

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 13 May 2024 via Zoom at 8:30pm

Present: Judith Lawton, Philip Noye, Hamish McDonald and Carole Bee

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2024 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Hamish – Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Winton re email change. Carole to check our website and Judith to check that Winton think it is sorted now.
2. Anne Somerville requestion travel to trials. Carole to respond that we are unable to at this time due to budget cuts but we will do all in our power to reduce costs to attend the Wellington event.
3. Yvonne Hughes regarding IP trial results. They are now available on Otago Club site. Their webmaster was overseas so was a delay of a day getting them up. Judith will reply.

OUTWARDS:

1. Minutes to NZ Bridge
2. Carole has been emailing clubs with unconfirmed tournaments for 2025 to end of May. Some have since confirmed.
3. Update to all Clubs including a completion date of 31 May for their internal round robin for Rubber Bridge. Winners and their contact details to be emailed to us by 31 May. Also reminder re Regional Nominations which also close on 31 May.
4. Judith grant application to Grants@NZCT and an application to NZ bridge for further funding to attend the Regional Challenge.

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

Moved Phil/Carole- Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Financial Report:

Financial report circulated. No activity since last meeting. Closing balance at \$5001.50 as at 30 April 2024.

Motion: “That the financial report be received.”

Moved Carole/Phil -Carried

Strategic Plan:

- 1. Regional Pairs & Teams King's Birthday:** We have heard no more from Wanaka so assuming they have been able to make the budget work. Queenstown have been heavily involved in supporting Mary, the director and making sure everything is in place and working before the event.
- 2. Regional Challenge Teams:** Phil recommended that we select a 6 person team as that gives us cover for the inevitable withdrawals due to illness etc. Our communication was clear from the outset that there would be some personal cost to attending the event but we will do all we can to mitigate this. It is a double round robin with two byes per team (these can be in the same day though) so it is a fairly strenuous couple of days so a spare pair enables rests if required.

Phil is not able to commit to being Chef d' mission at this stage so we need to test the waters with some other options.

Phil to notify the selected players and will continue to co-ordinate their pre-event build up.

Motion: "That we announce 6 player teams for the Regional Challenge."

Moved Phil/Carole -carried

Motion: "Judith apply for such funds as appropriate to mitigate the personal cost to players for the Regional Challenge." Moved Carole/Hamish – carried

- 3. Directors Fees:** We will ask our regional directors to indicate what tournament grades they are willing to direct, their expected remuneration and also if they are willing to be billeted and forward to all clubs.
- 4. Oyster Plate:** has been re-engraved and sent to Wanaka for Kings Birthday.

Meeting Closed 9:30am

Next meeting: Monday 10 June 10am

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 6 May 2024 via Zoom at 4pm

Present: Philip Noye, Hamish McDonald and Carole Bee

Apologies: Judith Lawton

Moved Carole/Hamish - Carried

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2024 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Phil/Carole – Carried

Matters Arising:

1. IP (regional Challenge RC's) trials have been held very successfully. Thank you to Phil again for the tremendous amount of work that has gone into these. A full report at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. 12/4 Winton noting change of email to Winton.bridge@xtra.co.nz. Forwarded to NZ Bridge. OS Website correct.
2. 14/4 NZBridge budget for OS Committee \$6945 – our request was for \$20K+. Tabled for next meeting.
3. 15/4 NZBridge Regional Challenge Funding.
4. 21/4 Sue Scott Invercargill Change of Date for Avenal Park Swiss pairs 2025 to 15 February.
5. 15/4 NZBridge Nomination forms for Regional Committee.
6. 15/4 Notice of increase in Player Levies. Forwarded to clubs.

OUTWARDS:

1. 11/4 NZBridge notifying of co-option of Hamish McDonald
2. 15/4 Application form to clubs re RC team trials.
3. 15/4 Reminder to all clubs re the Rubber Bridge Competition
4. 16/4 Email to Murat Genc & Anne Somerville re congratulation on NZ Team selection and exemption for RC build up competitions.

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

Moved Phil/Carole- Carried

Matters Arising:

1. Judith has mentioned she will apply on our behalf to the Bendigo Trust to help fund the RC teams. Phil has suggested we select 6 member team and if the financial commitment is too great for any players we have a fall back. No one trialling responded to his email outlining the commitment and likely cost indicating it might be an issue for them.
2. Invercargill's date swop has been approved.
3. Regional Committee Nomination Forms sent to all clubs.

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Moved Carole/Phil -Carried

Our budget we prepared on time has been severely cut by about two thirds. This will need to be aligned again with our goals.

General Business:

1. Rubber Bridge. We will need winners form each club by 31 May. Carole to email clubs.
- 2.

Motion: "That we appoint Hamish McDonald to be the treasurer of the Otago Southland Regional Committee and he be an authorised signatory for our account, replacing Lynne Fegan."

Moved Carole/Phil - Carried

3. The Wanaka budget for King's birthday needs some tweaking. Carole to email our suggestions and Hamish to locate Queenstown from last year where they broke even, to guide them. We have okayed the booking of the smaller room and limiting entries to 15 tables of pairs and 14 teams. It seems the main concern is around the scorer. Wanaka will need to supply a scorer but Murray Wiggins will be available by phone to help set up movements and deal with any issues. Wanaka's scorer will need to make manual adjustments as directed by the director, print individual results and draws etc as per usual.

Meeting Closed 4:35pm

Next meeting: TBC