

NZBridge Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

7pm, 20 June 2014, Otago Bridge Club, Dunedin

Present: Kristen Collins (in Chair), Frances Sheehy, Marilyn Jackson, Lynne Fegan, Kaye Wilson, James Coutts

Apologies: Joan Scarlett

Confirmation of Minutes:

Copies of 2 May Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the Minutes as circulated, be confirmed. Lynne Fegan/Frances Sheehy

Matters Arising from minutes: Nil

Correspondence Inwards:

30-4	NZB	Youth Subsidies for 2014 National Congress
12-5	NZB	International Programme for 2015
21-5	NZB	Chief Director Vacancy
21-5	NZB	Regional Committee Nominations
29-5	NZB	Levies & Conference Agenda Items
4-6	NZB	Board Minutes of 15-17 April
9-6	NZB	Regional Conference Agenda
11-6	NZB	2 nd Quarter Levy Invoices
12-6	NZB	updated Youth Register – (can someone please confirm these and get back to me, thanks Ann-Louise)
3-6		Paula Gregory's email regarding Congress
May		Request from East Otago for help with Charity Tournament

Correspondence Outwards:

Acknowledgement of Paula Gregory's letter

Notes to correspondence Regional Conference: O/S will not be sending a representative.

NZ Bridge will be launching a marketing package at the conference and would like to present it to the region. Could be done at a local regional conference (see general business).

Kristen will reply to Paula Gregory, noting her concerns re the Congress and that the committee has discussed them.

Financial Report: See separate detailed papers

Meeting between Lynne and James to be arranged to hand over finances.

Current account has \$517

Congress account ~ \$4785 with some payments still to be made.

When change of authorities are made we may have to look at transferring money between accounts.

Accounts for Payment/Approval

None – awaiting Allan Joseph's flight and directing expenses, plus Room Rental from OBC

General Business:

- 1) Congress 2014 . – see attached
 - Entries disappointing especially intermediates. An emailing list suggested.
 - 90 boards too many in one day.
 - Intermediates need an assistant director or start at a different time.
 - Slow play was a problem.
 - Computer problems with teams – scoring and making the draw.
 - Misunderstanding with John Shanks about getting results on the website.
 - Attention to carry overs needed.
 - Prize money needs reviewing, both amounts and depth of placings.
 - Discussion needed with Canterbury about having major events on the same weekend. Explore option in 2016 of having Congress at Labour weekend and O/S teams and pairs at Queens Birthday.
 - Food good
 - Sponsors: Perhaps with Joan Scarlett' experience she could liaise with sponsors and design booklet.
 - Sponsors offered opportunity to present prizes and declined.
 - Would be good to for the \$99 room rate at the Southern Cross to be ongoing
 - A learner would like to sponsor a tournament. Kristen maintaining contact.
- 2) Paula Gregory's letter- see correspondence.
- 3) Palmerston Charity Tournament 13 July – but clashes with a tournament in Timaru. Is this a charity or a fundraising tournament? Kaye to discuss directing and taking bridgepads etc with Lindsay Gunn.
- 4) Regional Committee – Division of Secretary/Treasurer Duties. Marilyn Jackson is to take over secretarial duties. Ann Louise to provide a list of tasks. Some tasks could be divided eg Kaye to take the minutes.
James to become treasurer. Lynne to organise change of signatories to Marilyn, James and Kristen.
- 5) Rubber Bridge Update - Knockout rounds are being played at the moment
- 6) SI Pairs 30-31 August – Director, Tournament Notice (send to Alistair to go to all NZ Clubs) match committee – Dennis McCaughan, Kaye Wilson, Kristen Collins, Director. Same format as last year – qualifying on Saturday, barometer final/plate on Sunday, with walk in to plate. Kaye to find out if walk-ins are eligible for plate. Cost \$60, provide lunch Saturday. Kristen to speak to John Shanks to set up online entry.

- 7) Youth register – remove Jared Fudge.
- 8) Youth Re-imburements & Youth Tournament Entry Fees: Agreement that there be a 50% discount which can be reviewed annually. Cap of \$1000. Communication to youth players needs to be done early.
- 9) Website: Lynne has managed to get every club to have a link – well done! James and Kristen will look after website in liaison with John Shanks. Ideal to get entries to tournaments online with teams being entered as a team. Kristen has set up a generic email : otagosouthland.bridge@gmail.com. Folders will be set up for different items. We could also put up a page with correspondence from NZ Bridge. With a 6monthly reminder to Clubs to take a look.
- 10) The lack of tournament directors on the region was noted – need to push directors forward.
- 11) Local Regional Conference: Nov 9th suggested date for organising a local regional conference when Alister can launch NZ Bridge marketing package. Mini workshops could be provided as well.
All clubs should send a rep. Discussion needed about travel subsidies.
- 12) Trials- 11pairs in open, women and senior + 3 intermediate pairs. Have to play everyone together Format to be 8 board matches.
- 13) Strategic Plan – Kaye/ Kristen to visit Milton. Next meeting could be a planning day on a Saturday/Sunday at Milton. Need to reallocate Clubs for liaison. Feb meeting Queenstown?
Directors – Alan’s seminar was excellent. Kristen to email Alan for pp presentations for teams tactics and directors.
Website- Meeting with Kristen, James and John Shanks needed to make sure that all tournament results go on website.
Coaching Grants- to be removed from strategic plan.
Intermediate/ Junior tournament league- completed forms go to Frances via generic email.
Club Packages/ Admin- NZ Bridge marketing package should help.
Bridge teachers Conference- 2nd half of 2015
Funding Applications- Lynne has a contact, Vivienne Fitzgerald who prepares applications for specific projects. Planning day for projects needed.
- 14) Newsletter to all clubs introducing new committee and areas of responsibility.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next Meeting: to be advised