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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY MAY 12TH 2026 AT 7.00PM.

Present:

Mike Newton (Chair), Karyl Anderson, Cathy Parker, Deidre Gunn, Clare Trass, Pam Shea, Hugh McAlister, Stacey Hilton, Kate Terry, David Fornusek.

Apologies:

Rebecca Taylor.

Accepted.

Minutes:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 14th, 2026, be approved.

CP/DG Carried.

Matters Arising

- a) Pedestrian Crossing. Having had a disinterested response from TCC, Karyl has decided to keep a log of incidents, and our members were to be reminded of their responsibilities both as pedestrians and motorists.
- b) NZ Bridge AGM. Our representatives will be either or both Mike (Zoom) and Kate

Correspondence

- a) Insurance quotes were received from our Broker.

"The Committee accepts the quote for the SMARTpak Policy"

KT/CT Carried

With the same cover, this represents a cost saving of over \$1000 from Vero's 2026 quote and cost for last year.

- b) TCC re Building WOF due.

- c) Roofing circular. Mark Knox to be approached for advice. The roof has been in place for 15 years. Does it need attention?

- d) NZ Bridge re 2026 Marketing Plan – seeking input from clubs re articles/stories of interest.

Membership.

New Associate Members- Alison Thompson, Sue Ranger, Susanne McHowell

Confirmed MN/SH

Almoners report

The passing of Margaret Von Biel was acknowledged. A signed card had been sent from her regular Thursday Social player teammates.

Cathy Brown 's husband had passed and been acknowledged by card.

Health and Safety

Nil to report.

Etiquette-

"Tossing of the Dice: had been emphasised since the last meeting and would be periodically continued.

Conflict of Interest- nil

Financial Report

The following reports were presented and are attached:

Aged Payables – (accounts paid since last meeting).

Accounts for payment.

"The Accounts Payable be approved for payment and the Accounts Already Paid be ratified "

**CT/CP
Carried**

Profit and Loss for April 2026.

Budget variance for month ended April 30th, 2026.

Tournament report to date.

Balances as at May7th

Table Flow updated.

The full Financial Report was adopted CT/KA

Program Committee

Tauranga Sixes has been promoted to the Mount Club and a flyer sent.

Sponsorship

We will shortly need to start looking at 2027 sponsorship – review a list of current sponsors and canvass club members via a flyer- members may be interested or know of suitable friends or relatives who could be approached.

Future Club Options Taking a lead from the Auckland Bridge Club could the Matua Bowling Club be approached to clarify its position?

Club Captains Report

Rebecca's time constraints are making it difficult for her to continue in this position. Mike will circulate a spread sheet suggesting the workload be divided and invite feedback from Committee members.

Tournaments

- a) Jackie will relinquish the role of Tournament Controller towards the end of this year. With several tournaments coming up, It would be helpful for her replacement to be appointed soon, so as to allow him/her to transition in well before the 2027 Mini Congress. A replacement could be outside the Committee if they so wished. Jackie to be asked to submit a Table Talk article detailing what is required and involved in the position.
- b) Bay Pairs May 24th – Sue to organise Morning Tea Plates and nibbles for the end of play.
- c) National Pairs July 4/5th. Lunch details can be decided once numbers are known.
- d) Tauranga Restricted Charity Pairs. Wednesday July 8th.
DF to contact St Johns via Linda Searle. Consider representation/presentation and possible prizes.

Regional Committee.

The Regional Championships – the Waikato Bays Ladies Team were winners and move forward to the finals in November.
Waikato Bays are currently placed second in the Dougall McLean.
There is a proposal to NZ Bridge to introduce Mixed Teams in the Regional Championships.
No prizes will be awarded for “outside” players in Regional Ladders
A further reminder of the upcoming Director and Scorer Forums.

Grants

Applications are in for the painting of the wall, kitchen flooring, and bathroom area.

General Business

A) Teaching/Lessons

Beginner numbers have settled around 20 and lessons are up to 9 of 12.
Improvers continue with “Transfers” next week. 4 tables attended the last lesson on “Stamen”

B) Room Hire

Church will now finish at the end of June.
TCC will hold a public meeting on the evening of May 26th

C) Trophies

The following had been passed at the last meeting: :

- "1. The Committee will always have the final say on Sponsorship and how it especially relates to the naming and allocation of Trophies.
 2. Excluding Memorial trophies (such as the Alan Turner) there will be a 5-year review of Named Trophy Events, and a financial attachment is desirable for an extension to be considered. Such trophies will be returned to the sponsor once a sponsorship ends."
- SH/DG carried

Following further discussion and to clarify:

- a) An Event Name (and possible Trophy Name) is decided by the Committee
- b) A Sponsor name can change but a Trophy name cannot.
- c) Sponsorship amounts to be reviewed as are inclusions such as advertising etc to give relativity e.g. 4-day event v 2-day event.
- d) External Sponsorship-increase their visibility and involvement.

Mike and Hugh have met with Tim re the Margaret Torr competition, and a final decision has not yet made on continuing after this year.

D) Maintenance Report.

Pie Warmer removed.

Bike Rack installed.

Cleaning of chairs to start once Church has finished its hire.

E) Table Talk

The value and readership of Table Talk cannot be assessed on its own but is part of the multiple avenues used to inform our members.

F) Bar

Tuesday opening had not been successful, so other than special events, the aim is to open only Fridays on a flexible timetable

Next meeting **Tuesday June 9th at 7pm**

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Confirmed a true and accurate record.

CHAIR Michael Newton DATE 9/6/26