

## **Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee 8am Monday 4 October via Zoom**

**Present:** Judith Lawton, Lynne Fegan, Philip Noye and Carole Bee

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held 15 August 2021 were taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record by Judith - Carried.

**Matters Arising:**

1. Phil's draft report in response to Hamish Ryan's email regarding IP trial format not completed yet.
2. Lynne has access to online tournament entries sorted now. Alister managed to sort it for her.

**Correspondence:**

**INWARDS:**

**18/8 NZBridge Secretary email** - Bridge Zone

**20/8 NZBridge Secretary email** – Covid Advisory 14

**22/8 NZBridge Secretary email** – TOPS online teams invitation

**24/8 NZBridge Secretary email**- Covid Advisory 15 revised

**24/8 NZBridge Secretary email** - re G Dale and Invercargill Bridge and online entry difficulties.

**25/8 Invercargill Club**- Expression of interest in hosting South Island Teams

**30/8 NZBridge Secretary email** - postponement of National Congress to Feb 2022

**31/8 Sam Coutts** - Trying to get info on schools programs running in Auckland

**31/8 NZBridge Secretary** - Home Club Report

**3/9 NZBridge Secretary** - Annual Report to 31 March 2021 and AGM agenda; Audited Financial Statement 31 March 2021

**7/9 NZBridge Secretary** - Covid Alert Advisory 16

**13/9 NZBridge Richard Solomon** - Posters for New dates for National Congress and Babich Pairs.

**14/9 NZBridge Secretary** - Minutes 17 August Board Meeting

**14/9 NZBridge Secretary** - Gender Identity Policy

**15/9 NZBridge Secretary**- Checklist for reopening under Covid Level 2

**19/9 NZBridge Secretary**- Updated Active Directors list

**21/9 NZBridge Secretary**- Covid Advisory 17

**21/9 Taieri Club** - Request to get their Babich Pairs added to NZB website

**22/09 Anna Kalma** - Survey on Regional Bridge Mates to be completed

**25/9 NZBridge Secretary** -Notice of Gold Coast Congress

**27/9 NZBridge Secretary-** Flyer NI Teams

**29/9 NZBridge Secretary** - Monthly report Chief Tournament Director

**29/9 Alan Grant** - Requesting time frame for finish of OS Congress play

**29/9 NZBridge Secretary** -Covid Advisory 18

**29/9 Murray Wiggins** - Responses to questions by TOS region re Director's exam pass rate.

**30/9 Ana Kalma** - Requesting ratification of appointment of Sonya Adams as OS RBmate

### **Outwards:**

**18/8 Bradley Johnston email** – Letter of acceptance of resignation and thank you for service.

**19/8 Martin Oysten email** – outlining terms for directing OS congress

**19/8 NZBridge Secretary email** – poster for OS Congress for distribution and adding to entry form.

**19/8 NZBridge Secretary email** – minutes of July O/S meeting

**24/8 NZBridge Secretary email** – forward emails from Yvonne re possible issue with online entry

**24/8 Hamish Ryan, Ernie Sutton, Phil Hensman and Queenstown Club email:** replying to feedback re IP trials.

**24/8 all OS Region Clubs** – asking expressions of interest in SI teams and OS congress for 2022

**25/8 all OS Region Clubs** – instructions for entering tournaments on-line.

**25/8 all OS Region Clubs** - Opportunity to host 2022 OS Congress and South Island Teams

**25/8 all OS Region Clubs** - Otago Clubs version of online entry instructions

**29/9 Alan Grant** - Reply re play finish time for OS congress

**Motion: "That correspondence accepted as recorded." by Judith- Carried.**

### **Financial:**

1.Only transactions were the receipt of the reimbursement for IP travel and the \$500 grant from the Bendigo Trust.

**Motion "That the Financial Report be received." Lynne/Carole - Carried**

### **Agenda Items:**

1. Judith received an email From John Skipper offering a zoom meeting to discuss any issues the Regional Committee have. Judith going to talk with him but no zoom meeting required at this stage.
2. Rubber Bridge. Our representatives, Pam Nisbet and Peter McCaskill are available on the new date in Feb. This has been confirmed with NZBridge.
3. Updated list of directors differed from what we had on OS website, so Lynne been confirming actual status of discrepancies with the clubs and NZ Bridge and getting our website aligned. Our web site should only list those that are qualified as they can then direct tournaments for other clubs.
4. Decision regarding Continuing with OS Congress to be made later this week once we have a clearer picture with regard to likelihood of reaching level 1 in time. Keeping to NZBridge guide lines it should only be held in level 1.
5. Summary of club's numbers received needs to be read in context as it doesn't take into account the changes in population sizes in areas and the demographic age wise.
6. No one has paid for their OS Congress entries yet. Will hold off discussion on proceeding or cancelling until after Covid level announcement on Tuesday.
7. NZBridge have given Sonya Adams a schedule of responsibilities and that is under negotiation before she can be appointed to the role of Regional Bridge Mate for OS region.

**Motion: "That we endorse Sonya Adams' appointment to the position of OS Regional Bridge Mate."**

**Judith/Phil - Agreed**

It is noted that we are being asked by NZ Bridge to approve the person and the role without seeing the role description.

Committee members to complete the survey re the RBM and return to Judith for compilation. We should put out a survey to our clubs re how they see our role.

8. Funding our IP team. Difficult for us to apply to a lot of the organisations that provide grants as we are not a registered charity. Our team are aware of the potential costs they may incur representing the region.

**Motion: "That the Otago Southland Regional Committee cover the cost of the accommodation in full along with the Bendigo Trust grant." Lynne/Judith - Carried**  
**Abstention: Phil due to conflict of interest.**

9. Judith attended the Zoom online AGM of NZBridge. Minutes coming online.
10. Discussion about encouraging entries of Novices from OS region to play in the novice division of NZ Congress in Mt Maunganui.

**Motion: “That Otago Southland Regional Committee reimburse novice entrants their entry fee if they enter.” Lynne/Judith -Carried**

11. Richard Solomon looking for a regular contributor for his column. Suggested he try Graeme Stout. Judith will talk to Richard.

## Strategic plan:

1. Have had a good response from NZBridge with offers to attend and contribute to OS conference. Waiting until RBM appointment to move forward with setting a date.
2. Carole to confirm with Rona Driscoll that Invercargill will host the South Island Teams event 27 August 2022.

**Meeting closed 9:10 am**

**Next meeting TBC but matters to be dealt with as they come via email in the interim.**

## Critical Actions

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