Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms at 7.03pm on Wednesday 10 Sept 2025

Present: M Holdaway (Chair), L Wackrow, J Shearer, M Buckland, S Reid, S Durry, B Oakley, S Rosevear, H Sim

Apologies: A Watson, D Fisher,

Moved "that the apologies be accepted". Heather / Sheryl

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: None

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 20 August 2025 were accepted as circulated. Shirley/ Leigh

Matters arising: (Action list)

1. Almoner: secretary to take on this task, as no one had volunteered to do it. Members to be reminded to let a committee member know if someone is in need of a get well card, or a sympathy card – or email the club.
2. Website updating is progressing.
3. Waiting for quotes for bar and office renovation.
4. "Dogs playing poker" wall hanging: Janet Cuttle to be thanked. Also to be added to the article on the website about artwork at the club.
5. Online payment of prizes at tournaments: need to add notice to online instructions that players need to provide bank account details if they win a prize.
6. Improver lessons with Trish Downward Wednesday evenings 17th Sept, 24th Sept, 1st Oct.
7. Sheryl to approach MenzShed about a picnic table.
8. Sponsorship on bidding pads: there was a discussion.
9. Cleaning of the rooms: after discussion as to whether to use commercial cleaners or to employ our own cleaner, it was moved to offer our present temporary cleaner a contract for one year. Sue/Shirley
10. It was decided that the NZWide Pairs costs players $10/player. This full amount is paid to the NZB Foundation.
11. Charity night: this be offered to the Ashburton Community Garden Charitable Trust.

Correspondence:

Moved "that the Committee receive the inward correspondence and approve the outward correspondence" Heather/ Sheryl

Finance:

The report for the month of August 2025 has been circulated. Income was $6,395 and payments totalled $9,316.69. The balances in the bank at 31 August 2025 were:

- $14,853.59 (current account)
- $37,272.27 (term deposits).

The report also listed accounts totalling $1,454.58 scheduled to be paid on 20 Sept.

The financial report was accepted, the payments made were ratified and the payments due were approved. Sheryl / John

Sub Committee Reports:

Match Discussion about upcoming events.

Social: None

House: None

Buildings and Grounds: None
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Computer: Recent problems with the computer, may have been resolved.

Health and Safety: Need to record due date for AED pad replacement.

General Business:

1. Strategic plan. Some wording to be tidied up and presented at the next committee meeting for ratification.
2. Promotions: members to be reminded of the criteria for promotion up a grade. Also to be reminded of the opportunity to play up a grade.
3. There was discussion about the preferred location of the box of old boards.
4. It was moved that handicapping will not be used on Tuesday night from 2026. Mike/Mary
5. There was a discussion as to whether a short session be offered on Wednesday afternoon. Beginners are to be asked if this would be of interest to them.
6. There was a discussion about the possibility of Friday bridge next year, with a lunch break.
7. There was a discussion about the possibility of giving players at Ashburton tournaments an Ashburton Bridge Club pen. To be decided at the next meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9.07 pm Next Meeting 8 Oct 2025

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