

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 9 MARCH 2025 AT 3PM

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

APOLOGIES: 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 9 February 2025

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Pat / Lana

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage (Dave) ongoing. Jane to check how much we currently pay for website.
- Director session replacements for Chris - Niccolo Tuesdays, Pat Thursdays in May and Dave Thursdays post May.
- Help for Richard – Ongoing with Dave slowly learning.
Dave now knows Real Bridge procedure, 2 parts, setting up and loading into Compass. (Carina prepared to do remotely.) Tournament dealing, Dave will check with Richard this week. Tournament scoring- Richard and Chris. Thursday Hybrid still to learn.
- Thursday night play will continue, f2f and hybrid, hopefully support will pick up.

CORRESPONDENCE

As listed on agenda.

Photography club contacted Leo re fibre connection, Leo advised them that fibre not on our agenda but they are welcome to find a cheaper provider.

MEMBER WELFARE

Get well card to be sent to Nancy Hay (Pat)

MEMBERSHIP (as emailed to committee)

- 168 (increase of 1) a resigned member changed their mind and re-joined.
- 5 Life members
- 3 Secondary members
- 2 Youth
- 158 Full members

FINANCIALS (as emailed to committee)

February's numbers were good, resulting in a New Profit of \$2,447.95. Table money is showing signs of getting back in the \$5,000 range. And Rental Income is almost back to normal levels.

Key YTD Results (1 Oct to 28 Feb):

- Income \$133,579 (\$49,916 with the Renovation Grant removed) - 109% of budget
- Expenditure \$73,148 (\$32,585 with the Renovation Grant removed) - 88% of budget
- Net Profit \$61,384 (adjusted \$18,284)
- Underspent in Cleaning, and Wages due to the holiday period over December & January
- GST shows a repayment of \$10,276, so I'm hoping the bulk of the renovation invoices are received by 31 March.
- \$72.00 within the Suspense account is Cash to be Banked
- \$116.10 was collected from the Sunday Improver Lessons on 2nd March

- Our adjusted Net Profit figure includes Nat's donation and will also be required to cover the building insurance renewal.
- Renovations cost for downstairs have been paid with deposits paid for the upstairs.
- Rose asked what is our money and what is grant money (Jane sent a breakdown to the committee 10/3/25)

Moved and seconded acceptance of Financial Statements

Jane / Pat

CLUB EVENTS (Dave)

- 5A Tournament Saturday 15 March, currently have 11 1/2 tables
- **Improvers lessons** - Scoring on 30th March will be presented by Lysandra
- Re sessions held on-line due to Asbestos issue will **not** be considered in calculating winners
- Wednesday online sessions 'movement' queried. We need correct movement set-up. We understand different directors have different styles, but current Wednesday night movements unsatisfactory (Dave and Richard to check)

TEACHING & PUBLICITY

- Improver lessons – 41 attendees - Howick/Papakura/Papatoetoe/Parnell
- Beginner lessons - numbers vary between Tuesday evening and Thursday morning, but well attended with 30 beginners across both sessions, to date 15 have paid.

RENTALS (Lenice)

- Payments up to date
- New tenant commencing upstairs on Saturdays, except when we have tournament.
- Signed Tenancy Agreement from Photography Club not returned to HBC.
- Fibre query from Photography Club (see above under correspondence)

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Annual WOF passed OK, certificate will be emailed, copy to be forwarded to Council, copy to be displayed at clubrooms.
- Pat reported safety issue re downstairs path/garden to Council. Council advised *"It's a big job and needs to be looked at as part of a wider piece of work. In the meantime we have completed this request by making the area safe to use and visit."* It is now on Council's file and we can follow up if problem deteriorates over winter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Renovations** (Leo) Ladies toilets will be finished by Thursday 13 March. Lenice to contact cleaner to polish new lino floors before toilets installed (if possible)
- **Query** (Pat) re Ellie Day, We cannot be responsible for finding partner and suggest she goes to Clevedon because no partner required. She used to attend Clevedon. Pat will phone family. She could attend our Thursday morning sessions (no partner required).
- **Donor Board** – committee responses reported on Agenda. Rose contacted Brian who was our sponsorship 'minder'. Committee supported Rose's suggestion that we get rid of board, list on our website only. Criteria needs further discussion. Bring forward to next meeting. Pat will email letter to Rose at Ryman (using Pat's name as contact for now).
- **Committee Responsibilities** – Robust discussion by committee, sharing of jobs. Pat will update list and forward to committee

Meeting closed at 5:30pm

Next Meeting Sunday 12 April (week before Easter) at the clubrooms at 3pm