

Queenstown Bridge Club Committee

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 10 March 2026 at the Queenstown Events Centre, 5.30pm.

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

Apologies: Owen Williams, Sarah Pearson

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2026 were taken as read. Vicki/Lesley

Matters Arising:

- Follow up of Lee's Bridge Teaching Conference – carry this forward to each meeting as a reminder of actions to take. Copy to be kept in Secretary's folder and black folder in lock-up. Lynette to be given a copy before her lessons start.
- Tuesday night hand records – Sarah has spoken to Lynette – this has been sorted.
- Proctor pair/Swiss or ordinary pairs – Proctor pairs to remain on own and hold the Swiss pairs on its own on a Thursday evening – agreed.

Correspondence:

- In – Post Office box – to keep or not. Lesley to check on mail there and abandon.
- Mitre10 unable to sponsor the tournament.
- Out – Letter of thanks to be written to Craigs for pens

Financial Statement:

Reports tabled. Any interest received to be rolled over. Upcoming expense, renewal of bar licence. Hamish/John

General Business:

Queenstown Tournament – 28 March – Final check.

- Director/Scorer – Lesley and Sarah – scorers.
- Food – as per last minutes. Members to bring a plate – to be announced/emailed midMarch bridge night. Georgia will help set up on the day. Also assistance needed for the tournament day – to also be announced at bridge.
- Tables – 48 pairs maximum
- Raffles – Maree
- Encourage a 'spare pair' to put names forward in case of last minute cancellations.

Otago-Southland Conference – Cromwell, 22 March – Hamish to attend.

Life Member Nominations – There is no limit on the number of life members. A template of requirements to qualify for a life membership be drawn up. A life membership must be passed at a Special General Meeting.

Committee responsibilities

- Premises/council liaison – Sarah will address at the next meeting.
- Bar and supper supplies – Peter – needs to be well stocked for the tournament.
- Lessons – due to begin 9 April.
- Website – Ernie, with Lee's help has brought the website up to date.
- Programme Coordinator – Hamish presented an updated calendar.
- Teams – 4 Captains have been selected who will draw from names to make up tea

Meeting closed 6.40 pm.

Next meeting 6 pm Tuesday, 23 March 2026 – to finalise Tournament matters.

Signed:

Date: