

MINUTES OF THE HOWICK BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 9 November 2025

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

APOLOGIES: Leo Sim, Richard Andrew, Geraldine Rose

REGISTER OF INTERESTS:

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

MINUTES of the previous meeting held 12 October 2025

Moved and seconded the Minutes be accepted as true and correct

Jane / Pat

MATTERS ARISING

- Webpage – ongoing (Dave)
- Charge ac Pak N Save - Pat to resend to Rose
- Jobbies – ongoing (Rose will address)
- Oven – we will replace before next tournament (Rose/Jane)

CORRESPONDENCE

As listed on Agenda.

Pat will forward our Club voting form, as noted, for the election of 3 new NZB Board members.

Moved and seconded the correspondence be accepted

Rose / Heather

MEMBER WELFARE: Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP (Jane emailed to committee)

- 189 (zero movement) = 1 member returned and 1 member resigned

FINANCIAL (Jane emailed to committee)

- This year's budget has been set in line with last year's income/expenditure, with a little bit of conservatism added in.
- Budget presented, discussed, moved and seconded acceptance Rose / Lana
- Nothing unusual to report for October, the first month of our financial year.
- Directors' wages discussed and a \$10 increase was proposed as it 1/1/26, moved and seconded acceptance Rose / Jane
- 2024 unclaimed money in Compass will be moved to Donations, moved and seconded acceptance Jane / Pat

Moved and seconded acceptance of Financial Statements

Rose / Pat

Committee thanked Jane for her diligent financial work on behalf of Howick Bridge Club.

CLUB EVENTS

- Nominations for committee displayed in club along with 2024 AGM Minutes. Nominations "Consent Certificate of Officer" distributed, to be completed and returned to Dave
- AGM Companies Office update Financial Performance report to the President to be uploaded to the Corporate Society page.
- AGM – Pat to publicise (email) committee nominations to all members before AGM
- AGM – continuous tea/coffee, complimentary fun bridge, no partner required, following AGM along with afternoon tea and the bar will be open. Dave will check director.
- Prize Giving events, no C points, Dave will advertise, members bring a plate for supper.

- Carina Sim-Smith has indicated she would be happy to learn Tournament Secretary job for 2026, to be confirmed
- PROGRAMME OF EVENTS BOOK – Just a couple of further alterations as noted by Rose. Dave will get to printers earlier than usual in the hope that the printer will return it earlier than previous years.

TEACHING & PUBLICITY (Rose)

- Rose gave committee excellent feedback on Wellington Teaching conference although did feel that consideration could have been given to getting together with attendees to play Bridge in the evening would have been a better outcome than all heading back to individual hotel etc.
- All clubs seem to have the same 'retention' problem.
- Would suggest that clubs with similar membership numbers would be better suited to work together.

HEALTH & SAFETY - all OK

RENTALS (Lenice).

- Problem with Fridge downstairs (and ants) – fix ?
- Enquiry from "Learning Place" re rental did not eventuate.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE:

We will apply for a Grant to fund any further updates, eg painting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Jane Stearn's report on our meeting was informative and we are totally in agreement with shortening beginners session, in particular Tuesday evening, to 2 hours ie 7:30 til 9:30. Committee agree that the 10:30 finish is off-putting for beginners. With fewer boards played resulting in a shorter session, we hope it will encourage others to move on to other sessions where they can further develop their bridge skills.
- We will develop the buddy system recommended by Jane for our new learners in 2026.
- Committee were adamant there will be NO handicapping of novice sessions (as a means of more confident players moving on).
- BRIDGEMATE updates, Dave will talk to Richard about the new version available.
- Jane will organise 2 x Christmas Raffles

The meeting closed at 4:40pm