



AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sunday 23rd November 2025

WELCOME from President and Chair of this Annual General Meeting

Thank you for attending today – your support by attending is certainly encouraging and very much appreciated.

The Club's Constitution requires at least 50 members to constitute a quorum.

As there are at least **64 members present**, I declare the 2025 AGM open at 4pm

22 APOLOGIES received by email or in person

Allan & Beverly Morris
Anna Wall
David & Susan Spencer
Dianne Benvie
Duncan Badley
Elizabeth Edge
Jill Church
Kanwal Agraval
Laurel Webb
Linda Phillips
Liz Carnachan
Margaret Tapper
Patricia McCallig
Paula Boughey
Steve Rogers
Thomas Freeman-Greene
Tina Plank

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

AGM - dated 17th November 2024

SGM – dated 25th May 2025

I would like to move that these minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting

Neil Stuckey / Jo Clark
All in favour / carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were none

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The 2025 President's report has been emailed to members, so taken as read.

I would like to move that the Audited Annual Report be accepted

Neil Stuckey / Mark Robertson
all in favour / carried

Welcome

It is my pleasure to present this report for the Auckland Bridge Club for the year ending 2025. This past year has been one of steady progress, renewed energy, and strong community spirit within our club. I am proud of what we have achieved together and grateful for the dedication of our members, volunteers, staff, and committee.

Membership and Participation

Our membership numbers are at approximately the same number as this time last year - about 660 - with encouraging interest from new and younger players. Attendance at regular sessions has improved compared to the previous year, and we have seen particularly strong numbers at our Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sessions.

With a number of in-club daytime and evening sessions, along with continued support for online options, we are able to accommodate different playing preferences and maintain inclusivity.

Tournaments and Competitions

The club successfully hosted several major tournaments this year, including:

- the Auckland Northland regional tournaments – strong participation and positive feedback
- Intermediate and Junior Tournaments – showcasing new talent
- Interclub – continued collaboration with clubs across New Zealand

Thanks to our tournament directors, dealing team, and volunteers, all events ran smoothly and professionally.

Education and Training

Our lesson programme continues to be a cornerstone of the club's growth. This year:

- Beginner classes remained well attended
- Improver courses saw increased participation
- Supervised play sessions helped newcomers transition confidently into regular play

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of our teaching team, whose enthusiasm and expertise are greatly appreciated.

Finance

The Treasurer will present a full financial report, but I am pleased to note that the club remains in a stable financial position. Revenue from table money and room hire has recovered well, while careful budgeting has kept our operating costs manageable.

We have continued to invest in core priorities, including building maintenance, technology upgrades, and resources for teaching and directing while mindful how we carry this forward to the new club.

Facilities and Improvements

Over the past year, the committee has overseen several improvements, including:

- Creating a dedicated space for the dealing room
- Replacement of aging equipment
- Improvements to communal spaces like reducing the number of tables allowing easier movement around the bridge room

These upgrades ensure our club remains a comfortable and welcoming environment for all players.

Volunteers and Staff

Our club simply could not function without the tireless efforts of volunteers. From directors and dealers to the admin team, committee members, and those who quietly help behind the scenes—you are the heart of the club.

I also wish to thank our staff for their professionalism, reliability, and ongoing commitment to making the club run smoothly.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, the committee will focus on:

- Continuing to strengthen membership engagement
- Expanding our teaching and mentoring pathways
- Exploring opportunities for digital innovation
- Maintaining financial sustainability
- Encouraging a culture that is welcoming, inclusive, and supportive

We look forward to building on this year's achievements and ensuring Auckland Bridge Club remains a vibrant centre for bridge in our region.

In Closing

Thank you to all members for your support, participation, and enthusiasm. It is an honour to serve as your President, and I look forward to the Club having another successful year ahead

TREASURERS REPORT

The Finance Report included in the Annual Report emailed to members is taken as read

- Our charitable entity is important so if you make a donation, it is claimable on your tax return
- A policy to charge transaction fees for using credit cards online was introduced briefly and subsequently reversed. It is worthwhile noting there are several options to make payments both online and at the club. payWave and credit card convenience fees apply at the club however all online options are fee free.

Looking across the accounts during 4-months from July to October...

