

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 16 August 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Leo Sim

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 5 July 2026

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Rose / Peter

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – Ongoing by Dave, will talk to Kevin
- Task List– Pat still processing
- Honours Board – Ongoing, Lana continues to follow-up
- Rose advised she still has to follow-up email 'problem' discussed and will do so now she is in better health.

CORRESPONDENCE: As listed on Agenda and discussed.

Discussed and some followed up further in minutes below

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Jane / Heather

MEMBER WELFARE: (Heather)

- Barbara readmitted to hospital

MEMBERSHIP (Jane)

- 185 Members (net increase of 7)
 - 7 members from lessons

FINANCIAL REPORT (Jane reported and emailed detailed accounts)

July was a good month for Table Money; on the expenses side, it was the month for the quarterly Master Points/Levies payments.

Unfortunately, Jane has been unable to prepare the July rental invoice for BJJ and therefore the Rental Income is reporting lower than actual – it will be corrected in next month's reporting. BJJ still behind with rental payments but he has indicated this will be righted in near future.

Hospice Donation was processed, with late deposits of \$92 carried over into 2027.

Year to Date Results to 31 July 2026:

- Income (adjusted for the Dealing Machine grant) is tracking ahead of target
- Expenses tracking under budget.
- Overall, Net Profit is running ahead of target.
- Donation from HBC to Bob Fearn

Moved and seconded the Financial Statement be accepted

Jane / Heather

CLUB EVENTS (Dave reported)

- Ultra-Tournament – Cancelled due to lack of interest. However, Franklin will run a Junior tournament on 30 August in lieu of. Dave will advise our members eligible to play.
- NZ Wide Pairs - Papatoetoe and Howick will combine, to be held at Howick, cost \$20 per player (mindful that NZB cost has increased), Heather will do supper, Dave has completed a poster which he will circulate to HBC members and Papatoetoe. Sponsorship \$250 discussed, along with a long forgotten cup (for HBC) Lana will follow-up and let committee know outcome.
- 5B and 3A Tournament coming up 12 September, numbers looking good, catering to be organised (Heather unavailable).
- Committee discussed and agreed to request from a Dunedin based player to play our Wednesday on-line session with a HBC member.
- Discussion re two players (Monday) who continue to play and pay as 'visitors'. Jane has advised them the "Visitor" limitations and will speak with them again. They have no NZB number.
- 'Substitute' Rule challenged by member, committee all in agreement with meaning of rule, ie only 1 substitute allowed. The rule will be 'clarified' in next printing of Programme Book to make it even more clear.
- Dave will provide link to NZ website for lesson information.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY

- (Leo advised by email)– Seven beginners joined in Tuesday evening session last week, they are well settled. Chris suggested that Leo go home at 9pm as they were getting on well and continued to play 18 boards. They will continue to join in Tuesday evening session for 2 more weeks while Leo away then continue with last three lessons.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana reported)

- Building check all OK

RENTALS (Peter) -

- Enquiry for Thursday downstairs from Strength/Balance trainer who will meet with Peter Tuesday 18 August at 10:30 am to check out space. Thursday is currently free during the day down stairs.

R & M (Leo)

- Pat will look at availability and cost of new non slip mats with rubber border to do away with the sticky tape currently holding down mats.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Games day at Highland Park Library Sunday 13 September, Lana, Peter, Rose put hand up to attend, more needed.
- Rose and Pat attended ANRC Hui held Sunday 9 December. Rose reported on several matters of interest, particularly the "3 plus 1" format which requires committee consideration for inclusion in next Programme Book. Discussed further from last year, the new NZB "Fair Play" initiative is still being set up, headed by Julie Atkinson. We are not in favour of NZB actions regarding this, we consider we already have adequate coverage.
- Further to an earlier discussion re updating Bridge Matés, Pat suggested perhaps it was now time to do so. However, the cost is huge along with replacement server and charging boxes to accommodate the new scorers. Dave will check how other clubs are finding the change and report back to committee. We will look at a Grant application to help cover costs.

- It was suggested we could put HBC annual Bridge Programme on-line similar to a few other clubs. Dave would like to know about it and Rose will gather more information.
- Rose reported it took 2 hours for her to complete NZB on-line survey re teaching. Of the 23 who attended lessons, we have retained 14 newbies. Rose advised that her lessons next year will be held only on Tuesday evening, ie just one session a week. She is happy to do that but no more. Newbies asked where they heard about lessons ie Billboards , newspaper, word of mouth and members.
- Rose will replace all the lace tablecloths with plastic ones.

The meeting closed at 4:50pm

Next meeting Sunday will be held Sunday 13 September
(but may have to be changed due to Highland Park Games)