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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TAURANGA BRIDGE CLUB HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS ON TUESDAY JANUARY 13TH AT 7.00PM.

Present:

Mike Newton (Chair), Karyl Anderson, Cathy Parker, David Fornusek, Hugh McAlister, Stacey Hilton, Pam Shea.

Apologies:

Kate Terry, Deidre Gunn, Rebecca Taylor, Clare Trass

Accepted.

Minutes:

That the minutes of the previous meetings held on November 18th and December 2nd, 2025, be confirmed.

MN/CP Carried.

Matters Arising

- a) Club Bar License still awaits confirmation following public notification and Xmas break.
- b) Roundabout works-no further information to start time.

Correspondence

- a) Enquiry for our second hand Bridgemates from Hamilton BC.
Te Puke BC have first option for about 8 units.
Sell at \$30 +GST.
Server to NZB
- b) Xmas party photos from Rosalind.
Mike to put on website

CP/KA Carried

Membership.

Returning member John Laugesen.
New member A Witherington -associate- plays at the Mount Club
Resigned Jo and Sam Simpson.

Accepted

120 paid up members as of today.

Almoners report

The passing of Bill Pook was acknowledged.

Health and Safety

The carpark resealing had unearthed a sinkhole adjacent to a downpipe. The area has been coned off while repair assessment by Laser Plumbing occurs. Once corrected the resealing of the affected area will be completed.

Etiquette-

The Committee has been made aware of “Bidding criticism by opposition players”

Constructive criticism needs to be asked for and given in the correct tone and only at completion of the hand.

It should also be at a sound level that does not reach other tables.

Conflict of Interest- nil

Financial Report- presented as

A summary of account balances due to time constraints.

A 4-month P and L will be presented to the next meeting in February.

DF and CT will look at how accounts can be fine-tuned.

Accepted

Program Committee

Due to circumstances beyond our control the 2026 books are still to be printed. The printers have reopened this week and hopefully printing will be proofed and printed by next week

Sponsorship

Jones – DF has recontacted Chris again and has been asked to do so again in February.

A sponsorship has been offered by a member on behalf of his family. DF to clarify how this can best be done to be acceptable to the Committee.

A Sponsorship Officer needs to be appointed with Keryn not continuing in the role. Delayed response from Sponsors contributed to the program and thus book printing delay.

Future Club Options

Nil to report.

Tournaments

MiniCongress .

Jackie Blue was in attendance for the beginning of the meeting and outlined progress and what actions are required before and over the weekend. See attached sheet.

IP Trials – Saturday March 28th. Hugh asked that this event be pushed via poster, convener reports and email to members.

Regional Committee.

Alan Dick has resigned and replaced by Nic Sauhders.

Forums to be held on Scoring (March-Rotorua) and Directing (Matamata or Te Aroha)

Grants

Mercury Energy have approved a grant for more boards, which will now be purchased.

DF is looking at bollard and sign options for the leased area, for which we might be able to source a future grant for.

General Business

A) Teaching/Lessons

2026 Beginners to start Wednesday March 4th.

Coordinate a campaign to advertise through newspapers, Radio? Billboards (leased area and possibly Waihi Rd) and Facebook. Invite previous attendees by email, a table in The Atrium.

B) Trophies.

Some still to be engraved.

Hugh and Norm to look at “History of the Club “in a wall display.

Some trophies e.g. Pewters to be presented early.

C) Room Hire

The Church resume this Sunday...

D) Maintenance Report.

Car park resealing- overseen by Cathy and despite delays now 90% complete, hopefully the sinkhole is not a major issue.

Male toilet extractor fan replaced.

Mark Knox has started on painting foyer.

Mortar needed for small front wall repair.

E) Ron Klinger

Very well received by attendees with a small profit to the club.

F) Xmas Function 2025

Favourable feedback received.

The Committee should eat before or after the members to assist the serving of food to the attendees.

G) Bar License.

Karyl has her managers License.

Can use Pam and David.

Drinks schedule -Friday Jan 30th and Friday February 20th.

H) Working Bee.

Of the loft-to be held in cooler weather and utilise Norm's knowledge of what can go.

I) Other Matters

Touched on, were fundraising, redo bathrooms and wall plaques.

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Next meeting Tuesday February 17th at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Confirmed a true and accurate record.

CHAIR_____DATE_____