



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

Sunday, 15 May 2011 at 10.00am – Otago Bridge Club

Present / Apologies: John Mitchell (Chairperson), Kristen Collins, Frank Gradon, Marilyn Jackson, Frances Sheehy, Lynne Fegan (Secretary/Treasurer – until 24 June)

In Attendance: Ann-Louise Stokes (Wanaka)

*** = action required

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 11 February 2011

Gradon / Collins

Matters Arising:

- 1) *** Kristen to purchase a large plastic bin to store Regional Committee requirements for storage
- 2) *** Kristen to organise engraving of glasses for Congress winners – 2010 Queenstown
- 3) Cup found – Otago/Southland Provincial Pairs – last recorded winners in 1990, but names of successive winners accompany the return of cup. *** Kristen to see to engraving
- 4) Have another cup on hand – awarded for Otago/Southland Provincial Teams in 2011. *** Kristen - needs to have existing names moved to the side on bottom of wooden plinth – then new plaque added for the future
- 5) Small cup – Junior Novice Teams – located & to be stored in bin on arrival *** Kristen
- 6) *** Lynne to search for Glenn Coutts/Jean Peche Memorial entry – as supplied by Kristen in February

Correspondence Inwards:

- 07 Feb Jared Fudge – Dates for 5A Youth Fundraising Tournament – 02 April, 28 May, 04 June
22 Mar NZ Bridge – Examinations Dates for Directors – 28/29 May
24 Mar *** Alan Grant/Grant Jarvis/Steph Jacob – South Island Pairs – format & session times to be advised
Earliest start = noon Saturday; finish = approximately 5pm Sunday – to be checked with Director
05 Apr NZ Bridge – Appointment of Regional Recorders – Dennis McCaughan for Otago/Southland
16 Apr *** Elaine McDonald – Request for subsidised travel to Hamilton for Otago Inter Club Team players
As advised previously – the payment of \$100/club entry is paid to NZ Bridge via Richard Solomon
Once numbers known, this money is divided up between players who are not subsidised elsewhere
Appears to be misunderstanding – O/S Reg Comm covers the administration only for NZ Bridge
Clubs enter as independent clubs, not as regional representatives – hence are self-funded
The Regional Committee doesn't choose the team players – just facilitates the running of the event

Motion: That the Otago/Southland Regional Committee does not subsidise the travel of those travelling to Hamilton to contest the Inter-Club Teams in 2011. Mitchell / Jackson

- 17 Apr NZ Bridge – Minutes of Board Meeting – Nina Hewitt & Dennis McCaughan – Reserves for APBF
Template for NPC reports to come
09 May Central Regional Committee – 2 letters re Gerry Palmer/NZ Bridge – ignore, not our business!

Correspondence Outwards:

28 Feb Daphne Randle – thanks for NPC Report + suggestions to running Multi-Team Training Weekends
28 Feb Graeme Stout – thanks for previously filling role of Regional Recorder
28 Feb James Coutts – agreeing to reimburse 50% of Youth Player capped allocation for lost Return Slips
01 Mar Nina Hewitt – declining application to run Swiss Pairs over 3 x Monday nights
01 Mar NZ Bridge – removal of Maretta & Derek Malloch from current list of Tournament Directors

Financial Report: See separate detailed papers

2011/12 Audited Accounts – registered with NZ Bridge

Cashflow – 01 Apr 11 – 30 Apr 11 - \$70.09

On Call – 01 Apr 11 – 30 Apr 11 - \$9202.54

Congress – 01 Apr 11 – 30 Apr 11 - \$12.69

Accounts for Payment – \$215.05 Specific Software - Domain Name Renewal & Web Hosting Fee

\$115.00 Specific Software - Site Set-up (Wanaka) –via O/S

\$ 91.26 Fegan Holdings Ltd – Stamps + Ink Cartridge + Paper

\$ 50.00 Petrol Vouchers for Auditor

\$ 58.19 Committee Morning Tea & Lunch

Fegan / Sheehy

+ travel for Committee Members

Youth Player Tournament Reimbursements – *** Cap per player for 2011 = \$150.00 (unchanged)

Criteria for 2011 – unchanged from 2010

General Business:

Website Review

Notes from John Shanks, 10 May 2011

Offer to clubs – Winton, Oamaru & Cromwell have formally expressed interest in developing website

*** make offer again to all Otago/Southland clubs – using Taieri as an example of template

Agreed – that Specific Design should not have to wait on payment from clubs

– therefore, O/S will pay Specific Design, then on-charge to appropriate club

- should a club require extra work on their site, then they must pay Specific Software's charges

*** Secretary to suss out John Shanks as to basic requirements for clubs + Dealing Machine/Scorer usage

Balclutha Tournament

To be run by Otago/Southland Regional Committee - Sunday, 21 August – Open Graded 8B

to assist Balclutha with funding their maintenance costs; & to encourage them to run Tournaments

