

## Minutes of the Orewa Bridge Club: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Present:** Janice Gillam, Mary McQuoid, Stephanie Bate, Jane Sutton, Caroline Goodall, Dawn Pengelly, Paul Duffy

**Apologies:** Amanda Richards, Bronwyn Walker, Judith Hollyer

**Conflict of Interest Declared:** Nil

**Minutes Last Meeting:** Circulated. Accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Mary. Carried

### Matters Arising from last Minutes:

**Garden:** Budget \$500 Additional monies requested for mulch. Feedback has been received as to monies being spent on a single garden bed. The committee considers that this is good value. Martin has provided all labour for free. \$500 is the total budget and any mulch should be factored into that

**Fold Up Bed:** Required after feedback re recent medical emergency. Options were provided. Motion to purchase plug in Airbed from K-Mart @ \$135 plus mattress protector. Carried

**Badges:** A second quote was obtained which was not viable.  
Badge wording: OBC Logo / NZB Number (under logo) / Name on two lines.  
Moved: Cath. Carried.

### Financial:

**Treasurers Report:** Accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved: Cath. Carried

**Budget:** A draft budget spreadsheet was presented to the committee. This will be updated monthly. Currently adjusting each month as actual numbers come through. Once this financial year is completed, the following year will be based on actual figures.

**Correspondence:** Circulated and discussed.

- Resignation received from Costy Enache. He has accepted a position as President of the Romanian Society and no longer has time available. Regretfully accepted.

Cleaner – 2% increase to labour costs.

- Letter received regarding the issue with the Teams competition due to the re- grading of a team member from Junior to intermediate. Committee discussed the options raised:  
2 Members who have joined from Overseas have had their rankings adjusted as per NZ Bridge requirements. NZ Bridge ruling is that these members are graded open unless evidence is provided. Both members, incorrectly graded as Junior, have been advised of the change. Processes now in place to ensure grading is correct on joining in fairness to all. Junior status will be checked prior to Teams event.

**Membership:** No new members / No resignations. 153 Members / 24 Associates / 177 Total. Unpaid Subs – 5 Members, these are being followed up. In 2027, club will follow up on the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, and if not paid by 15<sup>th</sup> February they will be archived.

Overdrawn Table money – discussed management of this / how long arrears were sustainable. If not paid two weeks after Statement has been sent, a follow up email will be sent.

## **Learning &**

### **Development:**

32 attended 1<sup>st</sup> lesson / 23 attended 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson with 3 apologies. No spare training books, more has been ordered from NZ Bridge. The start dates for Intermediate lessons and night Beginners classes are yet to be confirmed.

### **IT Systems:**

Scoring: Handicaps are being finalized. A policy will be required to let members know how often handicaps are reviewed. Cath to progress.

IT Update: an update was presented regarding IT Mate costs and network issues experienced. It was decided not to continue with their proposal of a managed service as the service was not acceptable. A new modem has been bought and installed. All now working smoothly.

Website: a quote has been received from Clearview - \$1,199 Website & Blog page that integrates with Facebook and Instagram / \$45/Month hosting fee. Committee will be emailed the quote and asked to vote on accepting/declining.

## **Repairs**

### **& Maintenance:**

Maintenance spreadsheet & costs are being updated. A copy will be kept in the office and updated monthly

### **General Business:**

Mid-Winter X-Mas: To be discussed next meeting

Social Sub-Committee: To look at in May

Noticeboard: Noticeboard signs have been ordered and an additional quote will be requested for the Honours board

Phantom: A member has asked that phantom be alternated between N/S & E/W. This will be investigated and reported back at the next meeting.

**Meeting closed at 6.45pm**

Jan Gillam

President