

MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

Saturday, 16 October, 2010 at 11.00am – Balclutha Bridge Club

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 16 May 2010

Marilyn / Frank

Matters Arising: Other than those recorded in General Business

- 1) Future of 2 Regional Trophy Cups – Womens' Pairs + Inter-Club Teams (Restricted)
Cups currently with John Mitchell – cups to be retired & relocated for storage at the Otago Bridge Club
- 2) Jean Peche applications – to be presented to NZ Bridge by 31 March each year
- 3) 'Website Ethics' – committee to invite John Shanks (Spacific Software) to next meeting to discuss
- 4) Website Banner - Change of Name – request Spacific Software to change name to 'Otago/Southland Regional Bridge
- 5) Website Usage by regional clubs - Winton's request for assistance – discuss with John Shanks

Correspondence Inwards:

26 May Frank Gradon - Tournament Arrangements List (to General Business 2)
09 Jun Noel Woodhall - Role of Recorder
09 Jun Otago Bridge Club - Copy of letter to NZ Bridge re MasterPoint Charges for SI Teams
10 Jun NZ Bridge - Copy of reply to Otago Bridge Club's letter re MasterPoint Charges
12 Jun Winton Bridge Club - Late change request for 2011 Tournament Schedule
22 Jun Anne Somerville - Request for Moss Wylie to be reimbursed for IP Teams travel - agreed
24 Jun NZ Bridge - Prior notification of 10A + 15A Match Committees
24 Jun NZ Bridge - Copy of letter to Invercargill/Winton/Otago Clubs re MasterPoint awarding
01 Sep Otago Bridge Club - Tournament Results – 19 April to present
12 Jul NZ Bridge - International Programme for 2011/2012
26 Jul NZ Bridge - Otago/Southland Club schedule of membership + levies
26 Jul Frank Gradon - Future administration of Regional Tournaments (to General Business 2)
02 Aug NZ Bridge - Notification of AGM for NZ Bridge Inc – 10am, Sat, 25 Sept – Hamilton
16 Aug NZ Bridge – Minutes of Board Conference Call Use of Stop Cards/Annual Return Declaration /
Teacher Resource Planning Day
22 Aug Winton Bridge Club - Late change request for 2011 Tournament Schedule
31 Aug NZ Bridge - Tournament Date Change Form
12 Sep NZ Bridge - Otago's scheduling of mid-week tournaments – NZ Bridge to handle
13 Sep NZ Bridge - Graeme Stout/Regional Recorder – maybe Conflict of Interest
13 Sep Top of the South - rotation of South Island Pairs over 3 regions

Correspondence Outwards:

22 May Maretta Malloch - re request from Maretta & Derek not to be asked to Direct Tournaments
22 May Newsletter to O/S Clubs – Minutes of 16 May + 2010 Director's Exams + verbal announcement of
Tournaments + 2011 Tournament Schedule + O/S website link offer + Coaching Grant
Applications + O/S Regional Committee Liaison contacts
23 May Ray Crowe/Winton - re incorrect info on Congress Website + future link to O/S website
22 Jun NZ Bridge - Application for 75th Anniversary Tournaments for Otago Club

Financial Report: See separate detailed papers

Cashflow – 01 Apr - 31 Aug 2010 - \$48.54 (recovery of Internet Banking Fees from AKL completed)

On Call – 01 Apr - 31 Aug 2010 - \$7125.86

Queenstown Congress – 01 Apr - 31 Aug 2010 - \$220.38

Frances / Kristen

Accounts for Payment - Committee Travel

- Moss Wylie reimbursement \$20/person for travel to IP Trials – 4 in car = \$80.00

Hamilton Congress Travel –all completed - Barry Bouton didn't wish to claim

Youth Player Tournament Reimbursements – no further applications to date

Coaching Grant Applications – require clarification from Gore Club that they have now completed
courses + numbers attending/retention etc. Decisions on distribution at next meeting

General Business:

Committee Roles & Responsibilities – for new period 01 June 2010 – 31 May 2012

The following positions were agreed on:

Chairman	2010/11 John Mitchell
	2011/12 Kristen Collins (in transition with John Mitchell)
Vice Chair:	Kristen Collins
Secretary/Treasurer:	Lynne Fegan
Website Liaison:	Frank Gradon
Congress Sponsorship:	Frances Sheehy
Tournament Co-ordinator:	Marilyn Jackson
Development Officer	Kristen Collins

Regional Tournament Committee

Otago Bridge Club's Regional Tournament's projected losses were discussed.

