

FRANKLIN BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday May 14th 2026 @6p.m.

Present: L Thornton, A Geursen, C Godding, T Phillips, J Taylor, I Trifonov N Miller, L Geursen

Apologies: D Biddick, H Annabell, H Egelmeer, B Henton, P Wooffindin. *N Miller/ L Thornton*

Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 12/03/2026 as circulated be approved *L Thornton/ L Geursen*

Correspondence Inwards

1. NZ Bridge minutes 10th March
2. NZ Bridge Invoices for membership and session charges
3. Auckland Council Commercial Property File Report (PFP)
4. Maureen Nelson table talk
5. Maureen Nelson insurance information and need for valuation
6. Various tournament notices on notice board

Inwards Correspondence accepted C Godding/ I Trifonov

Outwards Correspondence

1. Board and regional minutes forwarded to committee
2. Table Talk sent to members
3. Info about lesson with Grant Jarvis and pot luck dinner sent to members

Outwards Correspondence approved. L Thornton/ J Taylor

Financial Report:

Term deposit of \$30,000 matured this week and was paid out. Now have \$55,311 in our account.

Another term deposit? How much? President authorised Treasurer to deposit \$20,000 in a 6 month term deposit and \$20,000 in 90 days or similar.

We will have a large insurance invoice very shortly.

Club Captain:

Club sessions going well. New member from Rangiora Jenni Hassell accepted. *J Taylor/ N Miller*

Lessons going well 11-13 turning up each session.

Captain surveyed members and general approval from members for the digital programme book, which is well used.

No need at present for an upgrade in the website. Members only section suggested.

Technology:

Ilian spoke of the need to protect the privacy of members. Look at the use of Microsoft products. A technology policy to be developed. "A sub-committee of Ilian, Arie and Johnathan be formed". *L Thornton/ I Trifonov*, Terry Evans and Tricia Balle to be invited to contribute. After discussion on technology options the following was proposed "That Ilian investigate registering on Microsoft Info Exchange" *I Trifonov/ L Thornton*

Property: Report from Henk Egelmeer

New valuation for the clubrooms has been completed, as required for our insurance cover.

There have been several incidents of the alarm not being set.

Signs at the front have been changed back from lessons to club nights.

The option of removing the wall between the main room and the committee room has been investigated. Kurk Brady, the architect next to our clubrooms is confident the removal of the wall does not require consent.

Henk thinks it's a very good idea to incorporate this space; as have others.

Shelving above the existing storage cupboards has been suggested in this area along with improved storage (shelving?) in the little side room (covered alcove). Would love to hear additional thoughts? I can pull together some quotes and/or estimates, to submit at the next meeting, based on your collective feedback.

Discussion on the need for better office space and how the committee room could be utilised. Suggested Henk organise a sub-committee to look at options for using the committee room.

Tournament: Only 13 ½ tables at present. Not many Franklin members entered. Secretary to remind members to enter, offer a writing name on the white board with partner wanted or reply to email or reminder to enter through NZ Bridge.

Paul Coleman directing and Tricia is scoring.

July 10a tournament Patrick Carter will be playing and is a National Director as Arie will not be there. Poster with prices and times needs to be produced. 6*11 board matches suggested for teams. Arie and Lynne informed that the Wellington 10A tournament charged \$90 each for teams and \$65 each for pairs.

"Sub-committee of Bev, Arie, Neil, John and Linda be formed to organise the July tournament" *L Thornton/ L Geursen*

Training and Development Lessons group progressing through the lessons. Lessons aimed at improvers, Franklin Bridge Acol style, be scheduled later in the year.

If Grant is running another lesson needs to be based on Franklin Bridge Acol.

Catering: Plates required for the tournament morning tea. Afternoon tea Neil has organised. Sue Helleur will be making sandwiches.

General Business

1. Key register needs to be updated and displayed in the office.
2. Comments that the gardens are being well maintained. Spencers have had their gardener attending to the garden. Comments that the club should pay their share of looking after the garden.
3. Lynne suggested a social quiz night. Later in the year.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Next meeting Thursday 18th June 6pm.