

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

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

Apologies: None

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: None

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 10 Dec 2025 were accepted as circulated. Heather/Leigh

Matters arising: (Action list)

Leigh gave feedback from the survey of the beginners from last year. Beginners were very appreciative of support provided, the opportunity to play short sessions on Monday night, the guaranteed partner provision, the willingness of Silver/Bronze players to make up numbers in the short sessions, and the advice given by more senior players overseeing the table.

Correspondence:

Moved “that the Committee receive the inward correspondence and approve the outward correspondence” John/ Amanda

Finance:

The balances in the bank at 31 November 2025 were:

\$5,527.73 (current account)

\$47,675.08 (term deposits).

The report for the months of Dec 2025 and January 2026 has been circulated. Income was \$10,524.00 and payments totalled \$1,411.67. The balances at the bank at 31 Jan 2026 were:

\$13,657.14 (current account)

\$48,050.35 (term deposits)

The report also listed accounts totalling \$2,824.49 scheduled to be paid on 20 February. The financial report was accepted, the payments made were ratified and the payments due were approved. Sheryl / Amanda

Sub Committee Reports:

Match: Preparations for the March tournament are under way.

Social: None

House: None

Buildings and Grounds: Chris Lovelock has spent some time on the gardens.

Computer: It was decided to investigate the idea of a second computer to enable a second event to be run more easily, and to run a separate event using different boards.

Health and Safety: Members are to be asked to update any next-of-kin details.

General Business:

- 1) There was a discussion about the Promotions policy. It was decided that a preamble was required to explain the rationale for grades, before stating the promotion policy itself. The match committee will draw up the policy.
- 2) There was a discussion about having a trophy cabinet in the playing room. As there was no agreement on this it was decided to put this to the members to vote on at the AGM.
- 3) It was decided to purchase two more boxes of 20 boards, to be used for the short sessions on Monday night. Sheryl/Heather.
- 4) There was a discussion about advertising for this year’s lessons. It was decided that the budget be up to \$1000.
- 5) It was pointed out that some clubs offer the first two lessons for beginners for free, but this suggestion was not supported.
- 6) There was a discussion about having an opening night(s) on Monday prior to the lessons for prospective beginners to see what is involved. This suggestion will be held over till next year, depending on the numbers we get at lessons this year.
- 7) The committee looked at the New Plymouth club’s policy for the for electing Life Members. Mike will draw up a similar policy for Ashburton. It was suggested that the committee consider Life Member nominations each year in October.
- 8) There was a discussion about preparation for the AGM.
- 9) There will be a mini lesson before start of play on Monday nights, as has been done in the past.
- 10) Intermediate lessons will start on 18th February, and go for three weeks. Two improver lessons will be on 25th March and 1st April. These lessons will be taken by Trish Downward. The Intermediate lessons are more advanced than the Improver lessons. Players are encouraged to attend with their bridge partner.
- 11) It was decided that there be no business advertising displayed in the club rooms. Advertising for charitable organisations will be allowed at the discretion of the committee.
- 12) There was a discussion about who would stand for committee in 2026. Members are to be encouraged to consider standing for committee this year.
- 13) It was noted that some chairs need fixing. The MenzShed will be approached to see if they can help with this.

Meeting Closed: 9.06 pm

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