

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms on Wednesday 11 March 2026

Present: M Holdaway (Chair), L Wackrow, M Buckland, S Reid, S Durry, B Oakley(late), , H Sim, A Watson

Apologies: S Rosevear, J Shearer, D Fisher

Moved “that the apologies be accepted”. Heather/Leigh

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: None

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 11 February 2026 were accepted as circulated. Shirley / Amanda

Matters arising: (Action list)

- 1) There was a discussion about buying a new laptop. There will be an investigation into whether a laptop or a PC would be more appropriate. It was moved that we will purchase a device of up to about \$1000. Mike/Heather.
- 2) There was a discussion about the proposed Promotions policy. After a few tweaks of the wording the policy was adopted.
- 3) There was a discussion about having grades in the club, and it was agreed that having grades was desirable.
- 4) Mike presented a policy on the election of Life Members. This will be revisited at the next meeting, with some additions to the policy.

Correspondence:

Moved “that the Committee receive the inward correspondence and approve the outward correspondence” Heather/Bronwyn

Finance:

The report for the month of February 2026 has been circulated. Income was \$5,432.00 and payments totalled \$2,701.95. The balances in the bank at 31 January 2026 were:

- \$13,657.14 (current account)
- \$48,050.35 (term deposits)

The report also listed accounts totalling \$926.91 scheduled to be paid on 20 March. The balances at the bank at 28 Feb 2026 were:

\$16,387.19 (current account)
\$48,082.60 (term deposits)

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

It was agreed that the term investment due next month be reinvested at the best rate, which will probably be for a term of six months.

There was a discussion about which members had not yet paid their subscription.

Sub Committee Reports:

Match: The upcoming tournament was discussed.

Social: The bar is stocked for the tournament.

House: None

Buildings and Grounds: The Building WOF monthly checks were discussed. A person to be responsible for this checking will be appointed at the next committee meeting. The cost of the annual inspection was questioned, and this will be investigated.

Computer: None

Health and Safety: None

Teaching and Learning:

- 1) Posters are to be designed to advertise the lessons. These will be emailed to members for distribution, and hard copy will also be available. The lesson fee this year will remain at \$75. People repeating the lessons will pay either the lesson fee or the subscription.
- 2) The Intermediate lessons delivered by Trish Downward have been appreciated.

General Business:

- 1) Office and bar renovations. The quote from Reads was presented. It was decided to refer this back to the renovations subcommittee to determine the relative importance of the various components of the proposed renovations.
- 2) There was discussion about slow play, as a result of correspondence from members complaining about slow play. It was agreed that no new boards be commenced in a round if the bell signifying the end of the round has already sounded. Members will be reminded to refrain from discussion between boards if the table is behind time. Members are to be encouraged to make an effort to catch up time if they find that they are behind.
- 3) Mike thanked the committee for their work during his time as president.

Meeting Closed: 9.12 pm

Next Meeting 8 April 2026

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