Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms on Wednesday 12 Nov 2025

Present: M Holdaway (Chair), L Wackrow, J Shearer, M Buckland, S Reid, S Durry, B Oakley, S Rosevear, H Sim, A Watson
Absent: D Fisher
Apologies: none

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: none

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 8 Oct 2025 were accepted as circulated. Sheryl/ Heather

Matters arising: (Action list)
We don't have quotes yet from Reads, so there was no discussion about the bar and office renovations.
Dates: County Lions Mahjong, 1st May, Waireka Bridge 3rd July, Waireka Mahjong 14th August. The Methven Coquet club will not hold its bridge tournament in 2026.
Correspondence:
Moved "that the Committee receive the inward correspondence and approve the outward correspondence" Shirley/ Leigh

Matters Arising:

1) The club will offer to host the Regional Swiss Pairs, 12 July 2026.
2) There was a discussion about an email from a member who was commenting on the cancellation of sessions.
3) The Monday night short sessions are to be named "Social Session" and will run all year next year. They were seen as an opportunity to encourage ex-members to get back to bridge. It was suggested that the public be invited to observe these sessions prior to lessons, to give people an idea of what bridge is about, before committing to joining the lessons. It was also suggested that people playing in the social sessions be invited to kibitz Monday night players after they had finished their short session.
4) Sonia has been given to $200 to contribute to the trip to Wellington for the Teacher Conference. It was noted that Canterbury Bridge had given Sonia $300 for the same conference.

Finance:

The report for the month of Oct 2025 has been circulated.
The balances in the bank at 30 Sept 2025 were:

- $17,214.44 (current account)
- $37,312.10 (term deposits).
  Total = $54,526.54

Income for October was $4,115.00 (plus $325.23 interest at Heartland) and payments totalled $2602.60.
The balances in the bank at 31 Oct 2025 were:

- $8,708.84 (current account) ($10,000 was transferred from current account to term deposit during October)
- $47,637.33 (term deposits).
  Total = $56,346.17

The report also listed accounts totalling $6,041.70 scheduled to be paid by 20 Nov.

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

Sub Committee Reports:

Match
Promotions: Mike to circulate his simpler version of the promotions policy to the committee. It was suggested that the people who had been close to being promoted be spoken to, with ideas as to how they could improve their bridge.

Social: none

House: none

Buildings and Grounds:
There are some potholes in the asphalt in the car park. This is to be fixed.
A big thank you to Bruce Sim for making and donating three picnic tables.

Computer: none

Health and Safety: none

General Business:

1) Seeding for end of trophies is the responsibility of the match committee.
2) Directors for next year: same people as this year to be asked.
3) The Carr Trophy winner was decided. The King Trophy Novice plate winner was decided, and this trophy is to be awarded to "Most promising Bronze player"
4) Closing night: There will be a raffle in the three weeks leading up to Closing Night.
5) On Closing Night we will play one board a table, to increase the number of opponents a pair meets. Members are invited to bring a small plate for Closing night, and also for the last Monday night. Bronwyn is to sort the engraving of trophies.
6) The committee decided on it's vote for the NZBridge board.
7) The Robinson Salver trophy boards and two other historical certificates will not be displayed in the playing room. This was decided by vote.
8) The revised Strategic plan was adopted. Amanda/Heather
9) Handicapping: Clarifying that this is calculated from the average % for each particular session, for the previous six months. The handicaps are recalculated each six months.
10) There was a discussion about the number of boards played, and the finish time of various sessions.
11) David is to proceed with getting the building WOF.

Meeting Closed: 9.25pm **Next Meeting 10 Dec 2025**

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