



Committee Meeting held July 10th, 2025

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

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

Minutes of the Meeting of June 12th, 2025

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

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Sutherland Security
- St John Society
- Office Products
- Super Liquor

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Newsletter from Chair
- Regional Hui
- Master Points Report
- ANRC Newsletter
- Ads for Congress
- Calls for Head Director and Chef de Mission
- Toolbox
- Marketing Support for Clubs
- Online Directing Training
- Regional Championships

General

- Community Matters, Lottery round open from July 9th to August 6th.

Outgoing:

- Housekeeping only

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

Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$6286.11 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$1430.33 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

Neil noted that the annual report is still awaiting bills from some vendors and will show a deficit thanks primarily to the painting of the building.

General Business:

Alan: Another 5 chairs have been repaired and the rest all seem to be in good repair. A controversy arose last Wednesday concerning the asking questions of beginners during bidding and how it can upset and fluster them. Alan was of the opinion that the solution was to focus on the tone of the questioning rather than to forbid questions. Lee expressed her position over how behavior at the table can discourage new members from returning. There followed a vigorous discussion of how best to protect our new players and keep them in the fold.

One concrete suggestion from Tel was for the more experienced partner to answer the question rather than the beginner. Olive suggested that, rather than dissect a hand at the table, the new players should be encouraged to note the board number of a few selected hands (suggested by a more experienced player) and look them up online to see how else they might be handled. Also, Richard agreed to post a summary of the beginners' system for the experienced players to consult so that few, if any, questions are required. The newsletter could also be used as a vehicle for this information.

Kevin: The forms for the AGM are being prepared and will be posted shortly. Draft copies of the 2024 minutes and the agenda will be circulated soon.

Kim: Kim started by summarizing the actions taken at the last meeting. The next step is to circulate the latest version of the constitution to the members and incorporate a notice of motion to be held at the AGM. He has added an index page to the document for convenience.

Tel: Room hire is working well with the rates of \$100 for a half day and \$200 for a full day (+GST) and deposit. Olive noted that after functions, the tables and chairs are not being returned to their original places and this represents an added burden for directors of the session following.

Richard: The lessons are done and at the farewell gathering, the new members were presented with a name badge, a booklet and a tote bag. Most of the beginners seem to be choosing to play on Tuesday evening. Last Wednesday had 5 attending. A training session was held for Faith and Glennis on Tuesday morning. The session consisted of role-playing scenarios and was a great value both to the trainees as well as the players involved. There have been complaints about slowness involving our newer directions with some members calling the move

instead of the director. This behaviour needs to be discouraged if we are to keep our newer directors. The tables and chairs from Auckland will be collected shortly.

Olive: Tuesday sessions are now 18 boards and the experienced players pairing the beginners have been good, for the large part. If anyone notices that the water heater is not working, it probably means that the overflow bottle needs emptying. Once the end of the hose is under water, the unit shuts off.

Lee: The following motion (Janice/Lee) passed unanimously:

That Jayne continue to be responsible for production of the newsletter and the management of sponsors and events at the club.

The problem with the roof seems to be water incursion under specific conditions. The problem can probably be fixed by sealing the cladding area involved. If that doesn't work, we will be looking at a major job in removing and fixing the cladding. Once the repair is effected, the plan is to repair the damaged tiles with those from the entryway. The entryway would then be finished with gib board. Either way, the cost will exceed \$1500 and need to go to the Finance Committee.

Motion (Lee/Kim): That Lee apply to the Finance Committee for funds to seal the cladding and repair the areas of ceiling tiles involved. Approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close.

The next meeting will be on August 14th at 10 am.