

# Minutes of the Orewa Bridge Club Inc meeting on Monday 19th of January 2026

Present: Janice Gillam, Mary McQuoid, Cath Boughtwood, Jane Sutton, Stephanie Bate, Judith Hollyer, Caroline Goodall, Dawn Pengelly, Costy Enache, Amanda Richards, Paul Duffy, Bronwyn Walker

Apologies: none

Conflicts of interest declared: none

**Minutes of last meeting:** Circulated. Accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved Paul, carried.

**Financial:** (circulated) accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved Bronwyn, carried.

Action: establish costs of club lessons/activities to aid forecasting and improved monthly financial reporting; produce 2026 budget, based on last year's accounts.

Owner: Paul/Treasurer. Progress report for February meeting.

**Correspondence:** circulated and discussed.

Complaint/resignation due to club session behaviour. Vice-president to respond.

Members to be reminded of etiquette rules in newsletters/sessions. Action: all – ongoing.

## **Membership:**

8 end of year resignations – predominantly non-players. 4 new players.

Action: reconciliation (compare OBC to NZ Bridge database) to be undertaken monthly.

Owner: Membership secretary/treasurer.

Action: 36 consent forms still to be completed by end of January 2026. Owner Secretary.

**Learning and development:** (sub-committee report circulated)

Action: advertising and printing for upcoming lessons. Owner: L & D sub-committee – asap.

Action: Social media (facebook) advertising. Owner president – asap

Northern regional council will reimburse up to \$300 for advertising costs, upon supply of receipts.

## **IT systems**

### Bridge NZ Scorer

System working smoothly other than 'human error'. Movement to be agreed between director/scorer.

Action: C points and handicap reports to be finalised. Owner: membership secretary – update next meeting.

Network: Chorus have brought fibre into the club at no cost. Vice President obtained quote of \$1300 to simplify Network (IT Mate). Moved to accept Judith. Carried.

IT Mate also offered sponsorship via provision of a new website with no monthly hosting fee. This will allow us to regain control of our Domain name, use it in email addresses, and have better integration with our social media page etc to improve lessons advertising. Also offers a managed service over the Spark relationship at no extra cost to the Spark rate. Moved to accept, Judith. Carried.

Action: Vice President to manage ongoing relationship with IT Mate.

Suggestion to provide 2 sets of lessons to IT Mate in return. Moved Judith, carried.

## **General business:**

Room hireage - to remain the same.

New name badges – Cath to forward an email to committee members for consideration.

New honours board – will be required for next year.

Action: investigate the cost, options and possible sponsorship. Owner – Secretary

Budget 2026 – items to be considered - A new trophy cabinet, New chairs, Five more tablets, New playing cards, Bidding cards. All to be considered and sponsorship options sought.

Secretary obtained quote for the printing of visitor envelopes. Approved.

February tournament - 20 tables. Sommerset has donated money for prizes. Secretary to organise hand deals for dealers. An email to be sent to all participants in the week before tournament outlining the day, format and payment options.

Other business:

Subs – clarification was sought on which appointed members do not pay subs. Currently the 3 officers (president, treasurer and secretary) do not pay subs while in office. Proposed to retain the status quo. Proposed Bronwyn. Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:15 pm

Next meeting Monday 16th of February

Janice Gillam  
President