

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 13 May 2024 via Zoom at 8:30pm

Present: Judith Lawton, Philip Noye, Hamish McDonald and Carole Bee

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting:

“That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2024 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Hamish – Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Winton re email change. Carole to check our website and Judith to check that Winton think it is sorted now.
2. Anne Somerville requestion travel to trials. Carole to respond that we are unable to at this time due to budget cuts but we will do all in our power to reduce costs to attend the Wellington event.
3. Yvonne Hughes regarding IP trial results. They are now available on Otago Club site. Their webmaster was overseas so was a delay of a day getting them up. Judith will reply.

OUTWARDS:

1. Minutes to NZ Bridge
2. Carole has been emailing clubs with unconfirmed tournaments for 2025 to end of May. Some have since confirmed.
3. Update to all Clubs including a completion date of 31 May for their internal round robin for Rubber Bridge. Winners and their contact details to be emailed to us by 31 May. Also reminder re Regional Nominations which also close on 31 May.
4. Judith grant application to Grants@NZCT and an application to NZ bridge for further funding to attend the Regional Challenge.

Motion: “That the Correspondence be accepted as dealt with.”

Moved Phil/Carole- Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Financial Report:

Financial report circulated. No activity since last meeting. Closing balance at \$5001.50 as at 30 April 2024.

Motion: “That the financial report be received.”

Moved Carole/Phil -Carried

Strategic Plan:

- 1. Regional Pairs & Teams King's Birthday:** We have heard no more from Wanak so assuming they have been able to make the budget work. Queenstown have been heavily involved in supporting Mary, the director and making sure everything is in place and working before the event.
- 2. Regional Challenge Teams:** Phil recommended that we select a 6 person team as that gives us cover for the inevitable withdrawals due to illness etc. Our communication was clear from the outset that there would be some personal cost to attending the event but we will do all we can to mitigate this. It is a double round robin with two byes per team (these can be in the same day though) so it is a fairly strenuous couple of days so a spare pair enables rests if required.
Phil is not able to commit to being Chef d' mission at this stage so we need to test the waters with some other options.
Phil to notify the selected players and will continue to co-ordinate their pre-event build up.

Motion: "That we announce 6 player teams for the Regional Challenge."

Moved Phil/Carole -carried

Motion: "Judith apply for such funds as appropriate to mitigate the personal cost to players for the Regional Challenge." Moved Carole/Hamish – carried

- 3. Directors Fees:** We will ask our regional directors to indicate what tournament grades they are willing to direct, their expected remuneration and also if they are willing to be billeted and forward to all clubs.
- 4. Oyster Plate:** has been re-engraved and sent to Wanaka for Kings Birthday.

Meeting Closed 9:30am

Next meeting: Monday 10 June 10am