NZBridge Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

10.15am, 11th January 2015, Alexandra Bridge Club, Clyde

Present: Frances Sheehy (in Chair), Marilyn Jackson, Kaye Wilson, Kristen Collins

Apologies: Joan Scarlett, James Coutts Apologies accepted: K. Collins/ K.Wilson

Confirmation of Minutes:

Copies of 8th November Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the minutes as circulated, be confirmed. M. Jackson/ K.Wilson

Matters Arising from minutes:

 Kaye to check with James if the following people have been paid. Arlene Schwartz –airfare to IPs Kay Shand- \$60 IP trials travel Brad Johnston/Matt Baird – youth reimbursement

Correspondence Inwards: - forwarded previously to members

- Lynne Fegan wrote expressing how good Arlene Schwartz was as a Chef de Mission. Marilyn to send a thankyou card to Arlene.
- · Has the Otago Club been paid for the use of clubrooms for tournaments?
- · Has NZ Bridge been contacted for reimbursement of airfares for IP players?

Correspondence Outwards: Various as noted in Business

Financial Report:

Balances Congress Acc: \$19.80 O/S: \$2824.43 On call: \$2553.00 Total Balance: \$5397.23

Accounts for Payment/Approval

K.Wilson, F. Sheehy, M Jackson, K. Collins (partial): Meeting travel subsidy Tournament league winners (see General Business) A.Schwartz: airfare to IPs (if not paid already) Otago Club: room hire Moved accounts be paid: K.Collins/ K.Wilson carried

General Business:

- O/S Swiss pairs: Currently 9¹/₂ tables entered. Decided prizemoney should be at least 1st \$50 each, 2nd \$40 each, 3rd \$25 each
 - Costs Directors Fee \$120 Directors travel \$80 Dealing of boards @30c ~ \$50 Catering @\$8/head \$320 **Total: \$540** but this does not include Master Point costs.

Results to go on Invercargill website Geoff Eyles to do Master Point returns?

2) Tournament League 2014: Winners

Intermediate: Lynne Fegan (Wanaka), Robyn Hellier (Gore), Jan Davidson (Oamaru) Junior: Brad Johnston (Otago), Matt Baird (Otago) 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. Kristen to design a certificate for winners and send to clubs for presentation with note asking for bank account details and photos of the winners for the website. 2015: adjust prizes to \$100, \$70 and \$50.- update website (Kristen)

3) Youth reimbursement: For 2014 reimbursement was up to \$150 /person for Regional tournaments plus a 50% reduction in entry fees for local Congress. Youths need to be aware that the form (available on the website) has to be filled out.

4) Regional Conference: 29th March. Marilyn to send out revised programme and flier to all clubs via the O/S email. Need to find out who is coming from each Club with a contact number. Once delegates known, they can be split into breakout groups with a mix of those from different sized clubs. Kristen will Introduce the Committee and talk about strategy and also chair the final discussion session. Move "Guide to running a tournament" to the 1.30 slot and this will allow 1 hour for discussion of Regional Issues. Frances to discuss catering option with the Alexandra club

- 5) O/S Congress: Lindasy Gunn is now available to direct, but a Director is needed for the Welcome pairs, Friday evening. Frances to contact Alan Joseph, thanking him for his past involvement. Match committee: Kaye, James Dennis McC and Kristen
- 6) IP teams 2014: Results and some photos need to go on website. Thank you card to be sent to Arlene and also ask her for a report.
- 7) IP trials 2015: 20th/21st June. Subcommittee needed to organise the trials. Kristen to send an email to past trialists inviting them to attend a meeting (or provide comment) after the Fesival Pairs on Feb 1st. Possible discussion points include format, eligibility, team selection, scoring, other issues.
- 8) Meeting for Secretaries: Marilyn will attend. Issues to raise- when is the next National Conference? Why do IP players need to travel on a specific day?
- Rubber Bridge: Kristen will organise a session Feb/March at Otago on playing and scoring. She will also prepare a poster and take names.
- 10) O/S website: needs updating. Kristen to liaise with John Shanks.
- 11) Interclub teams: to be discussed at Regional Conference. Information sheet needed (Kristen). Information also via a newsletter.
- 12) Frances to investigate coopting a member from Central onto committee.

13) Thought of reintroducing liaising Clubs with committee members.

Meeting closed at 12.45pm

<u>Next Meeting</u>: to be advised. 20th, 22nd march, or after tournament 21st March

Action points

Marlilyn	- thank you card to Arlene (chef de mission) and ask for a report
	- check with Lindsay about number of boards for Swiss, who is copying hand records, if she is
	happy with payments (fee and petrol money)
	- check if Geoff Eyles will do Master Point returns for Swiss
	 newsletter – Tournament league winners, regional conf, interclub teams
	 send out revised programme and flier for Conference to Clubs
	 canvas committee re next meeting date.
James	- check the following payments
	Kay Shand (done)
	Matt Baird (done)/Brad Johnston
	Arlene S – IP airfare
	Otago Club for use of rooms for 2 tournaments
	 contact NZ Bridge about IP air travel reimbursement
Kristen	 certificates for tournament league winners- send to Clubs
	- update website with 2015 info for Tournament league and photos of 2014 winners
	- prepare presentation for Regional Conference
	- send out email to trialists inviting them to meeting after festival pairs (Feb 1)
	- organise Rubber Bridge
	- prepare infor sheet for Interclub teams
Frances	- contact Alex club re catering for Conference.
Trances	-
	- write to Alan Joseph