



## **Committee Meeting held April 10th, 2025**

Present: Lee Walters (in the Chair), Stanley Abrahams, Jayne Broome, Olive Dent, Kevin Grundy, Tel Hudson, Janice Johnson, Neil Ruddell, Kim Thomas.

Apologies were received from Alan Pumfleet and Richard Bland. Olive moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Kevin; Approved

### Minutes of the Meeting of March 13th, 2025

Lee moved that the minutes of the last meeting held March 13th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Tel; Approved

### Matters Arising: Under General Business

#### Correspondence:

#### Inward

Invoices:

- Office Products
- Super Liquor

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Bridge Teachers Conference
- Youth Weekend
- Regional Trials
- Masterpoints Reports
- Website roll back

#### Outgoing:

- Housekeeping only

Kevin moved that the inward and outward mail be received, seconded by Tel; Approved

#### Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement, noting that the cost of repairs to the parking area was incurred last year. Neil's colleague Alina has been instructed in how to produce our monthly statements as a backup. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$2414.68 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$2698.32 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

Neil wished to get instruction on purchasing another term deposit. Lee noted that the only possible large expenditure at the moment would be a roof repair. She noted that water was leaking again through the tiles in the area over the TV screen.

Moved (Neil/Olive): that a term deposit be purchased with a 6-month term. Approved.

#### General Business:

Olive: Since the last meeting we have held two tournaments, the Barrells Teams and the Broome Open/Intermediate and Junior Pairs.

Barrells Teams: Profit estimated at \$770 with costs per player of \$32.81. The cost of masterpoints was approximately \$564.

Broome Open/Int: Profit estimated at \$1075 with costs per player of \$23.75. The cost of masterpoints was approximately \$448.

Olive noted that tidying up after sessions was still a problem. The directors should not be burdened with the task of cleaning up the mess left by the players. Jayne will remind members of their duties in the newsletter.

Tel: As a member of the Committee, Tel received a slow play complaint. The appropriate response is to inform the director at the time. There was a discussion of the issue of slow play, in particular on Wednesday. Given the fact that Wednesday is designed for our newer players and is something of a success story, the consensus was not to pressure players for slow play. Instead, Olive suggested just limiting the number of boards played. This can be done when setting up the movement.

Janice: Janice received a call from the manager of the new rest home in Maunu suggesting that we hold bridge lessons there. Since our lessons are in progress and the home is still yet to be completed, it was decided to take this offer up next year. Lee suggested that this was an issue for the next Committee.

Stan: Stan thanked everyone for their help during his recent bout with Covid.

Jayne: The tournament went well but many of the competitors were not aware of some of the details such as the fancy dress element etc. It was suggested that Jayne contact the other club captains to assist with getting the message out.

John McIntosh is back from overseas and will present a seminar on the Losing Trick Count method on April 15th. The last seminar by Stan received positive feedback.

Since Wally Yovich is no longer with the company, Patsy no longer wants to be the point person for the Yovich tournament. Jayne had a sit-down with Jarred, the company representative responsible for their sponsorship program. They sponsor every bowling club in Northland as well as some bridge tournaments, each to the tune of \$500. Jayne noted that their sponsorship for us was originally \$1000 and that we would like to see it return to that level. She mentioned

the newsletter and showed him the poster for the tournament. Jarred noted that he would be reviewing their program.

Jayne also expressed a wish to have a section of the newsletter used for paid advertising and will approach some companies to see if the idea is viable. Stan noted that he had made initial contact with Harcourts for sponsorship and encouraged them to think of it as only around \$2 per day. He will need to go back to them with more information about what they can expect for their money.

Kim: We are largely done with drafting the new constitution. He will ready a copy for distribution to the members by email, along with an executive summary. Copies will also be placed in the club for those without email. A deadline of May 31st was decided upon for feedback. With that, we should be ready for the AGM.

Neil suggested some minor revisions to Rules 13.8 (incorporated in 13.6), 10.10 and 10.11. Tel noted that section 7.14 should be made more general and reference the current laws of bridge rather than those enacted in 2017, since they are likely to change in later iterations. He also asked whether a no discrimination statement should be included. Kim responded that there is a legal prohibition of discrimination and the role of the constitution is to provide mechanisms for dealing with any such cases.

Lee: Lee noted that 21 beginners have paid up and will need to be registered before playing in the club. There will be a presentation of name badges and program booklets at the end of lessons. Vanassa McGoldrick has kindly agreed to cover those costs.

Friends at Large, who currently rent the room for their 2-hour meetings would like to see their rental fee lowered to \$80. There were no objections. Vanassa McGoldrick has agreed to take over the Grundy Family tournament, starting in 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 11:00 am.

The next meeting will be on May 8th at 10 am.