



Committee Meeting held August 14th, 2025

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

Minutes of the Meeting of July 10th, 2025

Lee moved that the minutes of the last meeting held July 10th, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Alan; Approved

Matters Arising: Under General Business

Correspondence:

Inward

Invoices:

- Smart Office
- Office Products Notice

NZ/Regional Bridge:

- Intermediate online lessons
- ANRC August Newsletter
- Newsletter from the Chair
- Board Minutes

General:

- First Domains Notice
- Apologies
- Resignation of Heather Saunders
- Patricia Fulcher re Lessons
- Housekeeping only

Outgoing:

- Housekeeping
- Constitution to Members
- Emails of beginners to Laurie Brockliss

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 \$6458.20 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$6896.30 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved

Neil noted that the financial statements for the AGM are ready for the meeting.

General Business:

Alan: Alan reported that he had bought an appliance from Barrell's and mentioned that he did so as a result of their sponsorship.

Jayne: Friday 29th is Daffodil Day and a yellow-themed session is planned for the day. There will be a shared lunch and money from the trading table will go to the Cancer Society.

Jayne reported that a former member had approached her with complaints from novice and junior players on Tuesday and Wednesday. Only one such person spoke to Jayne, noting that despite those sessions being for inexperienced players, they still feel intimidated and somewhat unwelcome amongst the experienced players. There followed a discussion of how this situation can be remedied. Richard noted that each student represents around 24 hours of time and effort by all those involved in lessons. Two of this year's class of 22 have already dropped out, representing the loss of over a week's worth of effort. Although no concrete plan emerged, Lee noted that if we can't improve the experience for our new players, the club will suffer and action will need to be taken. It was suggested that we survey our less experienced players in an effort to better understand their issues.

Janice: Janice enquired if Royce Kokich qualified for a free badge. The answer was no, at this time new badges cost \$15. If we can get another 20 players interested in badges, we could possibly sponsor another batch being made.

Kevin: All materials are ready for the AGM and will be duplicated and readied for distribution shortly. There is now a folder on the desktop containing all the documents that could be of assistance to Alan and Glennis.

Kim: Everything is on track for the AGM. After the last few changes, the feedback process is now over. As for the actual re-registration, there are a couple of issues. Kim will need to be able to sign in to our government account in order to upload the appropriate documents. Neil and Kim will coordinate this. Also, our proposed name change will have to be approved after the registration process. Simply approving the new constitution will not effect the name change.

Also, members of the new committee will need to sign a consent form.

Richard: The new booklet is almost ready for printing. It will need 2 extra pages to accommodate new sponsor information. We will need to print around 250 copies which will entail a large amount of time, paper and toner. It should be ready by the end of November.

Glennis Christie passed her Club Director exam. Unfortunately, Faith just missed passing 1 paper of the Director exam but she is keen to commence getting experience as a director. Both Glennis and Faith passed the practical component.

Takeaways from the regional hui.

- NZB lessons are being reviewed and upgraded. They will go from 10 to 12 lessons and will include Stayman. The first 2 lessons will involve mini bridge to familiarise players with elements of card play and the mechanics of the game.
- The session on the Club Captain showed that most clubs have a different concept of the role. The session had some useful ideas that we might be able to use.
- Lee noted that from the sessions she attended, we appear to be in much better shape than most other clubs in the region.

The Board is looking at the issue of online bridge. Changes this year include setting aside 1 weekend per month for online tournaments only. Other changes regarding tournaments include allowing clubs to put on more tournaments than before with approval from the regional committee. Basically, a club can host as many tournaments as they wish. Also allowed are 1 session tournaments for B-points (2B)

Olive: Olive asked if anyone has seen the stationery folder containing templates for scoring sheets etc. Also, there doesn't appear to be a phone book in the office.

Lee: The Ashbury tournament is being moved from October 11th to the 4th in order to avoid a conflict with the North Island Teams in Auckland. The plan is to make this tournament as large as possible with separate O, I and J sections. The sponsorship is a very generous \$1000 and we need to be able to justify having it continue.

The Finance Committee has approved the roof repairs. Janice is to wish the teams for the Northland Centre Teams good luck during the week.

Motion (Lee/Stan): That the table money from Friday, August 29th be donated to the Cancer Society. Passed with 2 no votes.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11th at 10 am.