

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in the Ashburton Bridge Clubrooms on Wednesday 15 April 2026

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

Apologies: D Fisher

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

Declaration of possible conflict of interests: Leigh, Mary and Heather were recipients of payments so abstained in the vote for those payments.

Minutes: Minutes from Committee Meeting of 11 March 2026 were accepted as circulated. Amanda/Sheryl

Matters arising: (Action list)

- 1) The chattels list was discussed. The detailed inventory requires confirmation with values, possibly both asset and replacement, yet to be determined.
- 2) A new computer is about to be trialed for running the short session on Monday night.
- 3) The renovation plans have been downscaled greatly, to being renovation of the Utility room, and installation of a heat pump in the office. When two quotes are obtained we will apply for funding.
- 4) The Life Membership policy was adopted. Mike/Heather
- 5) Slow play : people are to be reminded to move on the one minute bell if they can, and that boards will be skipped and played later if the bell has already gone for that round.
- 6) There was also a discussion about how members will be invited to help with end of play routine. It would be appreciated if each table could take responsibility for returning their own tablet and board and leave their pens, pad and chairs in a tidy fashion.

Correspondence:

Inward:

Outward:

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

Matters Arising:

- 1) The bequest of \$5000 from John Irwin was noted with grateful thanks. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Julia Knowles, his sister.
- 2) Valuation – we need to check if a professional valuation is needed at present, in order to renew our insurance. Moved that we get a professional valuation if needed. Heather/Sheryl

Finance:

The report for the month of March 2026 has been circulated. Income was \$7,248.44 and payments totalled \$2,422.08. The balances in the bank at 31 March 2026 were:

- \$21,213.55 (current account)
- \$48,418.67 (term deposits).

The report also listed accounts totalling \$2,716.48 scheduled to be paid on 20 April.

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

Sub Committee Reports:

The following were appointed

Match: Mary, Laura, Trish D

Social: Mike

House: Heather, Sheryl, Bronwyn, Amanda

Buildings and Grounds: Sheryl, and it is hoped that Chris Lovelock will continue to help out with the grounds.

Computer: Mary, Laura

Health and Safety: Rachel, Amanda

Fire extinguishers – what do we need, and when do are present ones need checking?

Rachel to do the BWOFF checks each month.

Teaching and learning: Mike, Linda, Trish D, Sonia

There was a report on prospective learners, with lessons starting next week.

It was suggested that we create a Google Calendar for committee business, and also use a year planner in the office.

John Shearer is to be co-opted to the Projects Subcommittee.

General Business:

- 1) It was suggested that the clipboards for results on the board be reinstated. Some felt that this would not enhance the look of the noticeboard. Only one week’s results will be posted at a time. If there is objection to this, the possible reinstatement of the clipboards is to be revisited.
- 2) We need to check if the sensors for our alarm system need to be checked. If so, we can get new codes for some people for the alarm.
- 3) Needing to have backup tablets was discussed. It was resolved that we would buy one 7” tab through Temu to see if it adequate, and buy more if this proved successful.
- 4) The Conlands tournament was discussed. Food for the lunch is to be bought, rather than provided by the committee as in the past.
- 5) Annual vouchers from Sonia, given to people who have purchased a property through her are to be for 12 months.
- 6) Ashburton local teams in May 24th Sunday will be manually scored and there will be no Troika, meaning there will an even number of teams.
- 7) The meeting went into committee for ten minutes.
- 8) A photo of Trish D to be added to the grand master collection.
- 9) Fourth toilet up and running again, and the collapsible bed has been removed.
- 10) Seeding for final trophy rounds to be displayed on the monitor.

Meeting Closed: 9.50 pm

Next Meeting 13th May 2026

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