

Queenstown Bridge Club Committee

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 18 August 2026 at the Queenstown Events Centre, 5.30pm.

Present: Hamish McDonald (Chair), Vicki Buckham, Lesley Muir, Peter Henry, Owen Williams, Maree Aoake, Sarah Pearston, Ernie Sutton, John MacGillivray

Apologies:

Minutes of the meeting held 14 July 2026 were taken as read, also amended to show Ernie Sutton was present. Owen/Ernie

Matters Arising:

- **Teaching Conference Report** – Ideas required for Thursday evening integration sessions.
- **Life Membership** – Sarah brough members' attention to the fact that according to our Constitution, a secret ballot vote with $\frac{3}{4}$ acceptance would ratify the committee's nomination to offer someone a life membership. A discussion followed re the offer of a life membership for a club member, moved Ernie, seconded Maree, all agreed.

Correspondence:

In –

Out –

Financial Statement:

Reports tabled. Ernie/John

General Business:

- **Intermediate/Junior Tournament** – 26 September – Vicki to send out posters again
Sponsors – Hamish still trying to source.
Director/Scorer – Mary to be Director. Scorer - Lesley.
Split Intermediate/Junior 32/20
Helpers- members will be asked to provide a plate. Hamish happy to help
- **Ryan Challenge** – Trophy back in Winton
- **Hamilton Plate** – 18 October in Cromwell. Hamish sorting players
- **2027 Event Centre Bookings** – Vicki has confirmed dates with QLDC.
- **Tablets** – 8 new tablets purchased in 2025, but the older ones' batteries (purchased 2017) are beginning to fail. After a discussion, Peter moved that we purchase 18 new tablets immediately, seconded Ernie. Passed. Peter and Leslie to come up with some suggestions for the old tablets.
- **Committee responsibilities**
Premises/Council Liaison – Sarah has a meeting with Mr Battrick on Thursday. The Queenstown Bridge Club does not have a Contract of commitment with the QLDC for use of the Events Centre.
Membership – Maree to go through the membership numbers before the AGM – subs are paid to NZ Bridge before the end of the year.
Scorer Liaison – Lesley to talk to Martin Oysten re replacement computer
Website – Ernie to contact Lee re Minutes to be placed on the website
Programme Co-ordinator – Hamish – talking to members for the 2027 Committee
Honours Board – requires upgrading – Owen to organise

Meeting closed 6.40 pm.

Next meeting 5.30 pm Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Signed:

Date: