Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms on Wednesday 8 July 2026

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

Apologies: L Griffin (lateness), D Fisher

Moved "that the apologies be accepted". Mike / Bronwyn

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: none

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 10 June 2026 were accepted as circulated. Mike/ Amanda

Matters arising: (Action list)
Disputes Resolution subcommittee: various non-committee members will be approached to see if they are willing to be on this subcommittee. Leigh and Amanda will be committee representatives. The composition of the subcommittee will be reviewed each year at the first committee meeting after the AGM.

Correspondence:
There was a discussion about psych bids. Members are reminded that players should be self-reporting their own psych bids, but other players at the table can also report them. Members are to be given an explanation of what psych bids are. While acknowledging that psych bids are a legal part of the game, members will be requested to refrain from psyching against more junior players.
Moved "that the Committee receive the inward correspondence and approve the outward correspondence" Sheryl/ Heather

Matters Arising:

Finance:
The report for the month of June 2026 has been circulated. Income was $3,529.00 and payments totalled $11,032.15. The balances in the bank at 31 June 2026 were:

- $10,721.92 (current account)
- $58,559.73 (term deposits).

The report also listed accounts totalling $1258.75 scheduled to be paid on 20 July.

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

Sub Committee Reports:

Match: none

Social: Raymond's input in the bar is acknowledged.

House: none

Buildings and Grounds: Chris' continuing help in the grounds is appreciated, as is David and Deb's pruning of shrubs.

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Computer: Using DealMasterProPlus, conditional boards can now be created more easily, which will be of use for producing deals for various lessons.

Health and Safety:

1. It is hoped that someone will volunteer to put the rubbish and recycling bins out each Tuesday evening.
2. The revised Health and Safety policy was discussed. It was moved that this revised policy be adopted. Raymond/Rachel.

Teaching and learning:

The learners' group is now down to 10 people. The support provided by various helpers at these lessons is appreciated. Trish Downward is filling in for Sonia at the lessons for a few weeks. Some learners from previous years have also attended selected lessons for the beginners.

Directors: none

Renovations: Final plans are yet to be agreed upon.

General Business:

1. All Grades tournament planning is under way.
2. It was decided to have a Social Sunday on Sunday 26th July at 1pm. This will be BYO, and members are requested to bring a small plate to share after play.
3. Wednesday afternoon drinks after play will be trialed on the first Wednesday of each month. It is BYO, and a small plate to share is requested. Members who do not play on Wednesday afternoon are welcome to join this social get-together, at about 4pm.
4. Members will be reminded to toss for NS or EW. Members will also be requested to start with a pair of their own grade, to try to have the NS and EW field of similar ability.
5. The November meeting will be held one week later than scheduled, on 18th November.
6. The draft Disputes Resolution Policy was discussed. Subject to minor changes that need to be further ratified, this policy was approved. Mary/Heather
7. A Code of Conduct needs to be written since there is a reference to such a code in the Disputes Resolution Policy.

Meeting Closed: 9.20 pm Next Meeting: 12 August 2026

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