Committee Meeting held 11th December 2025 @ 10am

Present: Lee Walters, J Broome, K Thomas, S Abrahams, O Dent, N Ruddell, A Pumfleet, R Bland & J Johnson

Apologies: received from T Hudson.

Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd November 2025. Stanley moved that the minutes of the last meeting held November 22nd, 2025, having been circulated, be recorded as a true and correct record, seconded by Jayne; Approved.

Matters arising: There were no maters arising

Inwards and Outwards Correspondence
Lists were presented by A Pumfleet (secretary). Alan moved all correspondence be accepted, Janice seconded. Approved.

Finances
Neil moved that the financial report be accepted. Accounts received for November were $5166.30. Accounts to be paid totalled $2206.44. Seconded by Olive; Approved.

General Business:

Jayne: Reports that she is currently tidying up all sponsored tournaments branded material for the new year. Jayne also reports that the new Celebration book material is underway and publication in 5 to 10 years' time should be much simpler. Jayne asked the committee to about their comfort level around expanding the Ashbury sponsorship into a major partnership. Olive asked for clarification of the Ashbury payment forms originally sent to Neil. Jayne offered an explanation. Lee asked that any outcome from negotiations with Ashbury preserves the privacy of all members and stated that there would be no option that released the members contact details to Ashbury. Neil asked how the working number for the new sponsorship had been calculated. Jayne explained that this was just a draft number yet to be confirmed but a worthwhile target. Naming rights also came up in discussion, with a variety of potential options suggested. Lee moved that Jayne be authorised to move forward with a negotiation and report back to the committee for final approval. Seconded Janice. Approved. Jayne expressed gratitude for the vote of confidence.

Janice: brought up the subject of free community radio advertising being used to promote our forthcoming lessons. Lee asked Janice to research this option and report back to the committee. This also led to a discussion about the roadside side signage that Kim had previously arranged and it was discussed that Kim should again look into repeating this signage for the February lessons.

Stanley: asked about the updating of the club honour boards and Lee assured Stan that they were all updated with just one to come. Stan also asked about the feedback for Higher Intelligence and Jayne assured Stan that all comments received were very positive and supportive.

Kim: passed on Barbara Lock's resignation to Alan for processing in our systems. Lee will follow up with Barb to see how we can fit her back in. Jayne asked Kim for a progress report on the renaming of the club and Kim reported that it was a work in progress.

Richard: asked about the wind up of the Northland Centre. Olive explained that it was active for the meantime but when the wind up was completed any moneys would be distributed back to the member clubs. Richard also brought up the urgent need to expand our director base to allow for a better roster and especially for support for Olive who directs our evening sessions.

Olive: Reported that the Northland Centre pairs with only 12 tables ran at a near loss, which was avoided by the granting of free rental of our rooms. Olive presented a n income and expenditure breakdown, which is attached, showing an estimated profit of $75. Olive also spoke about the need for all hall rentals to be notified to her so she can track and arrange collection of the hireage fee. Olive also noted that after the Monday session 8 windows had been left open which Olive discovered on the following Tuesday. Olive asked that Jayne put something in the newsletter and that all directors be directed to remind players to close what they open.

Alan: reported that the change of signatory between himself and Kevin was now complete. The current club signatories to the ANZ accounts are Neil, Olive and Alan.

Lee: Notified that there were several changes to the Northland tournament schedule for 2026. Jayne is to publish these changes in our newsletter. Lee also noted that our holiday bridge was to be managed by players and not the club. Table money was to remain to cover costs but no "C" points were to be allocated. Lee also asked that Jayne ramp up the promotion of the lessons in the next newsletters. Alan is to change the byline for the club results to promote the February lessons. Lee acknowledged the that Alan and Juliet would front the lessons for 2026 and that there were a few willing personnel who could provide backup if needed. These were Geoff Barrett, Kim Thomas and Lee.

There being no further business Lee wished the committee a very Happy Christmas and looked forward to the windup party and prizegiving on Saturday.

Meeting Closed at10.47am