

## MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 3 MAY 2026

**PRESENT:** Rose Isherwood, Mary Wood, Pat Williams, Dave Christian, Peter McLean, Lana Ashley, Heather Green Jane Thomlinson

**APOLOGIES:** Leo Sim

### REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

- Pat, Jane, Dave, are employees of the club.

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting held 12 April 2026

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Pat / Heather

### MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – (Dave) ongoing and progressing.
- Task List– (Rose) Detailed listing being typed up by secretary
- Oven – changed over, done
- Honours Board – (Lana reported) We are dependent on when Ray can do the job
- Multi-Meter purchased and in office
- New tablecloths (Rose) ongoing
- New window catches fitted by Leo (our thanks)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** As listed on Agenda and discussed.

- Dave missed out on purchase of old bridge-mates from Thames BC. New model very costly at \$300 each plus server, plus charge case, no battery, must be charged overnight.
- Jane will continue to follow up new dealing machine being funded by NZ Bridge Foundation for use at Macleans, (hold up re signature change at NZ Bridge Foundation).
- Ultra-tournament, we have given Mark our preferred date (mindful of our Sunday Salver) will be held in August, Chris happy to direct, Mark will advise in due course.

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Pat / Peter

**MEMBER WELFARE:** (Pat)

- Past President Gwen Weal passed away, aged 96, on behalf of HBC, Pat put message on her condolence page with Herald.

**MEMBERSHIP** (details emailed by Jane)

- 168 Members - no change

**FINANCIAL REPORT** (Jane advised too early to close off and will be presented next month)

**CLUB EVENTS** (Dave reported)

- 8B Tournament Saturday 9 May – Kevin will direct, Richard will score, Dave will sit in to learn scoring from Richard, Carina has emailed all with jobs to be carried out, Julie and Anne morning tea, Heather happy to do kitchen and afternoon tea.
- Ultra-Tournament – it was suggested MacLeans learners be offered opportunity to play
- Monday night bidding by some members, discussed. In the first instance Rose will discuss with Lysandra who will be asked to quietly have a word with the offenders, cannot open with 6-8 points, and give inaccurate or vague responses when asked meaning.

### **TEACHING & PUBLICITY**

- Rose has another 2 weeks before lessons finish. Current attendees, Tuesday pm 10 students, Thursday am 6 students. Rose considers new lessons better than original, more card play.
- Leo's next set of lessons will commence June, community notice boards, plus others, have been organised for advertising.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana reported)**

- Leo did WOF Audit walkthrough with council on 23 April, all OK
- Signs displaying fire door down stairs have been installed/provided.

### **RENTALS (Peter)**

- Howick Photographic Society have sent disgruntled emails to Peter (circulated to committee) re downstairs kitchen.
- Rose and Peter checked downstairs kitchen, all 'missing items' were available in kitchen, (query .. is it our job to supply their dishwashing liquid ??) They need to keep their goods in locked cupboard.
- We are aware kitchen could do with an upgrade and we will look at that.
- It has been reconfirmed to Photographic society that the funding they require for 'upgrades' is their responsibility eg bars on windows, wheelchair access, lino in foyer can be replaced when new access carried out.
- We will wait to hear back from Andrew HPS.
- Pat has texted cleaner re paper towel key to be cut and as well the need to leave some paper towels low for wheelchair users accessibility.
- Peter to email Mr Fike our Saturday tenant upstairs, to ensure power off when they leave premises.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Our two new Grand Masters, Rose will follow up Kevin's photo with framer and still waiting on Lysandra's photo (suggest we do on iphone).
- Mary will start calling on local businesses to ask for donations re Hospice tournament. Peter will help plus Rose to ask members to form a sub-committee to help Mary.
- Rose spoke re Hamish Brown's Hui recommendations requesting all committee read and give feedback. Dave thought Intermediate tournament put forward a good idea, all clubs to contribute prize money.
- Shopping not charged to card discussed, not a problem

The meeting closed at 5:05pm - Next meeting Sunday 14 June at 3pm