

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 11 May via Zoom at 0900

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

Apologies: Nil

Motion: “That Kevin Skoropada be nominated as a member of the Otago Southland Regional Committee and his name forwarded to NZBridge for ratification.” **Moved Phil/Judith - Carried**

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2026 at 09830 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Judith- Carried

Matters Arising:

1. Arleen Schwartz and Jo Simpson did play as part of the woman’s team in the online rounds of the Regional Championship.
2. We have two successful teams heading to finals at Congress: Senior and Women’s. All teams did very well overall.
3. Huge thanks to Bradley Johnstone for wrangling the Intermediate trials Nd getting them to happen.

Financial Report:

March & April busy months with conference costs to be paid and lesson advertising reimbursements but we have been through our most expensive period for the year. Still Te Anau conference travel to be paid when bank details are provided. Balance as at 30 April \$588.10 deficit.

Motion: “That the Otago & Alexandra club’s advertising costs reimbursement for advertising be ratified.” **Moved Hamish/Carole- Carried**

Motion: “That we pay Bradley \$800 for directing the intermediate pairs trials and associated admin and also for being CdM for the online rounds.”

Moved Hamish/Carole-Carried

(Phil Abstained due to conflict of interest)

Correspondence:

Inward:

1. Various inward tournament posters for distribution.
2. NZBridge Secretary: 14/4: Minutes of Board Meeting 10 March 2026
3. NZBridge Secretary: 14/4: Membership Levies \$0.00
4. Bradley Johnstone: 14/4: Accepting CdM for online rounds of RC
5. NZBridge Secretary: 19/4: CD Newsletter
6. NZBridge Secretary: 19/4: Reminder intermediate on line lessons dates
7. Bradley Johnstone: 19/4: Results of Intermediate trials
8. Bradley Johnstone cc various emails to winning int trialists re requirements going forward
9. Neil Marshall: 19/4 onwards re online comp for RC
10. Invercargill Club: 20/4: changes for tournament schedule requests
11. NZBridge Secretary: 22/4: International Programme
12. NZBridge Secretary: 1/5: Appointment of Selectors: Inc Brad J!!!
13. NZBridge Secretary: 1/5: Home Club Membership report
14. Bradley Johnstone: 3/5: Results report RC, OS likely to win Dougal McLean Trophy or share with Auckland. Teams went really well.
15. Bradley Johnstone: 4/5: Players in Senior and Woman's team looking for financial support to go to finals.
16. NZBridge Secretary: 4/5: International Coaching Notice

Outwards:

1. OS Clubs: Various tournament flyers etc
2. Secretary NZBridge : 13/4: Minutes of April 13 Meeting 2026
3. Bridget Hannaway: 13/4: Addition of third pair to Women's team
4. Ernie Sutton: 13/4: Update on Rubber bridge
5. OS Clubs: 14/4: What's on Top email
6. Invercargill Club: 23/4: Seeking clarification re OS Swiss pairs name. No response.
7. OS Clubs: 5/5: Reminder junior incentive & youth support and upcoming junior tournaments
8. NZBridge Secretary: 5/5: Request for nomination for Kevin Skoropada to OS Committee
9. OS Clubs: Reminder Te Anau tournament coming up.

Matters Arising: Nil

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

Moved Carole/Hamish- Carried

Strategic Plan:

1. Will wait until after conference and we find out the likely format of Regional Challenge 2027 before looking for a trial date.
2. Regional Championship 2027. Judith to bring up at conference the unfairness of the South Island in terms of cost to represent regions

compared to north Island Regions and some recompense needs to be paid to players.

3. Carole to write letters of congratulations to successful teams and thanks to others for putting their hand up to represent the region. Also letting the teams in the final know that OS Committee has no funds to support their travel with and we will be bringing this up to NZBridge. We are well placed to either win outright or share the Dougal McLean Trophy. A letter of thanks to Bradley for all his effort.
4. Entries for Otago Southland Provincials in Oamaru are growing...currently 11 Teams, 12 Int Pairs and 15 Open Pairs.
5. Rubber Bridge Dan Gifford: Invercargill, to play Q'town (done by random draw) and winner to play Wanaka. Winner of that to play the Otago pair in the final. (Otago get automatic final entry due to the large number of rounds they play to be club representatives).
6. Invercargill tournament name/date change requests approved:
 - i) Jan 16 Otago Southland Regional Swiss Pairs 10A to be called Avenal Park Otago Southland Swiss Pairs. (name change)
 - ii) Aug 01 Masonic Lodge Swiss Pairs 8B to replace 14 Feb Avenal Park Swiss Pairs (date & name change)
 - iii) Aug 27 ILT intermediate 5B and ILT Junior 3B Pairs (name change)
 - iv) May 08 ILT Murihiku Teams 5A (name change)
 - v) May 09 ILT Murihiku Pairs 5A (name change)
7. Otago Southland Conference 2027 Gore Club to be approached and asked to host 28 February.
8. Alexandra Club informed local clubs they are holding a local casual Sunday afternoon junior tournament on 14 June.
9. Phil to approach Matt McManus to ask if there is any feed back mechanism to NZ Bridge on tournaments structure and directing. Who can help with training with areas such as movements for difficult numbers. Wanaka had difficulties when a movement available online did not work. Clubs need to know where to go to get support for directors in such emergencies.
10. Tournament results slow to be posted online and in some cases not at all. We need to monitor this and find out where the issue lies and how we can help resolve it. Also to find out from NZBridge what their expectations/requirements are for the posting of results.



Meeting closed 10:10am

Next meeting Zoom 8 June 9am via Zoom