

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT: Rose Isherwood, Pat Williams, Dave Christian, Peter McLean, Jane Thomlinson, Leo Sim

APOLOGIES: Lana Ashley, Heather Green, Mary Wood

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 16 August 2026

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Pat / Jane

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – Ongoing by Dave
- Mats for kitchen – Pat looking at mats, non-slip with bevel edge. Check cost with Mitre 10 plus NZ Mats who have an interlocking system.

CORRESPONDENCE: As listed on Agenda and discussed.

Leo will respond to NZB "Accessibility and Inclusion Audit"

Moved and seconded correspondence be accepted

Rose / Pat

MEMBER WELFARE:

Good to see Diana has returned.

MEMBERSHIP (Jane)

- 184 Members (net change of 0)
 - 2 new members from Wellington
 - 2 resignations – 1x 2026 lessons / 1 x 2025 lessons

FINANCIAL REPORT (Jane reported and emailed detailed accounts)

Although BJJ has caught up with his rental arrears, Jane has been unable to prepare the August rental invoice for BJJ and therefore the Rental Income is reporting lower than actual – it will be corrected in next month's reporting. Jane will in future invoice BJJ his monthly contracted usage without waiting for his list of hours.

Otherwise, a very normal month for August.

Jane pointed out that if we apply for a grant next year we may have to make a decision to have our accounts audited. Although audits are unnecessary, we do not know if it is still a requirement for grant consideration.

Year to Date Results to 31 August 2026:

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

Moved and seconded the Financial Statement be accepted

Jane / Peter

CLUB EVENTS (Dave reported)

- Bridgemates 2 – Tuesday and Friday any problems give to Dave. They are easily cleaned and fixed. We would consider purchasing second hand Bridgemates 2 if available

- Bridgemates 3 – will cost about \$13,000, includes server but not charge boxes. Charge boxes cost about \$600 each. Dave not recommending Bridgemates 3 at the moment, they are a lot of work and do nothing different than Bridgemates 2. We will wait until we hear positive reports from clubs using them.
- We will trial Terry's digital Programme Books for 2027.
- Thursday evening Bridge sessions cancelled in 2027 (due to lack of numbers). Dave suggested we use Thursday evening for
 - Mentoring sessions (very successful this year)
 - Improvers sessions
 - Swiss Pairs 'training' – fewer members participate in Swiss Pairs due to a lack of understanding, it is basically a ladder.
- Yesterdays 5B and 3A Tournament, parameters set wrong, 3 sections created problems. However, in order to get correct result the raw scores will be manually entered (Dave and Richard).
- For 2027, our July Open 8B Tournament will be changed to Restricted (if NZB agree). A Restricted tournament more popular.
- Sponsor's name for Tournament to be included online.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY

- Leo's lessons finish this week with certificates and supper Tuesday 15th September
- Jane will send standard email to all newbies re Compass

HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana reported)

- Building check all OK

RENTALS (Peter) -

- As mentioned above, Jane will automatically process invoice for BBJ with monthly rental fee.

R & M (Leo)

- Rose reported downstairs kitchen cupboard door broken (hinge) – Leo will check

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Committee in agreement that 2 – 4 sets of 28 new boards will be purchased.
- Pat will continue to follow up sponsorship re Tina and Summerset
- Highland Park "Games" Sunday 13 September, cancelled by Library.

The meeting closed at 4:55pm
Next meeting Sunday will be held Sunday 11 October