

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 8 FEBRUARY 2026

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

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 9 November 2025

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Pat / Rose

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – ongoing (Dave)
- Charge ac Pak N Save - Rose organising cards
- Hobbies – ongoing but definitely needs to be updated asap
- Programme Book – thanks extended to Cheryl for achieving an earlier delivery time-line with printer.
- Oven – Jane removed and replaced door, turned oven on to check, seems to be OK. Jane will follow up re door seal.

CORRESPONDENCE

As listed on Agenda.

Haydn's letter discussed re Bridgemates etiquette. Other matters of bridge etiquette were also discussed, often it is a case of newer members not being aware. Rose will remind all members via e-google.

Lenice's letter of resignation reluctantly accepted with her contribution to HBC over many years acknowledged, particularly her work with tenants.

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Rose / Heather

MEMBER WELFARE: (Pat)

Maureen McKenzie (hospitalised briefly), Nat another fall but OK now.

Cards sent to Valda Peploe, Alison Anderson and Netty De Gruyter

MEMBERSHIP (9/1/26) (Jane reported)

- 184 members (net reduction of 5)
- 45% of membership subs paid
- 5 resignations received
- A subs reminder email sent on 10/1/26

(6/2/26)

- 158 Paid-up members
- 10 Resignations
- 22 Unpaid, of which I expect:
 - 3 to join
 - 7 will maybe join
 - 12 unlikely to join

Shona Kenny has again offered to follow up on unpaid fees which need to be sorted by 31/3

FINANCIAL REPORT (9/1/26)

Here's how the first quarter went:

- Income tracking ahead of target

- Expenses tracking on budget – Prizes & Presentations over budget as Jane didn't know how much to budget for the purchase of the new trophies and cups.
- Overall, a good Net Profit

FINANCIAL REPORT (5/2/2026)

Membership subs continued to roll in over January providing a profit for the month. Overall, everything seems to be tracking as expected.

Year to Date Results to 31 January 26:

- Income tracking ahead of target
- Expenses tracking favourably
- Overall, a good Net Profit

Moved and seconded acceptance of Financial Statement as above Jane / Lana

CLUB EVENTS (Dave reported)

- Carina has agreed to take on the role of Tournament Secretary (her job description to be discussed at next meeting).
- Poster for 5A displayed. We have had a problem engaging the services of a tournament director for the 5A with Kevin and Lysandra unavailable. Even recommendations from Grant Jarvis have been unsuccessful. We are very grateful to be able to report that Peter Bowyer will direct the 5A. Richard will score and Dave will also be on hand.
- Discussion re Dave's board numbers survey for Wednesday players, majority happy to extend play to 30 boards where appropriate
- Thursday numbers, very slightly up, which is a positive.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY (Rose)

- 30 lesson books have arrived
- Advertising boards up with some taking advantage of unused space at strategic points
- Leo's Improvers classes start Monday 9 – very pleasing to have 28 expressions of interest.

HEALTH & SAFETY (Lana reported)

- Defibrillator explained
- Smokecheck in place, ie fire door.

RENTALS (Pat handed on to Peter)

- Peter queried vetting of new tenants and it was decided that Peter would approach committee for availability to do together
- Pat will get keys from Lenice and list of key holders.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

- Committee need to start thinking about kitchen upgrade in the near future.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Complaint from tenant re laminate lifting off edge of table in committee room and causing injury.
- Lana queried requirements for new Honours boards, 2 required for Nat's awards. Suggested she approach Ray in the first instance if he can get boards

The meeting closed at 4:20pm - Next meeting Sunday 8 March @ 3:30pm