MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 12 November 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Leo Sim

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 11 October 2026
Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct Jane/ Pat

MATTERS ARISING

1. Webpage – Dave will contact Terry
2. Kitchen Mats – Pat downloaded Trade Tested Mt information, will view.
3. Terry's digital programme – he still has issues to be sorted with NZB before we can use.

CORRESPONDENCE: As listed on Agenda and discussed.

- Dave explained NZB bidding policy at tournaments
- Masterpoints – With some committee having a different interpretation, Dave will check and advise
- Re Handicap club results, we only send raw data to NZB so all OK

Moved and seconded correspondence be accepted Rose / Pat

MEMBER WELFARE: (Heather to send cards)

- Jacque Kilpatrick unwell
- Katherine Adlington in hospital

MEMBERSHIP (Jane reported)

- 182 Members (a net reduction of 2)
  - 2 deaths
  - 1 relocated out of Auckland
  - 1 new member

FINANCIAL REPORT (Jane reported and emailed detailed accounts).
October was a pretty standard month with nothing to highlight.
2027 Budget presented for endorsement by the Committee. Key notes:

- Budgeting for a $6,500 Surplus
- $5,000 allowed for Repairs & Maintenance
- $2,000 allowed for an Audit
- Prizes & Presentation stripped back now that we have spent the $5,000 Donation.
- 2027 Annual fees to remain the same: Subscription $110 Secondary $77 Youth $20 and Associate $40

Moved and seconded the Financial Statement (plus 2027 budget) be accepted

Jane / Rose

CLUB EVENTS (Dave reported)

1. 2 x 8B Tournaments now known as Limited Pairs ie Open-Open, Open-Restricted and Restricted-Restricted pairs all prohibited. Open & Restricted players can only enter if they play with Intermediate, Junior or Novice partners.
2. Directing happenings are in hand, Dave to check Richard still happy to be involved in organising HBC Directors
3. Dave checked and confirmed Peter Bowyer will direct game following AGM
4. Dealers asked to always check last hand due to recent anomalies.
5. Confirmed Jumbo cards required for member playing Thursday am.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY

Rose advised she has emailed all who took part in lessons and not attending, for feedback, why they don't attend novice sessions.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana reported**)**

Lana circulated information re update requirements of AED installed at club. It was pointed out that AEDs are generally considered to have a useful service life of 8-10 years.
Ours at 9 years old may not be reliable in the event of an emergency. Discussed.
Suggest alternatives be looked at before replacement confirmed.

RENTALS (Peter) -

1. BJJ still in catch up mode, fails to respond to Jane's request for updated usage. Committee also needs to make a decision re his possible tenancy termination.
2. Sureta has reduced her hours.
3. Peter will update incoming committee member, Dawn Dowling, who has offered to take on the tenancy job.

R & M

1. Cupboard doors in downstairs kitchen breaking. Suggest we remove all doors, nothing in cupboards, perhaps paint shelves to tidy up.
2. One locked cupboard for the needs of that particular tenant is OK and does not reuie attention.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. AGM requirements Heather responsible for afternoon tea, Jane will make her speciality sponge cakes.
2. Jane will organise Christmas raffle.
3. New committee/introductions can happen (informally) at AGM, therefore next committee meeting February 2027.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

Next meeting Thursday 11 February at 7:pm