

## MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 18 MAY 2025

**PRESENT:** Rose Isherwood, Leo Sim, Lenice Clarkson, Heather Green, Geraldine Rose, Richard Andrew, Mary Wood, Pat Williams, Peter McLean

**APOLOGIES:** Jane Thomlinson, Lana Ashley, Dave Christian

### REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting held 13 April 2025

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Rose / Leo

### MATTERS ARISING

- Monday handicap – corrupt file fixed, and Brian advised. Bob Fearn will do diagnostic weekly check on our Compass system to ensure it does not happen again.
- Donor Board criteria – Rose confirmed donors will be listed on our website, board in foyer to be removed.

### CORRESPONDENCE

As Listed on Agenda. Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Rose / Pat

**MEMBER WELFARE:** Bereavement card to Sunetha Peiris, Mervyn passed away.

**MEMBERSHIP** Jane emailed to committee.

- 170 members (an increase of 2) = 1 returning member and 1 secondary member.

**FINANCIAL** Jane emailed to committee.

It was good to see that table money exceeded \$5K over April. Rental income was also strong at \$2.9k.

### Key Results Summary – Year to 30 April

- Income is \$72,865 (\$9,015 over budget) – mainly due to donations.
- Expenses are \$50,892 (\$3,483 under budget) – with the largest savings still coming from cleaning, and wages.
- Net Profit of \$24,271
- Our cash position has returned to what we expected following payment of the renovation costs (still holding \$1,500 back until final bits have been finished off).
- Early May, I placed \$65,000 on term deposit.

Moved and seconded acceptance (as written) of Financial Statements

Jane / Heather

It was agreed lesson returnees will be required to pay \$50 subscription fee to join the club for the remainder of the year.

Moved and seconded acceptance

Rose/Pat

On behalf of Jane, Leo reported **Insurance renewal** full cover will increase \$50 from last year. Jane has contacted broker requesting cost of quote if we increase our excess.

Note; We are required to do a new valuation before renewal in 2026.

***(Update since meeting – Change in excess didn't alter the premium much and we received a 10% discount which amounts to a reduction of \$784)***

### CLUB EVENTS

- Thursday night session; Huge drop off in attendance which committee needs to address

We need at least 5 tables to be viable.

Suggestions – Change to Friday night

Change to Sunday afternoon

Thursday no partner required

It was decided that Rose will advertise the need for Thursday numbers to increase and no partner required, Richard agreed to be playing director.

- We have noticed low(er) attendance at ladder sessions – suggest consideration be given to fewer ladder competitions in programme book for 2026.
- Hospice Tournament cost to be raised to \$25 - acceptance moved and carried Rose / Mary  
It was confirmed there would be the usual Silent Auction but no Trading table at Hospice Tournament this year.
- 28 June Open 3A and Intermediate/Junior 5B – Director Tony Morcom
- Ultra-Restricted to be held at Howick **Sunday** 20 July – Director Chris Tinkler
- We will do fundraiser for Tim and Lysandra - Heather suggested a Sunday afternoon but no date confirmed (yet).

#### **TEACHING & PUBLICITY (Rose)**

- Beginners have 'graduated' and we now have 11 newbies for Tuesday pm session and a further 6 newbies for Thursday am sessions
- Rose will liaise with Cheryl re timeline for her lessons
- We consider the local advertising boards, and Facebook particularly, to be value for money re advertising of lessons with 25,000 'hits' (our cost for Facebook \$500)

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

- Fire Alarm was tested Thursday 15/5
- AED machine will be tested Tuesday 20/5

#### **RENTALS (Lenice)**

Nothing to report, 'chugging' along nicely.

#### **RENOVATIONS (Leo)**

- Jane has held back \$1500 from final payment to Regency until everything to standard.
- We will not bother with missing overflow plug
- Flush button in ladies (loo) not working
- Fire collar on downstairs toilet still missing
- Keys to be returned

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Fibre – Glitch for Camera Club who are liaising with provider to be connected. Our systems seem to be slower. Rose to purchase multibox for office.
- Rose reported – cost \$1000 for supply and installation of lights and batteries in Emergency signs to renew building WOF.
- Rose proposed Cleaner changes to clean Friday night (for Saturday tenant) and Sunday night only following a tournament – Lenice will advise cleaner.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party – Rose will do catering, Richard will suppress Master Points so club will incur no costs. Peter will do bar 12:30 and afternoon as well.
- Leo and Peter will cut bushes affecting visibility of night lighting on path to downstairs. (Tenant safety)

The meeting closed at 4:35pm. Next meeting Sunday 8 June at 3 pm