arising:**

**Financial Report:**

Balance at 28 Feb 2026 \$416.34

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

**Moved Hamish/Phil -Carried**

**Motion: “That Invercargill and Oamaru Clubs be reimbursed \$300 towards lesson advertising costs”**

**Moved Carole/Phil – Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution.
2. NZ Tournament 10/2: Using the NZBridge site to take entries for Dan Gifford.
3. Taieri Club: 10/2: Please leave tournament date as set. Will not request a change now.
4. NZBridge Secretary: 12/2: Acknowledgment of Letter re complaints procedure.
5. NZBridge Secretary: 12/2: From the Chair Newsletter No 1 2026
6. NZBridge Secretary: 12/2: Follow up from Workshop and Budgets
7. NZBridge Secretary: 12/2: Masterpoint offerings for interclub competitions.
8. NZBridge Bridget Hannaway: 20/2: Supplementary Regulations RC.
9. Te Anau Club: 15/2: Requesting scorer support for their tournament. Robyn Hellier agreed to help.
10. Fairplay Committee: 25/2: Response to our Letter
11. NZBridge Secretary: 1/3: Home Club membership report
12. NZBridge Secretary: 1/3: Draft Director list
13. NZBridge Secretary: 10/3 Minutes Board Meeting 28 January 2026
14. NZBridge Secretary: 10/3: NZBridge Committee Members
15. NZBridge Secretary: 10/3; Request to contact clubs with reduced membership and report to NZBridge (Gore -3; Oamaru -5; Otago -6; Taieri -5; Wanaka -9)
16. NZBridge AGM 13 June preliminary Information. 1 Delegate in person or via video.

17. Invercargill Club: 10/3: Advertising Invoice: \$287 and \$287
18. NZBridge Secretary: 11/3: National Conference 13/14 June 1 Delegate. Travel our responsibility. NZBridge Accommodation.
19. Oamaru Club: Advertising invoices \$352 + \$139 + \$207

**Outward:**

1. Secretary NZBridge : 26/1: Minutes of 1 Dec 2025 meeting
2. Various emails forwarding tournament advertising to all clubs
3. Oamaru Club: 9/2: Response to concern re space for intermediates at Kings Birthday with Open
4. NZBridge: 9/2: Bridget H Confirmed team names for Open. Women & Senior teams.
5. RC Team Captains: 9/2: Request system cards to Bridget @NZBridge by 17 April
6. INT RC Team Captains: 9/2: Proposed trial dates.
7. NZBridge Secretary 10/2: Update for Junior Support with link to forms on our website.
8. Murray Wiggans: 10/2: Hamish's document re grading system along with Hamish's offer to discuss with him
9. OS Clubs: 10/2: Informing of change of King Birthday venue to Oamaru and the inclusion of an intermediate section.
10. NZBridge Secretary: 12/2: Letter regarding the complaints process and lack of clarity.
11. OS Clubs: 12/2: Dan Gifford Competition information and dates.
12. OS Clubs: 13/2: NZBridge doc re Regional Congress Masterpoint offering for OS Conference discussion. – Should we have a three day competition (2 days of teams with a qualifying round and finals)?
13. OS Clubs: 17/2: What's on Top
14. John Shanks: 26/2: Website down!!!
15. OS Clubs: 26/2: Informing that we are aware re website and it is being looked at.
16. OS Clubs: 2/3: Reminder re OS Conference RSVP

**Matters Arising:**

1. To discuss membership concerns at OS Conference. Feel the data supplied not really giving a true picture of overall movement in a club as not related to actual size and needs to be a year to year comparison (after lessons and subs not paid are dealt with).
2. Carole to forward supplementary regulations to all RC team captains.

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

**Moved Carole/Phil- Carried**

**Strategic Plan:**

1. Regional Challenge Trials finally sorted but resulted in the withdrawal of one team. We need to decide a trial date for next year now and get it on the NZBridge calendar.
2. Conference. Carole to send a brief outline of programme to all clubs.  
10:30 start with Kate Terry and Overview of NZ Bridge; Teaching & Learning:  
12:30pm. Lunch  
1pm Brad Johnstone & Hamish Brown on Fair Play committee  
2pm Approx Regional Discussions: Tournaments (schedule/grades) Are they meeting our needs?; OS website administration and going forward.; Junior Incentive Scheme; NZBridge for new members'; Information sharing.  
3pm approx. cuppa and continue discussion if required. Close 4pm  
Carole to ensure access to data projector and whiteboard.
3. Judith to attend National Conference and AGM

Meeting closed 9:50am

Next meeting Zoom 13 April 9am via Zoom (Hamish may not be able to attend)