

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 13 APRIL 2025

PRESENT: Rose Isherwood, Leo Sim, Lenice Clarkson, Heather Green, Jane Thomlinson, Lana Ashley, Dave Christian, Geraldine Rose, Richard Andrew, Mary Wood, Pat Williams

APOLOGIES: Peter McLean

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

- Pat, Jane, Dave and Richard are employees of the club.
- Lenice has Ryman shares.

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 9 March 2025

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Rose / Jane

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – *ongoing* (Dave) Jane advised Dave cost of webpage – separate to compass platform.
- Honours Board (Lana) expecting to be organised this week. Full name for Rosemary Isherwood, to take 2 lines if required. Do not shorten.
- Donor Board (Leo) It does not matter how many names on board – Carina will do artwork to provide to signwriter – time cut-off / quantum cut-off / discussed and ‘pending’. Lana suggested ‘Donor’ page be added to Programme book only, ie no Donor board display. Suggestion a display Board as well as webpage. (?) Decisions on-going with criteria still to be clarified.

MEMBERSHIP (Jane) as emailed to committee.

- 168 members – no change

FINANCIAL (Jane) as emailed to committee.

I’m calling these accounts ‘interim’, as I’m waiting for the invoice from Morecroft’s for the asbestos removal costs. I’d like to process that within March so that we have no GST liability to pay when I submit our 6-monthly return. This is the only item outstanding before I close off March, and it will only affect the Balance Sheet. **Note:** My summary below now excludes the grant and expenses for the Bathroom renovations, as I have transferred the residual balance to the Balance Sheet as a capital expense. Overall P & L tracking well.

Key Results Summary – Half Year to 31 March

- Income is \$7,374 over budget – mainly due to donations.
- Expenses are \$3,688 under budget – with the largest savings coming from cleaning, and wages.
- Net Profit of \$23,251, however insurance costs are still to come.
- Our Profit position is likely to diminish over the next six months as our one-off injection of subscription income is slowly used up.
- Our ‘cash in bank’ position of \$110,128 is a little misleading, as we have \$24,879 of Accounts Payable – this included the \$22k invoice from Regency Plumbing which was not due for payment until 14 April.
- We also have the \$10k invoice from Morecroft’s to process.
- I expect our cash position to be ~\$80k after everything is processed.

Moved and seconded acceptance of Financial Statements

Jane / Heather

Insurance renewal discussed, Jane in contact with broker who will provide two quotes. Declaration questions answered correctly, replacement value and Indemnity value advised, with Public Liability at \$5,000,000.

Committee thanked Jane for her diligence.

CLUB EVENTS (Dave)

- 5A made a small profit
- 5B held Saturday 12 April successful
- Restricted 8B coming up Saturday 10 May. Jane will be looking after entries as Dave away. Lysandra directing, Richard scoring, Heather catering.
- 28 June Open 3A and Intermediate/Junior 5B – Director Tony Morcom
- Ultra-Restricted to be held at Howick **Sunday** 20 July – Director Chris Tinkler
- Improver lessons held by Chris going well with high attendance.

NB: Next lesson date Saturday 27 April

- Cheryl's lessons due to commence end of May
- Monday night Handicap feedback – Dave/Rose will respond to Bryan Smith's email
- Thursday session, attendance f2f and 'Hybrid' discussed, we need members f2f attendance, Teams starting in 10 days and Rose will advise members it will be a f2f competition only (**NOT** online as indicated in Programme book).
- Email from Cheryl re Wednesday scoring – Real Bridge score is 'source of truth' – (background calculations differ) – Richard will respond to Cheryl.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY (Rose)

- Current (beginner) lessons, 28 initial applicants, less 10 dropouts, with 18 current learners.
- Format changed to 6 lessons initially, 4 weeks playing, then a further 4 lessons.
- Lysandra ok'd Rose's request to advise local Times newspaper about their Bridge success re overseas NZ representation.
- Rose suggested 'fund raising' bridge night (a Friday ?) for Tim and Lysandra's upcoming trip. Committee all in agreement. Date to be decided.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana)

- Defibrillator to be checked in May- this time heart pads to be replaced (biennial) at \$129 plus \$149 for testing.
- Check first aid kit (top of fridge)

RENTALS (Lenice)

- Lisa Lorrell very happy with arrangements
- Learning group – 2 bookings of 2 days each if enough people take up their offer – discussion re availability of tables, our old card tables will be taken downstairs for them to use, plus there are a number of trestle tables available.
- Tenants' payments up to date
- Camera club have signed and returned Tenancy Agreement to Lenice.
- Another short term booking for upstairs by a group called Independent Living.

RENOVATIONS (Leo)

- Jane has held back \$1500 from final payment to Regency until everything to standard.
- Out of order sign needs to go up for toilet continually flushing
- Fan too loud in ladies.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Fibre connection proposal by Camera Club discussed and their proposal accepted by all committee.
 - Camera Club will pay us the monthly account difference of \$35 per month
 - Camera Club will pay us for their set-up
 - Connection free to building
 - Camera Club will pay for their connection costs
 - Replacement fibre modem for us will be our only cost.
- Mary advised not to purchase any more soap for bathrooms, plenty 'dispenser' soap available to refill containers.
- Rose wants 'call out' for **ALL** Howick Members to help with set-up before and clean-up after tournaments not just committee. Committee agreed.

The meeting closed at 5:10pm. Next meeting 18 May (because Mothers' Day is 2nd Sunday)