WHANGAREI Bridge Club

Whangarei Bridge Club Inc.

Committee meeting minutes, held on the 13th August 2026 from 10 am.

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

Minutes of previous meeting 9th July 2026: Alan moved that these be accepted as a true and correct record. Moved Alan Seconded Richard. Approved.

Inwards and Outwards Correspondence: presented for the period 9th July to 12th August 2026. There were 108 items of correspondence including 14 items related to our accounts. A record of all correspondence is available on the minute Masterfile.
Alan moved all correspondence be accepted, Janice seconded. Approved.

Finances: Neil presented the revenue and expenses statements for the month ending 31st July 2026 and asked for questions. None were forthcoming. Net income $4659.00 with expenses of 9632.00 ($4973.00).
A copy of the accounts is available on file. Neil moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded Olive. Approved.

General Business:

Alan tabled a letter from Mercury Power informing of a power increase from the 6th September 2026. Our daily fixed charge increases from $4.80 to $5.13 with the $/kWh rate increasing from $0.2662 to $ 0.2843.

Alan also confirmed that the club players app under development was ready for Beta testing by the committee. A QR code for access was available after the meeting.

Neil confirmed that he had updated the committee members details in our constitution with the Commission prior to the audit. This is to be remembered to be done post AGM or at any time that the committee changes.

Richard was pleased to confirm that the WBC won this year's Towai and Tangiteroria interclub challenges and that the Northland Interclub Teams event saw the WBC Open team place first, the Intermediate team placed third and the Junior Team placed second. Junior team members have asked if there can be additional teams events included in the club calendar. After some discussion it seemed like Tuesday morning/afternoon in the second half of the year might be a suitable time. Lee asked Richard to review and to report viability and player interest back to the committee.

Richard also briefly commented on the recent Northland/Auckland Hui as a pleasant drive and sadly an eye opener into the state of Auckland bridge. Lee commented that Auckland clubs were failing to attract players to their clubs and that the ranks of the Open players were rapidly dwindling. Covid, Traffic, Real Bridge and an aging population were major factors.

Olive reported that the dealing machine was serviced but still had issues. Olive asked that a new machine be considered when the Roof and Aircon were sorted. The investment in a new machine was a little over $8000. This compared to the purchase price of the existing machine of $6000, 18 years ago, very favourably.

Olive also asked that committee members lead the way with the club's phone policy during playing session and turn off or leave their phone in the office or car.

Olive also presented the Income and Expenditure report for the Northland Interclub Team. Income $1540.00 Expenses $1066.67. Estimated profit of $473.33. Olive felt the tournament was well received and enjoyed by all participants.

Lee reported that she has received a quote for the roof repairs from MBH Builders. Edwards & Hardys were still outstanding, and others had declined to quote. A copy of the quote to be distributed to committee members for review and comment at the next meeting. Because of the quoting delays Lee is to ask Vanessa to arrange with Pub Charities for an extension to the 90-day spending rule.

There being no other business Lee closed the meeting at 11:00 am

Alan Pumfleet
Secretary