

## MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 8 MARCH 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, are employees of the club.

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

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Peter / Pat

### MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – (Dave) Information re ECB webpage of interest.
- Charge ac Pak N Save - (Rose) cards distributed
- Jobbies – (Rose) presented detailed new list with committee to note their responsibilities and to advise Rose at next meeting
- Oven –(Jane) All OK
- Etiquette – Rose reminded all members by email
- Tournament Secretary (Dave) advised Carina knows the job requirements, This has been demonstrated to all by the excellent attention to details received to date re 5A next weekend.
- Keys (Pat) handed over box of keys received from Lenice and they will be kept in office.
- Honours Board – (Lana) Ray volunteered to find Rimu (colour matched) timber for new boards which have been measured. Quote to come for cost of lettering. Dave will give Lana specific title for Nat's board.

### CORRESPONDENCE

As listed on Agenda and discussed.

- Dave checked 'virtual map' but consider to be unnecessary option for the club
- Expressions of regret that Jane Stearns stepping down from her role
- Eric Shields query re Capital expenditure investment in heating/cooling for club was discussed as has been done by many previous committees over the years. The status quo will remain, unfortunately it is extremely difficult to maintain a temperature suitable for all, all of the time.
- After much investigation initiated by Rose, we are unable to get tablecloths dyed so we will invest in new navy ones. Club members will cut and overlock.

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Rose / Heather

### MEMBER WELFARE: (Heather)

Heather delivered cards, one to Middlemore for Edna and one to Colin Anderson

### MEMBERSHIP (details emailed by Jane and discussed)

Our final count to start this membership year is:

- 168 Members:
  - 6 Life Members
  - 159 Ordinary Members
  - 3 Secondary Members

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

Overall, everything seems to be tracking as expected, with nothing out of the ordinary to highlight for February.

**Year to Date Results to 28 February 26:**

- Income tracking ahead of target
- Expenses tracking favourably
- Overall we are showing a good net profit
- Current net GST liability sits at \$3,860.28 – due to be paid early May for the 31/03/26 return.

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

**CLUB EVENTS** (Dave reported)

- 5A Tournament Saturday 14 March – 13.5 tables but could be further entries. Lysandra has permission to Direct, Richard will score. Dave was planning to come in as well to learn scoring, dependent on eye surgery.

**TEACHING & PUBLICITY**

- Leo discussed the idea of running sessions for youth in the weekends and towards and latter half of the year. Leo will discuss the idea with Tim who is currently teaching Bridge to a number of Macleans students on Sundays at school. If Tim agrees, we could get him to transfer his sessions to the club (later in year), mainly to allow them to experience what a real club session is like.
- Rose advised out of 22 'registrations' of interest for lessons, 16 have taken up the challenge with 10 attending on Tuesday evenings and 6 on Thursday mornings. The lesson content has changed.
- With the constant challenge of keeping our beginners, this year we will follow Jane Stearns ideas, buddies and shorter evening hours for beginner sessions.

**HEALTH & SAFETY** (Lana reported)

- All OK

**RENTALS** (Peter)

- 5 Active tenants run on trust basis with Peter asking for times and dates of useage.
- Prime rental time 6-9pm Monday to Friday, ie \$25 hour

**REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:**

- All Ok

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Two new Grand Masters, Kevin and Lysandra, Rose will organise photos and frames to be displayed in foyer alongside Cheryl's.
- We have agreed to Howick Photographic Society request to upgrade windows downstairs with installation of bars on windows (insurance requirements) and wheelchair access. They will apply to charities for funding of above and HBC Secretary will provide a letter of confirmation that they have our permission to carry out this activity.
- Doors unlocked when we arrived today, Pat will email all who may have forgotten to lock up properly

The meeting closed at 4:20pm - Next meeting Sunday 12 April at 3pm