Agreed that any profit/losses should be with the Regional Committee – not with host clubs

Therefore, as from 2011 the Regional Committee will be responsible for the administration etc for Regional Tournaments - & liaise with host clubs re venue costs / assistance as required etc

InterClub Teams (06 Feb 2011) + IP Trials (19/20 Feb) will need to be organised at next meeting

Discussion regarding 10A & 15A Tournaments being scheduled between Dunedin/Invercargill/Oamaru etc

2011 Tournament Dates

Concern registered ex NZ Bridge regarding Otago Club's desire to run 5A Swiss Pairs over 3 x Mondays Otago/Southland Committee agreed with NZ Bridge –not easy for participants outside of Dunedin to attend NZ Bridge has spoken to Nina Hewitt about removing this event from the Calendar

Queenstown Congress dates need to be reviewed in light of World Cup dates + Hamilton Congress change Also need to review alternative venues / change to Queens Birthday weekend

Maybe run O/S Provincial Pairs & Teams at Labour Weekend – in Oamaru or Invercargill

Hold over to next meeting (following 2010 Queenstown Congress – only one room available)

2012 National Tournament Schedule

Request a further extension of time from Sue Edwards – in view of 2011 decisions

Regional Conference, 22 August, Auckland

John Mitchell's report not available at meeting – John to supply by email

Clubs at Risk

Mossburn – will run just one more Tournament – membership down to 9 now

Maniototo – Martin Oyston visiting this weekend. Pat O'Neill running classes

Balclutha – struggling with payment of electricity etc.

Te Anau – Pat O'Neill to run classes there in next week

Milton – no contact

Balclutha members (Kathy Renton & Betty Souness) met with the O/S Regional Committee for lunch

Discussion was held as to how we could assist. The offer was made to run a Tournament for them

To be discussed at next meeting

Queenstown Congress

Administration all under control – except for the need for another Pair in Open Pairs + Team in Intermediates

John Mitchell to pursue this; & confer with Martin Oyston regarding formats for events

2010-11 Strategic Plan

John Mitchell spoke of Waikato Bays Intermediate/Junior Score Card for Tournament participation

Desirous to start this for 2011 – encouragement to strive for a Trophy & Prize Money

John Mitchell to review & provide further hard copy information at next meeting

Regional Recorder

NZ Bridge has advised that they believe there could be Conflict of Interest if we continued with Graeme Stout as Otago/Southland Regional Recorder; as Graeme is a member of the NZ Bridge Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Committee

Kristen Collins to speak with Margaret Purley / Michael Albert re their interest in the role

Canterbury / Top of South – South Island Teams & Pairs

Consideration was given to Canterbury Regional Committee's email regarding geographical issues

O/S would prefer that Top of South remains aligned with the South Island

Recognise that Invercargill players would be unlikely to travel to Nelson for South Island Tournaments

Maybe each of 3 regions should have a 15A Tournament available to them annually

Secretary to convey thoughts to Canterbury Regional Committee

Glenn & Sam Coutts – Funding Assistance

Glenn & Sam have been invited to Canberra by Australian Youth Team – during early 2011

Seeking a donation to assist with funding the trip

Secretary to ask them for info regarding their budget/costs + others grants received or being pursued etc

Bridge Development/Teaching Conference

Kristen attended the NZ Bridge Teacher Accreditation Seminar held in Wellington last weekend

A full resource of NZ Acol standard teaching ready for downloading will be available Feb 2011

Kristen on Sub-committee to review the resource

Kristen will present to Otago/Southland clubs in March/April 2011

Suggested – a 'Protected Pair status' for initial 5 months – an L Plate (no psyching/penalty doubles etc)

\$5000.00 available for 2 years to progress the accreditation – to be in control of own budget

Kristen will write a report about this

need a database of teachers – past/present/potential for all clubs

Clubs Self-Review

John Mitchell spoke to a paper which was presented at Regional Conference to assist clubs to self-assess

NZ Bridge considering a 'Best Club' annual award – based on unknown criteria at this stage

Directors' Exams

3 members of the Wanaka Club will be sitting their Club Director's Exam on 30 October

Meeting Dates

Lynne requested pre-setting meeting dates for 2011

To be considered at the next meeting, with reference to the 2011 Tournament Schedule

IP Trials

Scheduled for 19/20 February at Otago

to be handled at next meeting

Date of Next Meeting:

Saturday, 06 November; Otago Club Rooms; 11.00am

Declared the meeting closed at:

2.32pm