

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 10 AUGUST 2025

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

APOLOGIES: Peter McLean, Richard Andrew

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 8 July 2025

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Pat / Dave

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – ongoing (Dave)
- Printer can print envelopes – Dave will redesign, they need to be relevant
- Charge ac Pak N Save – Rose still following up
- Jobbies – ongoing (Rose)
- Programme of Events Book will be reviewed a little later in year.

CORRESPONDENCE

As listed on Agenda.

Dave spoke to Changes to Tournament schedule.

- Tournaments can carry on without constraints, ie won't lose any of our tournaments
- Criteria for 3A changed -NO Grand Masters nor Life Masters can enter – done to encourage other levels to enter 3As
- Hospice Tournament can be regraded to 2B from 40c and Dave suggested we change but will check cost before doing so.

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Rose / Pat

MEMBER WELFARE

Cards to Kaye Herbert and Bruce Cousins

MEMBERSHIP (Jane emailed to committee)

- 190 members (a net increase of 4)
 - 6 new from Tuesday Lessons
 - 2 new members from Australia
 - 1 transfer from Waitemata
 - 4 resigned from earlier lessons
 - 1 existing member never returned after surgery
- Process for new members MUST be followed.
- Dave will have conversation with Richard re processes for new members as well as dealing with visitors; perhaps we could use an 'in house' number if that makes it easier.
- Jane to be only point of contact, she will create bridge number and she will get completed new member forms
- The flow-on effect when systems not followed is difficult for those who need to know.
- Dave will email directors.

FINANCIAL (Jane emailed to committee)

June proved to be a good month for table money, tournament fees and rental income, but will still be on the right side of the balance sheet after the Hospice donation has been made.

Key Results Summary – Year to 30 June

- Everything is tracking well
- Income is still over budget– normalised now that the Hospice donation has been paid out.
- Again, we have underspent on expenses.
- Showing a good net profit
- Compass monthly statement set up. Thanks to those involved.

Moved and seconded acceptance of Financial Statements

Jane / Lenice

CLUB EVENTS

- Jane Stearns visit, meet and greet 24/10, Rose will liaise with Jane for suitable date and time.
- Thursday night, 3 pairs consistently attending, needs further encouragement. We are hopeful the (slight) attendance increase will continue. No partner requirement helps.
- 8B Tournament made a very small loss with 14 tables, charge more next year.
- Howick Open/Int/Junior Tournament 13 September, expecting full house, catering Julie plus we will purchase Pizzas too.
- Loveblock – as we combined with Papatoetoe and held it at Howick in 2024, Dave will contact Mark at Papatoetoe to see if they want to do it this year, and when confirmed to be entered on website.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY (Rose)

- Leo's 6 new members will join in Tuesday evening play this week.
- Rose spoke to ANRC Regional meeting held at East Coast Bays clubrooms. Interesting workshops and some good ideas, green pens to identify newbies, random partners, club captain (job description), drawn partners, formal process for complaints 'Fairplay Process' (Julie Atkinson). All good ideas to keep new players motivated and to continue their Bridge.
- Big screen for back wall (Rose will follow up – sale price).
- Rose will attend NZB 'Teaching weekend' in Wellington. HBC will pay flights and accommodation costs

HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana)

AED testing contract signed and processed.

RENTALS (Lenice).

- Two Saturday sessions this month (usually 1)
- Confirmed it is OK to give our Wi-Fi password to Church. Yes, they have paid for tables.

RENOVATIONS (Leo)

After discussion with Lotto Grants Administrator, Leo confirmed that we can use money left to cover our costs pre grant money paid to our account. This is good news

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Committee Responsibilities – Rose will advise Pat her ideas for updating listing.
- Nats donation, cup and trophy discussed.
- Some members find the glasses too heavy so small ones will be made available as well.
- Donors webpage listing discussed (Dave). Two categories, current and past. Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 4:55pm

Next meeting Sunday 14 September 2025 at 3pm at the clubrooms

