



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

Saturday, 3rd December at 11.30, Memorial Hall, Cromwell

Present: Kristen Collins (in Chair), John Mitchell, Frances Sheehy, Marilyn Jackson, Ann-Louise Stokes, Lynne Fegan

Apologies: Frank Gradon

Confirmation of Minutes: 5 August, 2011

Copies of 7 October 2011 minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the Minutes as circulated, be confirmed. Fegan/Jackson

Matters Arising:

Director Training – refer General Business
IP Trial Format, Requirements & Selection – refer General Business

Correspondence Inwards:

Queenstown – Improvers' Lessons, Coaching Grant
Alexandra – change tournament from Open to Intermediate
Oamaru – School Grant Re-imbursement for Travel \$245
Balclutha – Requesting tournament in 2012
J Coutts – Youth Player Re-imbursement
Cromwell – Tournament change
Minutes of NZ Bridge Board Meeting 23 November
New Directors
West Otago Social Bridge notice
Jan Davidson, Oamaru – requesting a set of 36 boards for computerised dealing to assist with the 'Teaching in Schools' programme.

Correspondence Outwards:

None

Financial Report: See separate detailed papers

Current –	01 Oct 11 – 29 Nov 11	\$563.68
On Call –	01 Oct 11 – 29 Nov 11	\$11,578.81
Congress –	01 Oct 11 – 29 Nov 11	\$35.24

Accounts for Payment

Spacific Software - Congress website design	322.00	
A L Stokes (Congress expenses, see attached)	2,389.98 (pd)	
Spacific Software	276.00 (pd)	
Otago Bridge Club – Room Rental SI Pairs & Meeting	220.00 (pd)	Stokes/Collins

General Business:

1) O/S Congress Debrief

Positive feedback from everyone. Awaiting Masterpoint charges but we have made a profit of approximately \$950, without any sponsorship. Minor admin details to improve on next time. Kristen to send a thank you note to Wanaka Bridge Club and Wanaka Bowling Club for their support.

2) IP Trials Format, Requirements & Selection

Kristen spoke about her previous paper and subsequent conversations with Michael Albert. He is very keen to be involved and has been speaking to John Shanks. Kristen to send out information to clubs prior to Christmas informing them of the requirements and format.

3) Director Training

Kristen has spoken to Dennis McCaughan about training and while he is keen, nothing has happened to date. Kristen felt that she needs to set a date and organise the event for him, hopefully some time in the new year.

Ann-Louise to send out our congratulations to new Directors.

4) Queenstown Improvers Lessons

Request for Room Rental \$300 and Stationery costs \$30. Approved in principle and will await to see what further requests come in before the amount is confirmed.

5) Tournament Additions and Changes for 2012

Alexandra wish to change from Open to Intermediate – it was felt that this might increase their entries.

Balclutha – request to run their own tournament in 2012 after the committee successfully

ran a tournament for them earlier in the year. Saturday 22nd September for an Open graded 8B tournament was selected. This is the weekend prior to Hamilton Congress and it was felt that this would assist their entries.

Cromwell – request to change their November tournament to June 16/17 due to several events on at that time in Cromwell. Cromwell has struggled with their entry numbers in the past and had to cancel their tournament this year.

These three changes were approved by the regional committee and will subsequently be forwarded to NZ Bridge for their approval.

6) Youth Re-imbusement

J Coutts submitted his Youth Reimbursement form for the year. Maximum claim of \$150 was approved.
Collins/Fegan

7) SI Teams – February 18/19

Agreed on \$50 entry fee. Suggested Match Committee of Michael Albert, Dennis McCaughan (Host Club), Kristen Collins (Regional Committee) and Murray Wiggins (Director in Charge). Kristen to speak to Michael and Dennis to confirm.

8) 2012 Otago/Southland Congress

Advertising – produce Bookmark as per previous year, for SI Teams in Feb. Smaller run required. Advertise in NZ Bridge book also. Financial sponsorship will not be sought due to the tough financial times. Lynne reported that Nestle will be providing some product sponsorship, which is wonderful news.

9) Newsletter

Ann-louise suggested publishing a newsletter aimed at the smaller clubs. Probably best to be sent to clubs at end of January for the start of the Bridge playing year.

10) Request for set of 36 boards from Jan Davidson of Oamaru Club

The committee fully supports this request. Jan is doing a marvellous job with her 'Teaching in Schools' programme and as she lives out of Oamaru she is constantly having to journey into town to return boards. Ann-Louise to write a letter of support to Alister Stuck, NZ Bridge, cc Richard Solomon.

11) Strategic Plan

This was reviewed and will be distributed under separate cover to members. Particular areas to look at are Maniototo Club (at risk), Int/Jnr Scorecard and a Newsletter to Clubs.

Date of Next Meeting: Friday 17th February, Otago Bridge Club Rooms,
Dunedin

Declare the meeting closed at: 4pm