*** Advertising – Frank; Director/Dealing – Frank; Entries – Sec/Tr; Liaison/Scorer? – Sec/Treasurer

*** Catering – Balclutha to arrange; Stationery – Sec/Tr to suss out Tony White re Congress leftovers

*** Otago/Southland to run raffles/Scratchies – ask Balclutha players to assist with raffle prizes

Cost = \$25.00 + Director (Frank) to be paid mileage at 50c/km

2011 Otago/Southland Regional Tournaments

IP Trials 19/20 February see separate spreadsheet – financials completed Profit of \$487.55

NPC's organised – Kristen suggested to Alan Geare re running Intermediate Team Training

Rubber Bridge Completion Date – 15 May – Otago has one more round, then final to come

O/S Provincial Teams Saturday, 09 April MasterPoints not calculated yet as Philip Kidd in hospital

O/S Provincial Pairs Saturday, 14 May *** Kristen to check on Trophy – Nina Hewitt & Dennis

South Island Pairs Sat/Sun, 03/04 Sept Venue will be Otago Club *** Sec to advise Otago

*** Admin = Sec/Tr – pre 30 August; Poster = Kristen; Session Times etc = Sec

15A = 96+ boards - higher number appreciated by players *** consult Lindsay

*** Consultation required with Match Committee – 4 sessions (including final)

Administration of Otago/Southland Regional Tournaments – Otago or O/S Regional Committee?

Decided that O/S Reg Committee now has expenses & admin under control – stick with O/S

*** Catering – Sec to discuss with Liz Nevill – suggest \$50/session + \$2.00/person/session + helper

Otago/Southland Congress - Wanaka Fri – Mon, 21-24 October

*** Committee appointed = Lynne Fegan & Ann-Louise Stokes – to report back at 24 June meeting

Directors = Lindsay Gunn & Martin Oyston (directing + technology)

Collins / Sheehy

Bridge Development

Kristen reported of extended date to end of 2011 for NZ Bridge Training Resources

*** Kristen to organise meeting of all O/S Bridge Teachers – after Hamilton – likely end of August

Kristen has fund to subsidise travel & catering – but clubs should subsidise attendees also

Kristen would also like to offer 'On-Line Lessons' in future – very innovative!!

Current known lessons – Oamaru, with over 40 children – in the Weston Hall

Otago has class of 48. Invercargill = 7; Winton = 7; Wanaka = 11, Queenstown = ? Others?

Frank reported that Janet Crowe was taking lessons at Palmerston (unaffiliated club)

*** Frank to suggest to Palmerston that if they became affiliated, then eligible for Coaching Grants

2010-11 Strategic Plan

– Intermediate/Junior Score Card – supposed to be available last February – *** John Mitchell to complete
Will need to be marketed to Clubs, Teachers & Directors

- Membership Drive – Mossburn – demographics have not supported ongoing pursuance of club
John reported that there was no interest being expressed by Mossburn in continuing

If there was some interest – then Kristen's idea of 'long distance teaching' may be preferred

- Funding Applications for resources

*** Pursue for Congress Expenses; Bridge Development; New Club Tournaments etc

- NZ Bridge Foundation

save or spend? Decided to be cautious this year, as don't know O/S Congress requirements yet

- Communication with clubs

Club Recorders – do clubs know about the role of a Recorder? *** Need to advise

*** Advise clubs - Dennis McCaughan new appointee as Regional Recorder for Otago/Southland

*** Ask clubs to advise as to whom their Club Recorder is

*** Noel Woodhall may have suitable notes for distribution – Psyche Forms must be recorded etc

Training – await updated Coaching Grant Policy ex NZ Bridge

- Playing Formats

On hold – advising clubs of Web Movements etc

- Directors' List

*** Review Directors' List - & ask NZ Bridge whether O/S can record 'Active' Directors only?

The 'Active' list identifies frightening gaps both now - & with worse to come in the future

Need to pursue existing Directors to encourage them to move to Tournament & National status

*** Sec to pursue following for working towards Tournament Directors:

Andy Anderson; Jan Davidson; Marilyn Jackson; Martijn Prent; Judy Robertson;

Craig Rodgers; Carol Scott; Clare Scurr; John Sheehy; Anne Somerville; Moss Wylie

*** Sec to pursue following for working towards National Directors:

Michael Albert; Dennis McCaughan; Brian Papps; Jared Fudge (via Tournament Dir)

*** Frank to check that Maretta & Derek Malloch are removed from Directors' List on O/S website

Directors Exams

Maybe 1 entry each from Oamaru, Otago & Winton for Club Directors' exams at end of May

Replacement of Secretary/Treasurer

Agreed to retain dual position as Secretary/Treasurer for ease of administration

Motion: That Ann-Louise Stokes (Wanaka) be asked to fill the position of Secretary/Treasurer of
Otago/Southland Regional Committee

Collins / Jackson

Motion: That the Chairman requests that NZ Bridge approve the appointment of Ann-Louise Stokes to the
committee of Otago/Southland Regional Bridge

Mitchell / Sheehy

That Lynne Fegan be asked to attend Otago/Southland Regional Committee meetings – ex officio

Date of Next Meeting:

*** Friday, 24 June – 7.00pm at Otago Bridge Club

Declare the meeting closed at:

2.27pm