WHANGAREI Bridge Club

Whangarei Bridge Club Inc.

Committee meeting minutes, held on the 11th of June 2026 from 10 am.

Present: Lee Walters, Alan Pumfleet, Jayne Broome, Neil Ruddell, Olive Dent, Richard Bland, Kim Thomas, Janice Johnson.

Apologies: Stanley Abrahams

Minutes of previous meeting 14th May 2026: Alan moved that these be accepted and approved. Seconded Jayne. Approved.

Inwards and Outwards Correspondence: presented for the period 14th May 2026 – 10th June 2026. There were 78 items of correspondence including 6 items related to our accounts. A record of all correspondence is available on the minute Masterfile.
Alan moved all correspondence be accepted, Lee seconded. Approved.

Finances: Neil presented the revenue and expenses statements for the month ending 31st May April 2026 and asked for questions. None were forthcoming. Net income $5754. Expenses were $4959. A copy of the accounts and statement are available on file. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded Olive. Approved.

General Business:

Jayne confirmed that the Pub Charity grant had been received for the replacement Air Con and thanked all involved in assisting in the application process. Jayne also confirmed that Ashbury's are to sponsor the forthcoming Northland Centre Pairs Tournament.

Alan brought up the matter of the club's privacy policy related to members of the committee receiving emails in an open format. Richard provided a copy of the standing policy which requests all group emails to be Bcc'd to protect the receivers' emails from each other. After a brief discuss it was moved by the Chair that the current policy be ratified. Seconded Richard. Passed 6 to 8 with 1 abstention and 1 nay.

Alan also tabled a Bridge club digital app for consideration that would potentially replace the current paper program book. After some discussion it was decided that Alan should have the app progressed to a beta testing stage before a final decision was to be made. The developer is Ron Pumfleet who offered to do the initial development at no cost to the club.

Janice asked for confirmation that the new air conditioning was not to be independent overhead wall units. This was confirmed by Jayne.

Neil confirmed that Tuesday the 30th of June was the end of our financial year.

Richard confirmed that the "Deed of Gift" for the Roy Roughton Cup, as he understood it, is that the cup is presented to the top Whangarei pair, who had not previous been the recipient. The trophy is currently attached to the 5A Yovich Swiss Pairs. It is intended that the cup be moved in 2027 to the 5A Pairs tournament which is currently the Property Brokers Pairs. Moved by Lee. Seconded by Jayne. Approved.

Olive reported on the 3 tournaments held since the last committee meeting. All were very successful. **McGoldrick** Jnr/Int. 3/5B tournament generated income of $2770 against costs of $1825 giving a profit of $945. **Property Brokers** generated income of $2846 against costs of $1644 giving a profit of $1201. **Yovich & Co**. generated income of $3444 against costs of $2170 giving a profit of $1274.

Lee expressed a desire to complete the Air con and roof renovations together to avoid issues by completing the roof later. To that end Lee has called for builder's quotes for the roof hoping to have them available for consideration at the next meeting.
Lee also introduced a new initiative to help this year's class of 26 assimilate into the club. The format being considered is a speed dating Meet & Greet which will allow the new players to form new bridge partnerships in an informal and fun setting. The first event is planned for the 15th of August. Lee will report progress as planning moves forward.

There being no other business Lee closed the meeting at 11.14 am

Alan Pumfleet
Secretary