



**Committee Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 10am.**

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

**Minutes of the meeting of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Alan moved that the minutes of the last meeting held August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, Seconded by Richard. Approved.

**Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Correspondence:**

**Inward:**

Invoices: Office Products (3), Super Liquor, Smart Office, BridgeNZ, Engraving Systems

**NZ Regional Bridge:**

NZB Board minutes for August 2025.

NZB Teachers Conference

NZB Youth vacancy

NZB Team flyer

NZB Player info

NZB Directors assessment

NZB Sue Humphries

**General:**

Notices of online lessons from Joan Butts.

Engravers Guild for Lee

1<sup>st</sup> Domain renewal notice

Pat Oyston thanking Kevin and helloing Alan

Orewa Bridge tournament notice

**Outgoing:**

Kevin to Pat Oyston and Alistair NZB.

Alan to Pat Oyston acknowledgment

Alan moved that the inward and outward mail be received. Seconded by Jayne. Approved

**Finance:**

Neil presented the monthly financial statement. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted, including that accounts that have been paid totalling \$8384.55 be confirmed and accounts to be paid totalling \$3398.43 be approved. Seconded by Olive; Approved.

#### General Business:

**Jayne** reported that her efforts to obtain more sponsors was proceeding well and asked that they be assisted by a return to regular updates of our Facebook, Website presences and Northern Advocate club results. Potential sponsors in discussion were PMG, New World. Both saw social media support as an advantage. There was a general discussion, and it was decided that Lee and Jayne would review the existing support personnel and that Alan would restart the Advocate results starting with September. Jayne also brought up the matter of a member survey with a draft questionnaire. The idea was well supported, and Alan is tasked with sourcing a provider and implementing. Tel offered his services as the collator of results. Jayne closed her comments by offering to co-ordinate the new logo in conjunction with our forth coming name change.

**Alan** confirmed he had researched the requirements for the restart of the Advocate results and was happy to perform this task. Alan brought up the matter of accounts being paid for by his personal credit cards. This was not a practice he wished to continue. The two accounts in question were 1<sup>st</sup> Domain and Tablet licences. Lee said she would sort this. Lastly Alan raised the matter of who was responsible for the placing of rubbish to the kerbside. There was a considerable collection of blue bags (6) in the storage room built up over the last two weeks. Lee assumed it was the task of the cleaners and would enquire.

**Stanley** with some trepidation ventured a new teaching idea which required a pre-analysed hand to be inserted into the boards of a session/sessions that could then be discussed post session by players who had played this mystery hand. The idea was met with enthusiasm and a general discussion around implementation ensued. Wednesday seemed to be favoured a possible session to trial this. Neil (Alpha Grand Master) shared a concern that Stanley (Alpha Grand Master) might have a playing edge. The balance of the committee saw this as less of a challenge and agreed there were ways around this. Stanley was delighted at the response and will work toward implementation.

**Janice** voiced concerns that members were destroying the efforts of the air conditioning by opening doors and windows while it was operating. Jayne agreed to insert an education piece into the newsletter.

**Kim** reported that now that the Constitution was approved that he and Neil were working through the mechanics of lodging the forms. It was agreed that Kim and Neil would be the contacts for the Registrar for the duration of the process, including certifying that the new constitution was ratified by our AGM.

**Richard** confirmed as Club Captain that Janice work continue her excellent work as the Partnership Stewart for the daytime sessions. Richard asked that all group member communication be BCC'd to maintain member email privacy. Richard also suggested that members be invited to learn about group messaging by way of What's App to support Janice's partnership stewarding. Lastly Richard noted that he had received three complaints about a fellow member which he was reviewing. Richard believes that these could have been handle under the Zero tolerance rules by the director of the day awarding penalties against the offending player. Richard will undertake to assist Directors with education and implementation strategies.

**Neil** moved that with Kevins resignation that Alan as the new Secretary be inserted as a signatory to the ANZ accounts and Kevin removed. Alan is to contact the ANZ to arrange. Seconded Olive. Approved. Neil also noted that the Paihia Bridge club had a very positive article in the Bay News. This was good for bridge.

**Tel** reported that group hires of the rooms were going well with four recently completed and advance booking coming in. Hirer compliance with the room rest needs of the club was also improving. Finally, Tel noted that the new bank rules around AML requiring accurate bank account names to be entered on all online payments was causing some issues but these were quickly sorted.

**Olive** was pleased to report that the club had held successful tournaments in August and September and submitted the follow figures for the committee's information.

16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 The Northland Centre Teams,  
Income \$1400.00. Expenses \$1302.00. Estimated profit \$98.00.

6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 The Broome Family Pairs.  
Income \$2618.00. Expenses \$1749.00. Estimated profit \$869. The total expenditure per player was \$25.75.

**Lee** reported that she had had a further inspection of the roof and discussions with Cam the builder and Laurie B about the issue of rust and a persistent leak on the far wall. Cam is to provide a quote for the expected repairs. Work completed to date by Cam was in Lee's opinion of a very high standard and she would continue with his services.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11:15am.

**The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 10am.**