

Minutes of Meeting - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

Sunday, 14 February, 2010 at 3.00pm - Otago Bridge Club

Present / Apologies: John Mitchell (Chairman), Frances Sheehy, Frank Gradon, Kristen Collins, Marilyn Jackson, Lynne Fegan (Secretary/Treasurer)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 28 November 2009

Kristen/Frances

Matters Arising: Nil - other than those recorded in General Business

Correspondence Inwards:

26 Sep NZ Bridge - Minutes of 2008-09 Annual General Meeting
07 Nov NZ Bridge - Minutes of Board of Trustees, NZ Bridge Foundation
21 Nov Frances Wood - *** email re how many places should get prizes at Tournaments
Up to club - but maybe Overall winners + Session winners + Top Junior
01 Dec Murray Wiggins - 2009 Queenstown Congress
09 Jan Alexandra Bridge Club - Results - Alexandra Holiday Pairs
09 Feb John Mitchell -Regional Conference Report
*** C Points to be offered for all advertised sessions / all sessions which are scored
Some clubs still not happy - Secretary to email clubs advising that if they want to voice
their displeasure, that they email NZ Bridge direct with a copy to O/S Regional Committee
Marilyn Jackson, Ray Crowe & Frank Gradon's emails regarding this matter were forwarded
to Alister Stuck, NZ Bridge by John Mitchell
Noted - that clubs had the ability to increase Table Money outside of an AGM to cover
increased cost - Teams are the most expensive

Correspondence Outwards:

08 Dec Maniototo Bridge Club - Timing of NZ Wide Pairs
24 Dec Michael Johnstone - 2009 Queenstown Congress
24 Dec Allayne Gray - 2009 Queenstown Congress
24 Dec Phillip Kidd - Queenstown Congress Results & Remuneration
11 Jan Michael Johnstone, Allayne Gray & Phillip Kidd - Follow up from 08 January meeting re
Queenstown Congress Review

Financial Report: See separate detailed papers

- a) Cashflow - 01 Apr 2009 - 31 Jan 2010 - \$85.67
- b) On Call - 01 Apr 2009 - 31 Jan 2010 - \$2907.79
- c) Statement of Financial Position - 01 Apr 2009 - 31 Jan 2010 - \$2993.46
- d) **Masterpoints** - no income, \$70.49 to pay!! *** influenced by Queenstown Congress
Agreed that O/S Bridge should not be paying for Queenstown Congress Masterpoints
Whoever collects the Entry Fees should pay the Masterpoint charges
Treasurer to analyse paperwork & chargeback for 2008 & 2009
*** Need to set up some Guidelines for Tournaments run in Regional Committee's name
*** Arrange consultation with Otago Club to talk through what is required in Guidelines
*** Secretary to ascertain what happens in other regions (Wayne Burrows?)
- e) Youth Player Tournament Reimbursement - 29 Dec 2009 - James Coutts - late applications
*** Agreed to pay out \$126.00 + Secretary to send James advice that late applications will not be
recognised in future
- f) Invercargill Club Director's Seminar Reimbursement - Lindsay Lawrence overpaid by \$93.00
This was the Treasurer's error - sincere apologies. Agreed the Committee would stand the loss
- g) Accounts for Payment - \$1063.49 - see separate sheet Frank/Marilyn

General Business:

- 1) Regional Development Officer - Agreed that this was more than a one-person position in our region.
Decided that this could be handled by Regional Committee liaison with appointed clubs
Encourage clubs to plan for training & funding (via Subscriptions, Fund Raising, Coaching Grants)
- 2) Regional Recorder - there may be a conflict of interest for Graham Stout as O/S Recorder + also on National Disciplinary Committee
*** Kristen to approach Graham; & also procure Stan Peacock's notes.
- 3) Coaching Grant Applications - NZ Bridge to review the current Coaching Grant Policy prior to 01 April
*** Secretary to email all clubs regarding Coaching Grants to be submitted by 31 March each year for following year starting 01 April. Applications to be assessed, & if funds are exceeded, then approved applications will be awarded proportionally
see separate spreadsheet for current applications
see Central Districts Coaching Expense Form - for suggestion of changed format
- 4) O/S Website - John Shanks of Specific Design has offered hosting our website for \$10.00/month 5GB+ with Otago only using 200mb of this - hence plenty of storage for O/S clubs to post results
Martin Oyston expects to have the Scorer Program/Website interface available by May 2010
John advised that there was capacity to load unlimited info/data; & we would edit our own site
*** Kristen to liaise with John Shanks regarding Password Security - 2 persons to have access
John Shanks suggested Sec & Chair. Club pages to have 2 club persons with Regional access also
- 5) Rubber / Inter-Club Teams / IP Trials - *** Secretary to forward Posters & Entry Forms to committee for final checking, prior to mailing out to clubs within 3 days
- 6) Regional Committee Elections - *** Mail out to clubs - Nomination Forms & date of meeting
Close nominations on 31 March 2010, with date for Elections Meeting - 11 April 2010
If there are 6 or less nominations, then the 11 April meeting will be cancelled
- 7) Review of Committee Travel Costs - In view of our high travel costs, it was agreed that if a committee member was playing in the Tournament which the Committee Meeting was scheduled around, then that committee member would be reimbursed at 50% of current km rate
Kristen/John
- 8) Future of 2 Regional Trophy Cups - 2 trophies in hand + 2 in Queenstown (Congress ones)
Need photos & history for NZ Bridge archives *** John Mitchell to advise of 2nd trophy he holds
*** Secretary to enquire from Elaine McDonald if there are any further trophies at Otago Club
*** Decisions to be made at next meeting as to future awarding of current redundant trophies
- 9) Communication - Regional Committee Members Liaison with Clubs
Agreed that Committee Members should liaise with their clubs more often - with a purpose.
*** Committee to contact their clubs re: Coaching Grants + Travellers Sheets + Tournament Results
*** Secretary to write to Otago Bridge Club thanking them for the gift of unused Travellers
*** Next meeting contacts re: Club Recorders & Development Officers
- 10) 2010 - Youth Player Reimbursements - That the 2010 criteria be as follows:
*** Cap of \$150.00/player; with all claims to be presented by 30 November 2010 (no Dec claims)

11) Info to Clubs - *** Summary of Minutes + advertise website

Date of Next Meeting: to be advised

Declare the meeting closed at: 5.15pm