



## **Committee Meeting held February 13th, 2025**

Present: Lee Walters (in the Chair), Richard Bland, Olive Dent, Kevin Grundy, Tel Hudson, Janice Johnson, Neil Ruddell.

Apologies were received from Jayne, Alan and Kim. Lee moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Janice; Approved

### Minutes of the Meeting of December 12th, 2024

Olive moved that the minutes of the last meeting held December 12th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Kevin; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

### Correspondence:

#### Inward

Invoices:

- Office Products (2)
- Smart Office
- Super Liquor

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Secretary, re online director's class
- Jane Stearns re reimbursement for lessons material
- Grant Jarvis and Jane Stearns re February 2026 tournament
- NZB Board Minutes
- Secretary re NZ Bridge Foundation Application Form

General:

- Citizen's Advice Bureau re updated information.

### Outgoing:

- Housekeeping only

With respect to the letters from Grant Jarvis and Jane Stearns, Lee noted that she had requested that the February 2026 tournament be changed to 5A, but only if none of our other tournaments were adversely affected. NZB is apparently reviewing the allocation of tournaments. Kevin moved that the inward and outward mail be received, seconded by Olive; Approved

### Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statements for December and January. He noted that the painting has been paid for in full and the unspent grant funds will be dealt with by Nancy Beck. Olive noted that no sponsor money has been received from Property Brokers. Neil moved that the financial reports be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$8842.70 (Dec) and \$10887.14 (Jan) be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$2657.15 be approved. Seconded by Tel; Approved

### General Business:

Kevin: All email lists have now been updated.

Janice: Six members went to the library recently and collected 10 names and numbers of potential new members. They plan to have one more recruiting session.

Tel: There had been a prior discussion of unauthorized use of the parking lot for drinking. Tel suggested using a chain and padlock to prohibit after hours access but the notion did not gather support.

Richard: Laurie Butland, Richard and others removed the tree which was thought to be allowing rats to gain access to the ceiling space. The neighbour helped out and noted that sometimes, when the club was being rented out, the noise was significant but not necessarily in violation of noise abatement bylaws. He also mentioned that our AC units were quite loud, especially in the evenings. We should attempt to use them only when necessary.

Lessons start shortly and in addition to the 10 from Janice, Richard has another 5 and Lee has 12-14 potential customers. We can expect a significant attrition rate so even more candidates would be welcome. Lee will act as the administrator for the lessons. Richard will be away for the lessons slated for April 21st and 28th so it would be advisable to have a sub for one or both of those days.

There are no bargains to be found for tablets at the moment and smaller ones seem to be in very short supply. Olive suggested we need to go ahead with the purchase of 5 units regardless.

Olive: Following the disposal of the rotting eggs recently, someone opened many of the windows in the club but failed to close them on leaving. We should remind the members to close what they open. Also, 33 members out of around 160 have yet to pay their subs. Olive and /or Lee will be having a word in their ear over the next few weeks.

Lee: We have 13 tables for Saturday's tournament and all arrangements have been made. Laurie Butland is of the opinion that there are currently no rats in the ceiling space but would like to set bait to be sure. He will seek approval before proceeding.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 10:35.

The next meeting will be at 10 am on March 13th.