



## **Committee Meeting held May 8th, 2025**

Present: Lee Walters (in the Chair), Richard Bland, Jayne Broome, Kevin Grundy, Tel Hudson, Janice Johnson, Alan Pumfleet, Neil Ruddell,

Apologies were received from Kim Thomas, Olive Dent, Stanley Abrahams. Janice moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by Richard; Approved

### Minutes of the Meeting of April 10th, 2025

Richard moved that the minutes of the last meeting held April 10th, 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
- Tim Boyd

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Cambridge Sixes
- Regional Trials now online for intermediates
- Secretary annual leave

General:

- Nicola Frayle re Fire Insurance
- Pat Oyston, Bridge NZ closure until June 15th
- ResolveNZ re copyright
- Selena Perez re Community Board
- Restriction Notice from Spark
- Ant Hopkins re Team and Swiss events
- Bream Bay Tartan Tournament July 19th

Outgoing:

- Notice to juniors and intermediates re May 17th
- Notice re Constitution. To date we have 5 responses, 3 of which are substantive.

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

### Finance:

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$16259.08 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$1429.06 be approved. Seconded by Jayne; Approved

### General Business:

Jayne: Kevin will be giving his seminar this month and John McIntosh has agreed to do another in June. Jayne will be collecting sponsorship money from Yovich next week. They have also agreed to a full page ad in the newsletter for \$500, reducing to a ½ page in subsequent editions. Ashley Heights has expressed interest in a sponsorship. Jayne will be meeting with Angie Bowater (027 426 7047) to discuss options.

Alan: Alan has 2 chairs awaiting welding. These and others that need fixing are solidly built and should last for a considerable time.

Richard: Tablets are currently available online for \$178. Richard will purchase 4-5 shortly. There have now been 10 lessons presented. At the last session there were 5 tables on Monday and 3 on Tuesday. Those numbers included some returnees and helpers. Practice sessions will begin next week, prior to introducing the beginners to club play.

There have been several comments about the number of boards being played on Wednesday, largely by newer players. They feel the 33 boards, for example, is too many. After some discussion, the following was proposed:

Motion (Richard/Janice): That play on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings be restricted to no more than 28 boards.

The motion passed unanimously. The policy will be included in the next newsletter.

Faith Nathan has passed the latest directors course with flying colours and has already begun assisting during sessions. It is important that the principal directors allow assistant directors to make their own rulings without second guessing them.

With respect to the new constitution, Richard expressed sympathy with the idea of limiting the terms of committee and executive members to 7 years. Nevertheless, in the current environment, that may not be feasible. Also, we should have a provision for secret ballots.

Lee: Our roof problem will not be covered by insurance since it is evidently an ongoing issue, not a single event. SHE will get the roof inspected.

Our offer to the Auckland club to buy their surplus tables and chairs has been accepted (6 tables at \$50 each and 24 chairs at \$25 each). We will be responsible for transporting them to Whangarei. Richard, Jayne and Alan will look into how this can be done.

The group hiring the rooms this Saturday have yet to pay. Tel will check with them. With respect to the copyright issue, Tel will send a letter as outlined previously.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 10:40 am.

The next meeting will be held on June 12th at 10 am.