

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 14 September via Zoom at 0830hrs

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 13 July 2026 at 0900 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Hamish- Carried

Matters Arising:

1. Phil spoke with Matt McManus re the possibility of setting up off site appeals committees where there might be a lack of knowledge among players (e.g. int/jnr tournaments) for a committee to be formed. He has no objection to it in principle. We will offer this support to our clubs via the round up email. Also a discussion to be had at our regional conference.
2. Dan Gifford finals for OS happening next weekend in Clyde between Queenstown’s Ernie Sutton & Phil Hensman and Otago’s Graeme Stout and Glenn Coutts.
3. NZBridge investigation into insurance deal still under way.
4. SI Swiss Pairs 2027 at Otago Club F2F

Financial Report:

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

Moved Hamish/ Carole - Carried

Motion: “That the payment of \$120 for junior tournament Entry subsidy be approved for Tim Omvig”

Moved Judith/Hamish – Carried

Motion:” That Judith be reimbursed for her taxi fares while at conference.”

Moved Phil/Carole - 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. We remind Clubs in our round up email of the benefits of creating tournament posters and circulating them to clubs and attaching to their tournament listing on the NZBridge Website.
2. Taieri 8B Open tournament change to 14 March be approved.
3. We amend our junior tournament entry support to apply if no prize money has been won from 2027

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

Moved Carole/Kevin- Carried

Strategic Plan:

1. OS Congress posters will be posted soon.
2. OS Conference topics & Speakers
 - a. Match Committee/Appeals Committee roles and responsibilities ?
Matt McManus
 - b. Our OS Tournament Schedule again and Restricted 8B tournaments
Kevin/Phil
3. RC women's team has been changed due to Barbara Hutton's withdrawal for health reasons. Jo Simpson will play with Lydia Turley. Carole to email Barbara and thank her for her commitment and participation and wish her all the best.
4. Hamish's analysis of the Int/jnr tournament timetable showed very little room to manoeuvre these. There is a concentration of this grade in terms of timing and also where they are held v where the largest number of intermediate players are (Central Otago/Dunedin area). To be discussed at OS Conference.
5. Next meeting confirm our intentions for application and trials for RC teams but in the meantime Carole to book 21 March 2027 for online trials.

General Business:

1. King's Birthday OS Regional Pairs and Teams venue 2027. Carole to email and ask Wanaka to host.

Meeting closed 9:45 am

Next meeting Zoom 12 October 8:30am via Zoom