- | | 2019 | 2025 | |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|----------------------|
| • Table money | \$68k | vs \$76k | (in-club and online) |
| • Education income | \$2.4k | vs \$5.7k | |
| • Tournament rev. | \$28.4 | vs \$43k | |
| • Profit & Loss | (\$10k) | vs \$14k | |

So please keep playing bridge – it is making a difference.

This is also a good opportunity to advise there will be a very small increase to subscriptions for the 2026 year. The NZ Bridge affiliation is rising slightly to \$32.40 so our Ordinary sub will be \$135 for next year including gst.

Move that the audited accounts for the Year End June 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record

Anne Barrowclough / Wayne Gyde

All in favour / carried

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

We propose Paul Hangartner who audited the club's accounts this year, be retained to do so again for our end of year 2026

Move that Paul Hangartner be the Clubs auditor for 2026

Neil Stuckey / Douglas Russell
All in favour / carried

APPOINTMENT OF 2024/25 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Neil Stuckey – President
Anne Barrowclough - Treasurer

Neil Stuckey / Jo Clark
All in favour / carried

Board Member Nominations:

Wayne Gyde (as Immediate Past President)
Jody Burchall
Mark Robertson
Anthony Hopkins
Alex Baker
Thomas Freeman-Greene

Since the nominations match the available positions on the Board, the nominees are elected unopposed.
Applause

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Engraving of the Cups: the Board will look to advance this project with volunteer help
- Presentation of Cups and Salvers at the end of each series – volunteers invited to assist manage this.
- Update the Trophies website – volunteers to help.

NB: the Tournament events have been updated on the website and the trophies presented during the year. The above relates to monthly club series only.

The President thanked everyone for attending and invited those present to stay on for the Special General Meeting in a few minutes then:
declared the **Annual General Meeting closed at 4:23pm**

Certifying the Annual General Meeting took place at this time, 23rd November 2025 at Auckland Bridge Clubrooms

Neil Stuckey
President & Chair



23rd November 2025

Anne Barrowclough
Treasurer



23rd November 2025



AUCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sunday 23rd November 2025

WELCOME from President and Chair of this Special General Meeting

Thank you for attending today – your support is very much appreciated.

The Club's Constitution requires at least 35 members to constitute a quorum.

As there are at least **64 members present**, I declare the 2025 SGM open at 4.26pm

22 APOLOGIES received by email or in person, noted under the preceding AGM

Special Resolutions

1. Constitution amendment

We have two corrections to make to the proposed Constitution concerning the posts of Treasurer and Secretary where we propose that these two officers are appointed by the Executive Committee with speaking rights at Executive meetings but without voting rights at those meetings. The second amendment removes the cap on Life Member numbers.

2. Approval of Amalgamation Proposal

The Amalgamation Proposal for the amalgamation of RBC and AKBC is approved, and the proposed Constitution is adopted

3. When the amalgamation is to take effect.

The amalgamation will take effect when and if the sale of AKBC's property at 273 Remuera Road settles on the terms set out in the existing agreement for sale and purchase ("ASP").

4. Registration of amalgamation.

- If the ASP settles on the terms therein on or before 19 December 2025 the amalgamation shall be registered under s.197 of the Act as soon as possible.
- If the ASP does not settle on or before 19 December 2025, unless the Executive of RBC and the Board of AKBC agree to an extension of time for settlement, Resolution 3.1 above shall lapse and be of no effect, and the registration of the amalgamation shall not proceed.

5. Correction of errors and omissions.

The Steering Committee (comprising representatives of both societies) may make amendments to the proposed Constitution which have no more than minor effect, correct errors, are technical alterations or if requested by the Incorporated Societies Registrar for compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Neil Stuckey / Mark Robertson
All in favour / carried unanimously

The President thanked everyone for attending and invited those present to stay and socialise with drinks and nibbles

He then declared the **Special General Meeting closed at 4:35pm**

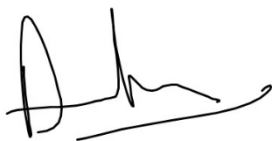
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Neil Stuckey
President & Chair
Steering Committee



23rd November 2025

Anthony Hopkins
Board Member
Steering Committee



23rd November 2025

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