Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms on Wednesday 20 August 2025

Present: M Holdaway (Chair), L Wackrow, J Shearer, M Buckland, S Reid, S Durry, H Sim, A Watson
Absent: D Fisher
Apologies: B Oakley, S Rosevear
Moved "that the apologies be accepted" Heather / Shirley

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: None

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 9 July 2025 were accepted as circulated. John/ Heather

Matters arising: (Action list)

1) New website. The home page could have several photos as a slide show, showing people inside the club rooms. Remove unused email addresses on the new website.
2) Carpet underlay – very pleased with the result.

Correspondence:
Moved "that the Committee receive the inward correspondence and approve the outward correspondence" Sheryl/ Shirley

Finance:

The report for the month of July 2025 has been circulated. Income was $3,383.00 and payments totalled $2,247.00. The balances in the bank at 31 July 2025 were:

- $17,775.28 (current account)
- $37,230.39 (term deposits).

The report also listed accounts totalling $9,445.97 scheduled to be paid on 20 August.
The financial report was accepted, the payments made were ratified and the payments due were approved. Sheryl / John

Sub Committee Reports:

Match: There was discussion about the Intermediate/Junior tournament. This included whether the prizes be paid in cash or online.

Social: None

House: None

Buildings and Grounds: None

Computer: None

Health and Safety: The due date for replacing AED pads to be recorded in the H&S book.

General Business:

1) Program for 2026 – members to be asked for comments and suggestions.
2) Social Sunday bridge on Sunday 28th September. Some novelty hands to be played. Start at 1.30pm, $5 or voucher, BYO beverage, chips and dips to be provided at end of play.
3) Charity night – members to be asked for suggestions. Must be a local charity, so money is spent locally.
4) Sponsorship on bidding pads. More information to be sought from other clubs who have sponsorship on their bidding pads.
5) Cleaning the rooms – further investigation with commercial cleaners to be pursued before a decision is made on whether commercial cleaners to be used, or an individual is employed by the club.
6) Pastoral care coordinator – Anne Gilbert is standing down and her contribution in this role has been greatly appreciated. Members to be asked if anyone would like to take on this job.
7) Members need to be reminded to let the club know if anyone is in need of a get-well card, or a bereavement card.
8) Beginners to have two weeks of lessons on strong and weak openers, on Wednesday night 27th August and 3rd September.
9) Improver lessons in next few months, dates to be confirmed.
10) It was suggested that the club might like to be involved in delivering Meals on Wheels, as a fund raiser.
11) The bar – there was a discussion about its profitability, and also what drinks should be offered.
12) Party night. One in each partnership is to bring a plate, one to pay $5 or a voucher. A simple system is to be played. People are encouraged to play with someone from a different grade, or someone they haven't played with before.
13) Renovation of the office and bar – after discussion it was decided to get two quotes for each of the renovations. Heather/Sheryl.
14) Coffee mugs – it was decided to purchase twenty new mugs.
15) Members are to be asked if anyone has a picnic table to donate to the club.

Meeting Closed: 9.20pm Next Meeting 10 September 2025

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