

## MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 12 APRIL 2026

**PRESENT:** Rose Isherwood, Mary Wood, Pat Williams, Dave Christian, Peter McLean, Leo Sim

**APOLOGIES:** Lana Ashley, Jane Thomlinson, Heather Green

### REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting held 8 March 2026

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Peter / Dave

### MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – (Dave) ongoing and progressing. Dave will get lesson notes from NZB for our website, only available for bridge clubs.
- Task List– (Rose) Detailed listing discussed and updated. Pat will copy for all
- Oven – We will change over upstairs oven with downstairs oven which works properly.
- Honours Board – (Lana reported) Still chasing Ray. She will phone again this week to check his progress with our requirements.
- Pat will e-google all re Heather’s ongoing unavailability to play, detained overseas.
- New tablecloths (Rose) ongoing, will continue to look out for suitable cloth.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** As listed on Agenda and discussed.

- Compass upgrade discussed, new Bridgemates very expensive, Dave will follow-up with clubs who have purchased new models, for their opinion. Currently they are very reluctant to part with their old Bridgemates but maybe just a matter of getting used to them. New Bridgemates plus some system changes when purchased, so a costly exercise. But we will definitely keep in mind.
- Leo will buy Multi Meter for recharging batteries for club.
- Leo reported that Tim will discuss with Auckland Grammar bridge tutor to arrange a Sunday morning session at HBC for students from Grammar and Macleans.

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Leo / Peter

### MEMBER WELFARE: (Pat)

- Jean Fitzgerald passed away Pat responded on behalf of club with text to family and a message on her condolence page with Herald.
- We will continue to update members re Heather.

### MEMBERSHIP (details emailed by Jane)

- 168 Members - no change

### FINANCIAL REPORT (details emailed by Jane and discussed by committee)

March was a very good income month with our first Tournament for the year, Bridge Lessons, and Table Money exceeding \$5K. Expenses track along as normal.

### Year to Date Results to 31 March 2026:

- Income tracking ahead of target.
- Expenses tracking favourably.
- Overall, Net Profit has increased
- GST liability sits at \$4,889.75 – due to be paid out early May
- Insurances are coming up for renewal in May, with \$8k budget for.

A discussion re Sunday Salver, youth members to be charged \$2 per session, Jane to refund Niccolo's Compass account. Committee all agreed that \$10 table money good value for an afternoon of bridge, afternoon tea and wine.

Moved and seconded acceptance of Financial Statement as above      Rose / Leo

#### **CLUB EVENTS (Dave reported)**

- 5A Tournament Saturday 14 March – 13 tables, down on last year but affected by Nationals.
- 5B Tournament Saturday 11 April – 16 tables, well attended and pleasing comments for club from those attending.
- 8B Tournament Saturday 9 May – Kevin will direct, Richard will score.
- Cannot have a substitute if running late for a tournament.
- Substitution rule discussed and the status quo remains, only one substitute per competition, another sub treated as missed session. Dave will alter wording for printing of 2027 Programme of Events book to clarify.

#### **TEACHING & PUBLICITY**

- Rose not available for another Beginner series of lessons this year; Leo thinking he will do so but will let us know.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana reported)**

- The AEG is installed in its new bag.

#### **RENTALS (Peter)**

- All OK

#### **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

- New window catches for kitchen and where required.
- Heat Pumps downstairs need twice yearly cleaning – June and December (Leo)
- Oven swap with downstairs.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Two new Grand Masters, Kevin's photo with framer still waiting on Lysandra's photo.
- We have an offer of sponsorship from another source, discussed, and agreed we will accept. Pat will contact re their \$ funding and possibly naming rights to tournament plus advertising display in club and online.
- Howick Photographic Society funding for security upgrade and wheel chair access ongoing.
- Withdrawal /replacement from Junior Interclub team with member not realising she had been regraded to Intermediate (1 January).
- Some club play bridge on Good Friday, why don't we do so too. Decision pre-printing of Programme of Events book
- Pat will do usual "letter of introduction" for Mary re Hospice Charity Tournament, Rose to sign.

The meeting closed at 5:15pm - Next meeting Sunday 10 May at 3pm