

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 5 July 2026

PRESENT: Rose Isherwood, Pat Williams, Dave Christian, Peter McLean, Leo Sim Heather Green, Lana Ashley

APOLOGIES: Jane Thomlinson, Mary Wood

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 7 June 2026

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Dave / Heather

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – Ongoing by Dave, will talk to Kevin
- Task List– Pat still processing
- Honours Board – (Lana reported) Ray has cut and framed 2 new boards, he may be ready to proceed next week.

CORRESPONDENCE: As listed on Agenda and discussed.

Various items discussed below

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Pat / Rose

MEMBER WELFARE: (Heather)

- Cards to Barbara Gibbs, Diana Still and Cheryl Winsor

MEMBERSHIP (Jane will update next month)

FINANCIAL REPORT (Jane will update next month)

CLUB EVENTS (Dave reported)

- Ultra-Tournament – Dave will email HBC eligible members details, every Sunday afternoon in August with play on Sunday 16th August at Howick. Macleans players offered opportunity to attend, not anticipating change to fee, Chris will direct our event.
- Some Junior players in the Howick 5B tournament did not know it was an all-day event, ie 2 sessions. Extremely well attended, monetary figures available on Jane's return
- 8B Open coming up on 25 July.
- NZ Wide Pairs - Dave has checked with Papatoetoe who are happy to run the event in the evening whereas our members supported taking part in a Friday am event. Both Howick and Papatoetoe will promote each other's events, those who want to play am come to us, and vice-versa. Books for the am players will not be available until after the pm event.
- NZB initiative "Grand Prix" trial Junior and Intermediate competition this year is expected to have sponsorship. Dave will send email to all HBC Junior and Intermediate players advising them of event dates; must play 5 out of 7 events to be eligible to win. This year is an individual winner, next year pairs.
- NZB Tournament Management requirements :
 - Sensible movement
 - Set up a match committee for each tournament, eg Tournament Secretary, Scorer, Director
 - Tournament Secretary to complete form at the end of Tournament
 - Appeals committee, Dave suggested we tap players on the shoulder on the day to see if they would act in the case of an appeal.

- We need to formalise the process

TEACHING & PUBLICITY

- Leo is up to his 5th lesson this week, 7 students at the moment, all very keen and enthusiastic.
- Corrections to lessons are complete and downloaded to NZB website
- Dave will now download to our website

HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana reported)

- Fire door downstairs sticks. Leo suggested it is most likely weather related.

RENTALS (Peter)

- Photographic Society new sign up and looks good
- Access to accounts needs to be changed (Jane) But contact Lenice in the meantime until changed.
- Sink plug strainer installed
- Sureta and Hassan will email Peter with their hours of use.

R & M (Leo)

Heather asked for the kitchen non-slip mats to be re-stuck down in some areas, a tripping hazard

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Rose and Pat will attend ANRC Hui 9 August at Hibiscus Coast BC.
- Hospice thank you emails ongoing but will be done.
- Mentoring - 4 sessions on Thursday evenings very successful, expectations of all met and all agreed that we will make it a regular event (at least once a year). Committee agreed to suggestion we include daytime session as well. Growing player success and confidences extremely important
- Peter concerned with Wednesday night online attendance, suggested we open up to all Bridge players like Auckland. Discussed, but not an option for us, Dave pointed out obstacles to this. Always an attendance drop-off with ladders including Salver, but they should stay on programme, important to play with other players.
- Lana passed onto committee a complaint from member which was duly discussed. All HBC players can play at all HBC sessions, so not an issue.
- Another issue re 'unethical' emails' exposure was raised by Rose and she will discuss the issue with the member concerned. **ALL** HBC tournament emails to be done by Dave or Carina. No one else.

The meeting closed at 4:30pm

Next meeting Sunday 2 August at 3pm

(because Hui on Sunday 9 August and Rose and Pat will be attending)