

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 25 March 2024 via Zoom at 3pm

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

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2024 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Phil/Judith – Carried

Matters Arising:

1. No position for spare signs yet so Carole to offer to all clubs. Currently one at Balclutha club on trailer, roadside near Invercargill and roadside near Winton. To invoice NZBridge for the tabards and list the items that are now in Sonya Adams' care.
2. Carole to follow up with Bridgette Hannaway if any accommodation has been booked for IPs in Wellington in November.

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Email From Bridgett Wilcox re rubber bridge...When will we be completed? Opps we have missed this...Invites to clubs will go out this weekend. Carole to respond to Bridgette's email.
2. Email from Alister re Maniototo club. Lynne trying to make contact to see if we can help.
3. Murray Wiggins re IP format for our trials.
4. Email from Winton re Tournament calendar. NZBridge have indicated that there will be no announcement re 2025 tournament calendar until after the promised consultation with clubs and regions this year. Refer Winton to this communication.

OUTWARDS:

1. Minutes previous meeting to NZ Bridge Secretary.
2. Email to all clubs re the tournament schedule and face to face v online weekends
3. Email to all clubs re vacancy on Committee
4. Email to all clubs re up to \$300 reimbursement available for advertising lessons.

5. Email to Winton re tournament Schedule
6. Email our strategic plan and budget to Sue Brown NZ Bridge

Motion: "That the Correspondence be accepted as dealt with."

Moved Carole/Lynne- carried

Financial Report:

Lynne circulated the financial report. Offer to subsidise the advertising for lessons very well received and \$1415.74 paid to clubs. Closing balance at \$5001.50 as at 29 Feb 2024.

Motion: "That the financial report be received."

Moved Lynne/ Judith -Carried

Motion: "That the Oyster Plate be repurposed for Provincials Teams on Kings Birthday weekend if the Otago and Invercargill clubs both agree."

Moved Judith/Carole - Carried

Motion: "That the Paua Trophy be repurposed for the TWIG (Te Anau, Winton, Invercargill & Gore Teams challenge) with the agreement of the Invercargill Club."

Moved Judith/ Carole - Carried

General Business:

1. Discussion re the Lindsay Cup being used for Teams at Congress or possibly as an overall award to the Intermediate/Junior pair best results/participation in tournaments. To be discussed further.
2. Provincials in Wanaka still on track. Decision on Intermediate Section held off until entries are a more known quantity. It is an Open event.
3. Trials for IPs are listed on NZBridge website. May struggle for trialists this year in our region. Phil (to specific pairs) & Carole (to all clubs) to send invites to trail out. Trials are 4th May weekend.
4. Potential replacement on committee for Lynne who is retiring has been identified and approached. Judith to call him and confirm. Still space for another committee member. Carole to remind clubs.
5. No response from NZBridge re our received Strategic Plan & Budget. Has it been approved? Hard to plan our activities if we do not know if we have the money. Judith to talk to Alan Morris. We have put in the plan to offer a prize/reward for best Jnr/Int pair but cannot announce to clubs until the budget is approved and the tournament programme is well underway already.

6. We have underspent our 2023 budget by \$7000, largely due to the loss of Sonya and our commitment to supporting her contact with clubs.
7. 2024 Regional Conference on next meeting agenda.
8. Judith thanked Lynne for her tremendous contribution to the Otago Southland Committee for many years. We will miss her wealth of knowledge and her willingness to take on many task on our behalf. Thank you Lynne and we wish you well as you try and empty your calendar a little and enjoy more time with your husband and family.

Next meeting 8 April 9am via Zoom

Meeting Closed 4:20pm