

FRANKLIN BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 @6p.m.

Present: L Thornton, A Geursen, C Gooding, T Phillips, J Taylor, H Egelmeer, B Henton, N Miller, D Biddick, H Annabell, P Wooffindin, L Geursen

Apologies: Ilian Trifonov *J Taylor/ N Miller*

Minutes of Previous Meeting circulated be approved *L Geursen/ P Wooffindin*

Inward Correspondence:

1. Board minutes circulated to committee
2. Gerda Bouwman formal complaint
3. Carol De Luca and Fair Play committee re complaint and hate mail
4. NZ Bridge & Mary Christensen learner packs. 20 ordered and collected
5. Tournament notices displayed on notice board
6. Club and Tournament Director training courses 2026
7. Players notifying resignations and transfers Correspondence accepted *C Gooding/ H Annabell*

Outwards Correspondence

1. Letter to Gerda Bouwman and Carol De Luca advising a sub committee had considered the complaint. No further action will be taken and while the hate mail is completely unacceptable the committee do not have the skills, the expertise or the mandate to investigate.
2. NZ Incorporated Societies updating contact details. Correspondence approved. *L Thornton/ N Miller*

Financial Report: \$30,000 term \$34500 in business account. 108 of 116 members have paid. Reminder notices sent. Follow up on unpaid subs and ensure we are only paying levies on financial members.

Club Captain: Jonathan has been liaising with Christine on unpaid members. Jonathan will follow up with NZ Bridge. Interclub teams, message will be put up. All online. Email be sent to members. Dennise happy to manage the junior team. Dealers doing two set of boards for up to ten tables playing on Fridays. Club nights going well, good attendances. Dealing and scoring going well.

Technology: Ilian keen to learn all aspects of the technology. He is keen to use microsoft365. Jonathan and Arie work with Ilian as a sub committee to report back to the committee of what is required. We require good back up of minutes etc.

Property: Henk had been approached by members about chairs again. 20 have been replaced @\$109 each. Lynne suggested the club purchases cushions. Approximately \$20-\$30 per cushion, suggest buy 10. Lynne to look into. Insurance has been done by Maureen in the past, Christine to follow up. Signage has been updated re the new starting times. Bev suggested we have more storage cabinets. Arie spoke of the need to have clear space for the air conditioners to work efficiently along the back wall. Discussion about including committee room into the main room. Only 3 tournaments a year when the space would be needed, so little support.

Tournament: 16.5 tables entries to date. 16-17 sets of boards owned by the club, which should be adequate. Scoring beind done by Jonathan. Prize money same as last year. Won't use envelopes at the table. Helpers needed as soon as bridge finishes on the 20th shifting tables. \$40 per entry includes a free drink.

Catering: Neil has everything stocked up. Ask for plates for morning tea. Helper needed for the bar. Savouries and left over morning tea for the afternoon. Paper cups and paper plates to be used. Kitchen helper organised.

General Business:

Committee to ratify the decision by the sub committee appointed to discuss the Gerda/ Carol conflict. *A Geursen/N Miller, all approved.* Henk brought up about the outcome of the hate mail. He feels it should be addressed within the club. Dennise asked that hate mail person if found out be ousted from the club. No support for ousting members or for lining up members asking who produced the hate mail.. Linda said we should not give oxygen to the issue, the hate mail is seen as totally unacceptable. The sub-committee had addressed the issue and advised in their decision that it was completely unacceptable. The NZ Bridge Fair Play committee have approached the club. They have no jurisdiction over the club and it is up to the parties to release the information if they so wish. Arie praised Linda for the way she's handled the issue.

2. Beginners Classes – Jonathan Taylor needs helpers with organising the lessons. Maureen will present the lessons but Jonathan will do the administration. Lessons start Tuesday 17th March for 10-12 weeks. Signage will be updated about lesson dates. 3000 Flyers to be produced for members to drop off in letter boxes in areas, as had been very successful in the past. 20 beginner booklets have been received. Teresa to order 20 more booklets. Jonathan will be monitoring the email address re lessons enquiry.. Dennis has offered to put the flyer on the website and social media and Franklin Grapevine. Note to members that the flyers aren't junk mail in letter boxes. Flyers ready by March 1st. Bev, Lynne, Arie and Pip offered to help Jonathan. Neil will do dealing required for the lessons.

3. Arie said we have an issue re storage. Suggested that we remove the wall where the notice boards are, could have bar and kitchen tables there. Bev suggested that we need an area where people that become ill can have some privacy. No decisions made

4. Job descriptions required for committee members and office holders. Office holders to bring to next meeting please. *Note – volunteer job descriptions are available online, Incorporated Societies website.*

5. Discussion on day and time for the next meeting. **Thursday 12th March @ 6pm.** Dennise and Henrietta give apologies.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm