**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms on Wednesday 14 October 2026**

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

**Apologies:** D Fisher

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

**Declaration of possible conflict of interests:** none

**Minutes:** Minutes from Committee Meeting of 9 September 2026 were accepted as circulated. Bronwyn/Rachel

**Matters arising: (Action list)**
All completed.

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

**Finance:**

The report for the month of September 2026 has been circulated. Income was $4,025.36 and payments totalled $4,801.11. The balances in the bank at 30 September 2026 were:

- $13,470.77 (current account)
- $59,335.55 (term deposits).

The report also listed accounts totalling $2,021.03 scheduled to be paid on 20 October.

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

**Sub Committee Reports:**

**Match**

The following were promoted from Bronze to Silver:

- Annie Bonifant
- Shirley Durry
- Judy Jemmett
- Carol Jopson
- Ellenor Sullivan
- Murray Wackrow

The following people were promoted from Silver to Gold:

- Jackie Chisnall
- Cath King
- Dee Murdoch
- Claire Reilly
- Pauline Scott

Moved/seconded Mary/Mike
Mary offered to summarise updated version of tournament regulations received 14 Oct and circulate

**Social:** There was a discussion about the profitability of the bar. It was agreed that the bar was seen as a social benefit for players, rather than a money-making venture. It was noted that there should not be wine on the raffle table on Charity night.

**House:** The old sterilizer has been sold by Sheryl.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Jan de Jong's memorial on 6 October with daughter Mary included the planting of rhododendron 'Bumblebee' on western fence, after area was prepared by Mary and David Sewell

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**Computer:** none

**Health and Safety:** some of the chairs in the office have been made safer.

**Teaching and Learning:**

- Raymond reported on the recent online lessons.
- Numbers for the short Wednesday evening sessions have been low, and attendance will be monitored to see how long they will continue.

**Renovations:**

- The club has received funding from the Lions Foundation.
- Renovations to the utility room will commence early to mid December.

**Directors:** none

**General Business:**

1) The program for 2027 will have a yellow cover. Some of the dates for various sessions for 2027 have been changed. There will be two nights, one in April and one in October, for teams, with more senior pairs match with more junior pairs. Waitangi Day will be a Mixed Grade night with a random draw for partners.
2) People whose address has changed in the last few years will be requested to check that the club has their up-to-date address recorded.
3) The last date for changes to the 2027 program is 31 October.
4) Discussion about the new systems regulations is deferred till next meeting, as the amended regulations had only been released today.
5) NZWide Pairs – after-play nibbles will be provided.
6) Applying for the Building WOF will be organised by Rachel.
7) The Special license for 2027 for the bar will be applied for by Mary
8) There was a discussion on bidding pads for next year.
9) Subs for next year will be set at the November meeting, after seeking recommendation from David Fisher.
10) Recorders for next year will continue to be Mike and Sheryl.
11) The promotions policy is to be amended to say that the grading period will be go until

as late as practically possible in October.

12) Handicaps for each session are to be recalculated each 3 months and will cover the previous 12 months play.
13) Handicap on non-trophy sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday are to continue next year as they have this year. Mike/Heather
14) The date for the All Grades tournament in 2028 will be 30 September, unless a more suitable date can be found.
15) The winners of the Carr Trophy (best out of lessons) and the King Trophy Novice Plate (most promising Bronze player) were decided on.
16) Alan Jackson was approved as a new member. May Mould was provisionally approved as a new member, subject to her nomination form being displayed on the noticeboard for 5 working days. Mary/Sheryl
17) Bronwyn is to organise the engraving of the trophies.
18) There will be a Christmas raffle from mid-November till Closing night. This will be organised by Sheryl.
19) Members will be invited to donate a gift for Birthright, leading up to Closing night.
20) There was discussion about having some fun night sessions.

**Meeting Closed: 9.38 pm**

**Next Meeting: 18 November 2026 (a week later than usual due to Congress)**

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