

Thames Bridge Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 10.30am on Monday 9 February 2026

Expected: Karen W, Sue, Greg, Carol, Barbara, Ted, Lorraine, Jan

Apologies: Judith, Louise, Jane

Accepted

Moved: Karen Seconded: Carol

Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: "The minutes of the Meeting held 24 November are a true and correct record of that meeting."

Moved: Sue

Seconded: Karen

Matters Arising:

- a. Application to Trillian Trust was successful, and \$7,270 was received on 31 December, and the new boards and cards have been received and were used at the Bridge Festival
- b. Program Books – Finally delivered. We will get them printed by someone else next year.
- c. The addition of Karen W as a signatory has been actioned
- d. Bob Fearn's honorarium has been paid.
- e. Kate Terry was elected to the Board of NZ Bridge
- f. Carpet cleaning has been done
- g. Our request to NOT use the Interwoven Howell movement has been conveyed to Nick Saunders.
- h. Specsavers \$300 Credit Donation – Was used as a raffle prize at the Festival
- i. Bespoke Hairdressers – 2 x \$50 vouchers Donation – to be used for their Club event
- j. Water Filter has been replaced – Thank you Judith and John
- k. Honours Boards – updated
- l. Grant for new Bridgemates. It was felt that because we had more than sufficient funds in our bank accounts we were unlikely to be successful in obtaining another grant. Hence it was decided to purchase 14 units from Bridgemates NZ. They have arrived and are being used. We will try and sell our old ones.
- m. Festival Cups have been engraved.

Finance

- a. Since our last meeting there have been 346 individual transactions made through our BNZ Bank account. There were 239 deposits and 107 payments. In addition, there were 5 transfers between our accounts. Lists of Payments and Receipts are listed separately.

Moved: "That the payments made in the period 1 October 2025 to 31 January 2026 totalling \$31,581.45 be approved." Moved: Karen Seconded: Barbara

- b. **Bank Balances** on 31 January 2026

Cheque Account	3,153.35
Savings Account	6,170.31
Term Deposit 04	5,000.00
Term Deposit 06	5,000.00
Term Deposit 09	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$34,323.96</u>

- c. **Subscriptions:** Invoices were emailed to all members on 21 January, with the amounts being deducted from members' Compa\$\$ Accounts on 4 February. The treasurer invoiced for \$60 – should have been \$65. Full members will be notified, and their accounts will be charged a further \$5 later in February

d. **Donation from Member(s):** A recently resigned member has over \$160 in their Compa\$\$ account and wishes to donate it to the Club. There are other members/ex-members in the same position. Val Bowen has suggested that we provide a display cabinet to hold the coffee set she previously gave to the Club. Carolto arrange for a cabinet to be made – maybe Jim Urry Should we put these funds towards a specific asset or cause, and, if so, what?

Christmas Tournament 2026: An interim report is attached

Festival 2026: An interim report is attached, as is a copy of the 4 feedback emails we have received
Need a decision – Koha to High School - \$300? Agreed Moved: Carol Seconded: Barbara

Lessons 2026: Dates will start 8 April at 1pm or 6pm. Teaching committee to be Barbara, Ted, Lorraine, Karen W. It will be advertised as widely as possible Jena will be asked to produce copy that can be sent to newspapers/Facebook/ Radio, Posters etc.

New Members: We have 3 prospective new members.

Moved “*That Jessica Flynn, Carol Hayes and Raewin Kelly become members of our Club*”.
Moved: Carol Seconded: Lorraine

Director Training: Free courses for Club Directors will be held again this year. All costs will be covered by NZBridge. Details are attached. - Nobody was interested in doing this.

Greg will organise a list of players who are willing to direct Club sessions, and will prepare a roster.

Junior and Intermediate and Open Interclub Teams: 21/6 and 26/7. Team selections for Open, Intermediate and Juniors will be based on availability of players, as well as their past results and achievements.

Junior & Intermediate League dates: The programs for 2026 are

Juniors

For Juniors a six-event series runs from the Hamilton Junior tournament in March through to the Te Awamutu Junior in October. Generous prize money is up for grabs.

14-Mar-26 Hamilton
28-Mar-26 Cambridge
09-May-26 Matamata
18-Jul-26 Mt Maunganui
29-Aug-26 Tauranga
11-Oct-26 Te Awamutu - includes prize-giving

Intermediates

The eight Intermediate events go from Taupo in March through to Cambridge in October. Generous prize money is up for grabs.

28-Feb-26 Taupo
14-Mar-26 Hamilton
17-May-26 Katikati
18-Jul-26 Mt Maunganui
15-Aug-26 Te Awamutu
29-Aug-26 Tauranga
13-Sep-26 Matamata
18-Oct-26 Cambridge - includes prize-giving

Members are encouraged to enter online through the NZBridge Website

New Lesson Books: NZBridge has developed new lesson books for clubs to use for their Beginner Lessons. We have applied for, and received, our Club's allocation of 20 copies.

Club Committee Handbooks were given to those present

Some things to think about

a. **Club Prizes:** Are there better alternatives to the present system - \$4 to each winner for any competition regardless of number of sessions, championship or not, trophy or not, handicapped or not, Teams, Pairs or Individual. – No decision made.

b. **Regional Tournament:** We could apply to run (and we would probably be successful) a Junior/Intermediate Tournament at our Club. Are we interested? - No – not interested

c. **We are primarily a Social Club** – most members are more interested having a Social Game with friends and acquaintances than they are in climbing the NZ Bridge ladder. Are we doing enough to make our Club attractive to those people as well as the people who haven't joined yet?

d. **Fund-Raising Events:** We would need a good cause – Suggestions?? And a format?? No suggestions

e. **Club Volunteers:** We are very lucky that we have many volunteers who help manage our Club – our Club could not run without them. There are others who could possibly do more. How can we encourage them? No Suggestions

Any Other Business?

f. **Insurance.** We pay State Insurance for **Business Liability cover** (as required under the terms of our lease) of \$2,000,000 costing \$287.50 this year, and **Contents Cover** for \$40,000 currently \$523.60. We will ask Louise's advice on the suitability of our current level of cover

Building Cover is provided and paid for by TCDC. We have not been asked for any reimbursement.

We have been approached by PIC Insurance Brokers, who will be giving us a quote for alternative cover.

Is our current Contents cover sufficient?

g. **Talking Bridge:** starting soon

h. **St John First Aid Course:** Monday 16 February at 11am in the Clubrooms

i. **Convenors** for Monday and Thursday: Carol. Tuesday: Ted

j. **Club Snacks and Cakes:** Are being bought and paid for by Carol and Lorraine. In future they will be paid for by the Club – either by refund on production of receipt, or by using our account at Pack & Save.

k. Under Clause 9d of our Constitution each of must sign a **consent form**, Officers to sign and return to the Secretary as soon as possible

l. Karen W will be preparing a **newsletter** for distribution this coming weekend