

Committee meeting of the Invercargill Contract Bridge Club Wednesday 17th September 2025 7.00pm.

Minutes

Present

Christine Dallas, Tony Winters, Janet Thomas, Jane Carroll, Grant Milne, Jan Brown, Lynn Darnill, Kate Ramsay, Fred Warnaar, Judith Lawton

Apologies

Greg Buzzard, Pauline Sutherland, Janice Hobson

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Confirmation of Minutes of committee meeting 20 August 2025

Moved Tony Winters **Seconded** Grant Milne **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: *To be dealt with as read.*

Inwards:

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| • 23 Aug 25 | M Dowd | Acceptance of Promotion to Silver – Fwd TW |
| • 24 Aug 25 | Winton Bridge | Tournament Flyer - fwd All/NB |
| • 25 Aug 25 | P Noye | Advising Ingill had Open Pairs on March 14 – same Weekend as the National Swiss Pairs – fwd TW JB JC |
| • 28 Aug 25 | L Mouat | Acceptance of Promotion to Silver – Fwd TW |

Outwards:

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| • 12 Sept 25 | C Dallas | Youth Co-ordinator role to Tash Lundin |
| • 12 Sept 25 | Tony Winters | September Newsletter |
| • 11 Sept 25 | Grant Milne | Fire Protection to change battery |

Matters arising from Correspondence:

That the Inward Correspondence be accepted and the Outward Correspondence be approved.

Moved: Lynn Darnill **Seconded:** Jane Carroll **Carried.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Financial report tabled for 31 August 2025

Matters arising from Treasurer Report:

Treasurer report accepted with Accounts Payable of \$4026.70 to be paid

Moved: C Dallas **Seconded:** Fred Warnaar **Carried.**

Term deposits due #03 1st Nov and #07 30th Sept and #03 1st Nov, to roll over as per principal instructions.

Getting financials ready for reviewer, should be with him by end on September, that will give him a month to review.

MATCH REPORT

N/A

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We were offered the opportunity to host the Otago South Island Pairs in Aug 26, put to the vote and we have voted against hosting.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Judith to go to Council re puddles and rabbits

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Property** – Fire protection to replace fire alarm battery, over 5 years old
- **House** – stocktake getting done, thank to Lee for the tea towels
- **Bar** – Stocktake done 31/08/25
- **Masonic Lodge** – meeting cancelled by the Mason's
- **Membership** – Promotions accepted as per Newsletter, 2 more members have accepted, Adnrea McWilliam and Marianne Frisby
- **Computer:** WIP
- **Concerns & Feedback** - None
- **Constitution Sub-committee – 2025 WIP – EXP 12 April 2026**

ACTION ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD:

Action	Responsible	Update
Fire Drill	Grant	Next fire drill 03 December 2025.
Dealing Machine	Jan	Needs Serviced (software download?) See email sent to committee 18/09/25
Car Park	Judith	To contact ICC re water in car park

Constitution	Greg/Jane/ Tony	Jan and Jane to view current constitution and new constitution side by side
Next Year Programme	Match Committee	Remove 8B tournament, pass onto Judith to pass onto Rona
Tournaments	Greg	Charity 2026 – Kiwican, Judith to contact to see if the money stays in the South
House Bar	Janice Fred	
Bridge Computer	Jane	Quote for new computer - WIP
Masons	Committee	Lease renewal – Nov 2025

GENERAL BUSINESS:

● **AGM – to do**

- To increase subs to \$85, to cover the Player Levy increase from NZ Bridge, moved Tony, 2nd Grant, agreed
- Change constitution re a member receiving an honorarium can be a life member? WIP
- Life Member, Tony will have info for next meeting and if AGM approve the new constitution, will be approved at AGM
- E Hayes Tournament, Grant to contact re sponsorship, Tony Director and computer, Grant & Fred Bar, set up and clean up all of us
- Foveaux, Tony Director and Computer, Bar Fred, set up and clean up all of us
- Change to pairs 2026 - **New Pairs Competition in both Silver & Silver Reserve for 2026**
- ***Qualifying Round***
- The first series (3 nights), plus the first three nights scheduled for pairs will be the initial qualifying round. After those six nights, the top half of those competing will form the Championship Round and the bottom half of those competing will form the Plate Round.
- The last nine nights of the pairs competition will then be played - with the movement to be a Howell movement.
- This change in competition will not negatively impact Silver Reserve players being considered for promotion in 2027.
- **Supporting reasons:**
- Time for a change - something new - but still providing a good competition base.
- A number of promotions to silver grade this year - to assist the integration of those players
- With the qualifying rounds being completed in the first half of the year, when the learner group comes through into the Silver Reserve playing room - it will minimise the impact of the change in play

- Moved Tony, 2nd Jan, agreed
- Jan Williams – Sympathy card
- Change of date for next meeting 22nd October 2025

Meeting concluded at 8 pm Next meeting Wednesday 22nd October 2025

SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

Signature: 

Date: 22/10/25

(Invercargill Bridge Club President)
