

**HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB**  
**(DRAFT) MINUTES OF 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**23 NOVEMBER 2025**

**PRESENT:** The meeting was chaired by President, Rose Isherwood. 39 members attended.

**APOLOGIES:** Hilary Patterson, Tony Turner, Lana Ashley, Cheryl Winsor, Rosemary Ackerley, John Gaiser, Simon Morley-Jones, Maureen McKenzie, Jenny Oxley

Moved that the apologies be accepted Peter Bowyer / Pat Williams / carried

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD 23 NOVEMBER 2024:** Emailed and displayed in the club rooms for the past 12 months.

Moved that the previous minutes be accepted Heather Green / Lorraine Rose /carried

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Nil

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025:** The President's Report has been circulated by email to all members.

*Today we recognise the Howick Bridge Club 60<sup>th</sup> AGM, what an achievement. The constitution mentions that the president should report on the health of the club which does seem to be healthy but I feel that the AGM should really acknowledge those amongst us whether life members, members, or those who receive a stipend.*

*We say thank you to our club and tournament directors Lysandra, Nicki, Chris, Peter, Richard, Dave, Niccolo and Kevin.*

*Tournament catering team, Heather, Julie, Anne and Virginia (Heathers daughter).*

*The dealing machine team of Lorraine, Mary and Richard.*

Compass, Bridgemates and scoring experts Richard, Dave and Jane.

*Lessons a vital part of our club members growth. Chris for the improvers, Cheryl for the intermediate, Leo and Richard with help from Christine, Robyn, Annette, Judy, Lorraine, Ngaire, Mary, Shona, Pat and Rosemary for the beginner lessons and if I've missed your name my humblest apologies.*

*Sunday Salver organised by Peter Bowyer, Nicki and Mary.*

Bunnings BBQ organiser Peter McLean, with help from Bill, Raewyn and Eric.

*Health and Safety taken care of by Lang.*

*Tenant overseer and what an awesome job of increasing club funds she makes Lenice.*

*To our members who have loaned art work, just fantastic.*

*Pat our superb secretary as well as table cloth, tea towel, washer and scone maker.*

*Jane our fantastic treasurer and we are so lucky that she also makes "to die for" sponge cakes*

*Leo who sees to the repairs and maintenance of our building even climbing on the roof when needed; his biggest task this year was of course the bathroom renovations, which happened with Carina's help in organising a Lottery grant.*

*Tournament secretary Dave who along with Cheryl create our annual Programme of Events book ready for printing.*

*Tournament scorer and online guru Richard*

*What an awesome team we have looking after our club, feel proud to be a member and special thanks to all our members who contribute in their own way to making Howick Bridge Club just the best.*

Moved that the Presidents Report be accepted

Rose Isherwood / Peter Bowyer/ carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report has been circulated by email to all members.

Jane summarised her report stating the club is in a healthy state and suggested members email her with any queries regarding the annual accounts.

- *Membership has recovered to 189, we had another good intake of new members from our bridge lessons. However, recovering membership numbers back to >200 continues to elude us.*
- *Table numbers and income remains consistent, and the committee sees no need to increase table money.*
- *Rental income increased over the year due to a few bespoke clients renting our rooms on an ad hoc basis. Rental income contributed 25% of our total income.*
- *In response to Shona's query, the Lottery Grant money was all used on the renovations.*
- *Committee agreed to increase annual membership subscription to \$110 to cover NZB levy.*

**FEES - SUBSCRIPTION:**

Annual Subscription \$110

Secondary membership \$77

Associate membership \$40

Youth membership \$20

- The Treasurer will email all members with an invoice detailing the fee payment and due date of 31 January 2026 to be paid to the 00 account.
- Under our Constitution, any subscriptions unpaid on 31 January may lead to suspension of membership.

**HONORARIA:**

- The Honarium for the Secretary remain the same at \$4,000 pa.
- The Honarium for the Treasurer remain the same at \$5,000 pa.

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted

Jane Thomlinson / Geraldine Rose / carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Nominations for officers and committee members of the club have been handed to the Secretary and displayed on the club notice board and members advised by email, as required.

We have indicated vacancies for eleven committee members and have received nominations for ten.

**The following members are considered elected under the Constitution.**

**Officers**

President Rose Isherwood – proposed Pat Williams seconded Julie Tinkler

Vice President Lana Ashley – proposed Mary Ryan seconded Julia Timperley

Treasurer Jane Thomlinson – proposed Shona Kenny seconded Niccolo Nustrini

Secretary Pat Williams- proposed Ngaire Barrack seconded Julie Tinkler

**Committee**

Lenice Clarkson proposed Lorraine Rose seconded Shona Kenny

Dave Christian proposed Pt Williams seconded Julie Tinkler

Heather Green proposed Hlary Patterson seconded Mac MacKenzie

Peter McLean proposed Niccolo Nustrini seconded Rosemary Ackerley

Mary Wood proposed Pat Williams seconded Lenice Clarkson

Leo Sim proposed Lenice Clarkson seconded Pat Williams.

Acceptance moved and seconded

Rosemary Isherwood / Mary Wood / carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- On behalf of the committee the President confirmed Lenice Clarkson's nomination for Life Membership. Rosemary thanked Lenice and for her outstanding contribution, particularly regarding our rental tenants and the income generated for the club. Note to all members, we would seriously struggle without this important income. All members present applauded Lenice's nomination.
- Geraldine raised the question of reducing the Tuesday and Friday daytime sessions to earlier start, no lunch, therefore earlier finish. Diana Still spoke in favour of the current situation stating that it is a social session. Leo advised that a recent survey opted for no change.
- Rosemary thanked outgoing committee member, Geraldine, for her service and presented her with a bottle of wine.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1:20pm