

Minutes Otago Southland Regional Committee Monday 10 June 2024 via Zoom at 9:00am

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 13 May 2024 be taken as read and moved as being a true and accurate record.”

Moved Carole/Phil – Carried

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence:

INWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Milton -Anne Philips-change of contacts
2. Jane Stern Auckland Newsletter
3. Sonya Adams re road sign
4. Wanaka re Kings Birthday Provincial Champs
5. Wanaka re Change of email for President
6. Andrew Shaw re rubber bridge draw
7. Varius re RC travel and accommodation.
8. Mel Auld re Facebook campaign report
9. NZBridge board minutes
10. Lynne Fegan re Queenstown rubber winners
11. Bridgett Hannaway re Congress poster and update

OUTWARDS:

As per emails:

1. Minutes to NZ Bridge
2. NZBridge Nomination for Regional Committee being Judith Lawton, Phil Noye, Hamish McDonald and Carole Bee
3. Sony Adams reply re road signs
4. Multiple recipients re confirmation of RC teams and thanks to all trialists

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

Moved Phil/Carole- Carried

Matters Arising: Nil any dealt with in general business

Financial Report:

None available as Hamish still to be given access to accounts. We have received funding for RC from NZ Bridge.

Strategic Plan:

- 1. Regional Pairs & Teams King's Birthday:** Weekend went well. Small glitch with tablets not charging due to a faulty plug at venue but dealt with. Great atmosphere and room at capacity for pairs. Carole to email Wanaka and thank them.
- 2. Regional Challenge Teams:** All players have been notified of the selections. Seniors are currently a 4 member team. We will approach Greg Buzzard to be Chef'd'mission as Phil is not available. Judith still applying for funds to support our players.
- 3. Rubber bridge:** We will ask Queenstown to play Wanaka and Otago to play Invercargill as semi finals. These to be complete by 31 July and finals by 20 Aug. If two teams cannot play then the team that is unavailable for the longer period of time shall be required to default.
- 4. Adjusted Budget:** In light of the funding cuts we need to prioritise the most cost effective and effective projects (our regional conference and possibly something to support teaching) and also allow for costs of attending national conference. Discussion was had around what to remove to guide Hamish in developing a revised budget.
- 5. (Te Anau Winton Invercargill and Gore inter Club)TWIG finally to proceed next week at Invercargill.**
- 6. Road Signs:** Hamish to investigate getting a sign up on the drive in to Queenstown event stadium or in the building somewhere. Phil may be able to use one of the Balclutha signs.
- 7. OS Tournaments for 2025:**
 - a. OS team trials for Regional Challenge to be held in Otago if they agree.
 - b. Oamaru to be offered Regional Championship at King's Birthday.
- 8. Regional Conference:** Approach Balclutha and ask if they are still willing. Two possible dates to offer... 13 Oct after their open pairs or 3 Nov.

General Business

1. Otago Open Swiss pairs is now up against the NZ Swiss pairs being held ONLINE. Only one entry for Otago. NZ Pairs being held the day before so pairs cannot travel to Dunedin that day. No communication re what events were going to be online and appears to be against their policy to avoid

competing with local tournaments. Carole to Email NZ Bridge for a response.

2. We are hosting NZ Swiss pairs at the Otago Club on 30 August 2024 and neither the Otago club nor the region have heard anything regarding our responsibilities. Carole to email NZBridge re this for clarification.

Meeting Closed 10:30am

Next meeting: Sunday 7 July 10am TBC