

FRANKLIN BRIDGE CLUB INC

Minutes of the committee held on the 4th January 2026 4pm
at the club rooms Edinburgh St Pukekohe

Linda Thornton, President, called the meeting to order and apologised for the confusion with meeting date.

Present: Linda Thornton, Bev Henton, Neil Miller, Christine Godding, Pip Woofindin, Arie & Lynne Geursen, Jonathan Taylor, Henriette Annabell

Apologies: Ilian Trifonov, Henk Egelmeer, Dennise Biddick *Apologies accepted N Miller/ L Geursen*

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the meeting 3rd November 2025 approved after the following corrections:
Spelling of Bev Henton, removal of word cryptic item 10, under property clearing to be changed to cleaning and correct spelling of valuation. *Moved A Geursen/ L Thornton*

Matters Arising: Arie raised about obligation to keep records and acknowledge conflict of interests under the rules of our new constitution. Linda advised these are items of general business. Draft minutes of the AGM and SGM to be approved at the next meeting.

Finance: Christine advised the funds on hand of \$17,600 and term deposit of \$30,000 53 subs have been paid to date. Due by 31st January. Discussion on sending a general reminder electronically. Jonathan advised that CompScore 3 can generate overdue invoices. Affiliation fees are paid quarterly. Need to resign non returning members before affiliation fees are due. Offer by Pip to follow up with phone calls if required. Discussion on constitution requires members to be financial. Lynne advised to win a competition requires a member to be financial. Next meeting have a list of unpaid members.

General Business:

1. Electronic approval from committee members was received for the Monday night sessions to start at 7.15pm Members to be reminded of the new start time by email and whatsapp.
2. Swiss Pairs tournament 21st February. Bev advised that Kevin Hu is available to direct, Tricia Balle to score. Notices being prepared \$40 entry fee. Limit to 24 tables is the current limit agreed. 11 entries already. Neil Miller has catering planned. Plates by member in the morning and savouries for the afternoon. Paid helper for the kitchen agreed to.
3. Education. Need a teacher by mid March that can follow the NZ Bridge programme of ten lessons. Experienced players available to help at the table means the teacher could be a beginner. Lynne to approach Terry Evans Jnr. He is enthusiastic and kind to beginners.
4. Linda has had communication from Grant Jarvis offering to run one off lessons on a specific subject. Enthusiasm for the offer from Grant. Discussion on either before bridge preferably on a Monday or a non bridge night, which ever time works for Grant.
5. "That the meeting go into committee" *A Geursen/J Taylor*. "The meeting come out of committee" *A Geursen/ N Miller*. "That a disputes resolution committee consisting of Linda, Pip, Lynne and Teresa review the complaint" *A Geursen/ B Henton*
6. Linda circulated the "Consent and Certification of Qualification" forms for 9 committee members present to complete. Secretary to store forms. Pip has offered to help Secretary with electronic storage along with input from Ilian. Absent committee members to complete forms.
7. Items relating to the new constitution
 - a. *Identify two committee members to be Contact Persons for Registrar of Incorporated Societies under s6.* President and Secretary to be the two nominated members.
 - b. *Establish conflict of interest register – Custody of Secretary – Each Committee member must disclose any interests.* No known conflict of interests at present.
 - c. *Keep register of roles and responsibilities of Committee members.* Each Committee member to complete for their role and return to the next meeting. Pip advised role descriptions are on the internet.
 - d. *Establish register of by-laws and resolutions- start with the Club Session and Competition Rules contained in our programme booklet.* Arie spoke of the ability to adopt by-laws rather than having to amend the constitution.
8. Digital Programme Book generated by Terry Evans Jnr is very popular. Need to ensure members continue to have access to this excellent resource.
9. Discussion on meeting dates and times, if there's a need to plan meetings for the year? Pip was out for Sunday afternoon meetings. Tuesday early evening was the compromise time

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17th February 2026 @6pm – change of date requested from Secretary.
Next Meeting **Tuesday 10th February 2026 @6pm**

Meeting closed 6.35 pm