



Otago/Southland Regional Committee

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MINUTES - Otago/Southland Regional Committee

Sunday 27th May, Balclutha Bridge Club Rooms

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

Apologies: Lynne Fegan

Confirmation of Minutes: 13 March 2012

Copies of 13 March 2012 Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. Moved that the Minutes as circulated, be confirmed. Collins/Jackson

Matters Arising: - refer general business

Correspondence Outwards:

Notification to Clubs of IP Teams

Correspondence Inwards:

- 3-4 NZ Bridge – IP Reps must use NZ Bridge Systems Cards.
 - 3-4 NZ Bridge – Masterpoint Bulletin reminding clubs to adhere to their obligations regarding the issuing of masterpoints
 - 5-4 NZ Bridge – National Congress Website operational by April 16th
 - 6-5 March 28 NZ Bridge Board Minutes
- 2013 Tournament Schedule

Financial Report: See separate detailed papers

Audited Year End Report - attached

Bank A/c Balances

- Current – 1 April – 17 May - \$2,546.21
- On Call – 1 April – 17 May – \$7,945.23
- Congress – 1 April – 17 May - \$4,144.13

Accounts for Payment/Approval

A L Stokes – admin exp	\$243.76	
Bridge NZ – Congress Computers	\$153.00	
K Collins – Inter Clubs Catering	\$ 78.56	
Cromwell copy & Print	\$309.44	Moved Stokes/Jackson

General Business:

- 1) *Regional Conference, Hamilton*
Points of interest from the Regional Conference in Hamilton were the move towards System Cards at all tournaments, together with the announcing of pre-alerts. A suggestion was to issue all beginners with a System Card, which would help re-inforce what they have learnt.

Growing our Clubs was the theme of the workshop. Often it is just a small handful at each club doing the majority of the work. One North Island club phones all their members and asks them to contribute 2hours time annually to their club.
- 2) *IP Open Team Query* – given the long established partnership the committee would like at least one main event at the Wanaka Congress played.
- 3) *Youth Player – 5Apt fundraising tournament for Otago Youth Player* – we are pleased to announce the 4th team member is Laura Stephen and we look forward to the fundraising tournament in the near future.
- 4) *Director Training* – Allan Joseph is available to offer a combination of Director and Improver lessons before the Congress (3-5pm 1st June) and after the Congress (3-5pm 4th June). It is hoped that he may have an hour to spare sometime during the Congress for a Director's only lesson.
- 5) *IP Team Trials* – Scorer's report and recommendations – We appreciate this valuable report and will revisit the issues for next year.
- 6) *Review of Rubber Bridge / Inter club Teams / Oamaru email*
It was disappointing to see poor entries for both these events. Marilyn Jackson has been appointed to oversee Rubber Bridge next year in an effort to encourage interest in this event. A similar approach will be taken with Inter Club Teams.

Marilyn and Kristin offered some valuable suggestions for Oamaru's fund raising efforts.
- 8) *Youth Re-imbusement Query* – payments are made within the Calendar year only, as per the wording at the bottom of the form.
- 9) Resolution

"That the Committee apply to the Pub Charities for a donation to cover the Accommodation costs of the five Inter Provincial Teams travelling to Hamilton to contest the National Inter Provincial Championships 26th-28th September."

Collins/Stokes
- 10) *2012 Congress* – disappointing numbers this year, possibly due to the change of dates. Little value is seen in advertising in NZ Bridge magazine for 2013.

- 11) *Balclutha Tournament* – Frank will direct and liaise with the club for any assistance they may require.
- 12) *Strategic Plan*

Web pages for clubs. Maniototo was the only club to take up this offer so far. Oamaru is interested and we shall try again with the remaining clubs.

Date of Next Meeting: 3pm, 4th August, Otago Bridge Club Rooms

Declare the meeting closed at: 2.20pm