

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms on Wednesday 12 August 2026

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

Apologies: R Nicholson, D Fisher, L Griffin

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

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: none

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 8 July 2026 were accepted as circulated. Mike/ Amanda

Matters arising: (Action list)

1. Two new fire extinguishers are to be installed shortly.
2. There was a discussion about the renovations of the utility room. Final plans are to be drawn up. Three applications for funding have been submitted.
3. The Code of Conduct policy was approved. Bronwyn/Heather

Correspondence:

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

Matters Arising:

The method of seeding in a tournament was questioned, and it was decided to ask NZB if this was standardized for clubs in New Zealand. Ashburton seeds on Ratings plus A points, but it was thought that some clubs did it only on Ratings, meaning that some Grandmasters might be put in the second Grade.

Finance:

The report for the month of July 2026 has been circulated. Income was \$4,481.07 and payments totalled \$1,948.49. The balances in the bank at 31 July 2026 were:

- \$13,254.51 (current account)
- \$58,913.02 (term deposits).

The report also listed accounts totalling \$5,484.45 scheduled to be paid on 20 August.

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

Sub Committee Reports:

Match: There was a discussion about the Int/Jun tournament.

Social: There was comment that the social Sunday went well, and maybe more could be held. Also, the get-together after Wednesday afternoon bridge was well attended and will continue on the first Wednesday of each month.

House: none

Buildings and Grounds: There has been some cleaning up of the grounds, and there is a pothole in the shared driveway that will be sorted by Mike.

Computer: There have been issues with posting results online, and also with buying new tab licenses. There have been issues with the BridgeTab server.

Health and Safety:

The Health & Safety folder is now a big grey folder on the top shelf in the office and holds the key to the AED alarm.

Teaching and Learning:

1. After the beginners finish their lessons, and starting on Wednesday 2nd September, the beginners play bridge from 7 till 9pm. There will be scoring using tabs, but no masterpoints will be awarded. A partner is guaranteed. Other members are welcome to join this session but they are expected to use basic bidding to make it easier for the beginners to understand. These sessions are expected to continue till the end of the year.
2. The beginners will be invited to Monday night on 28th September for their graduation ceremony.
3. The next Improver lessons will likely be withheld until early next year, to accommodate this year's beginners on Wednesday night.

Renovations: Covered earlier in the meeting.

Directors: None

General Business:

1. 2027 program: members will be asked for suggestions.
2. The closed club event in May 2027 will be teams again.
3. It was moved to buy another box of boards, plus 10 spare packs of cards.
Heather/Amanda
4. Party night 3 September: Dress up night (if you wish), bring a plate, play with someone from a different grade or with someone you haven't played with before. Pairs are expected to play a basic bidding system.
5. Three folding card tables are available for \$20 each.
6. Members are to be asked for suggestions for recipients for Charity Night, on Thursday 8th October.

Meeting Closed: 8.50 pm

Next Meeting: 9 September 2026

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