

Minutes of Auckland Northland Regional Committee Tuesday September 8 2026 at 7pm.

Present – Mary Chamberlain, Hamish Brown, Kevin Hu, Ross Longley, Tania Brown.

Apologies – None

Discussion points

- 1) Regional Hui – Any feedback as yet? Mary apologised as has been extremely busy and only sent the feedback forms out this week. Replies expected to be able to be reported on next meeting.
- 2) Aaron Star requested clarification around who is eligible to play restricted and at what date. Hamish advised Intermediates eligibility is at Jan 1, however to play restricted you must be a National Master or below on the date of the event. There has been some miscommunication and NZ bridge are looking at this.
- 3) Lysandra Zheng has resigned from the Committee effective immediately due to personal reasons. Unfortunately, that means she will also be stepping back from the Newsletter. We wish her all the best moving forward and thank her for her contribution to date.
- 4) Replacing Lysandra as Secretary. If we could all do a bit of “back tapping”, particularly regarding people with the skills in helping create the newsletter and taking minutes etc. Hamish advised he would send out a communication to all clubs asking for interest in joining the committee.
- 5) Auckland Bridge Building has since been sold again and the new owners have asked the building be vacated January 2027. We have been asked to remove the screens.

Three Regional events now need to be moved. Mary suggested we move these events online for next year only. Another suggestion was to approach East Coast Bays and perhaps another club for the Intermediate event. It was agreed Hamish would meet with ECB to enquire around capability to host and if they would hold the screens for us as

Kevin advised 45 Boxes of boards are required for each of these events and asked where they would be held and did we have that many boards?

- 6) JIN (Junior, Intermediate, Novice) Circuit.
Ross advised there is general enthusiasm for the incentive and top Intermediate trophy to be presented at the last tournament for the year which is at North Shore Club on 17 October. Top Junior trophy to be presented to be presented at East Coast Bays club 21 November.

It was agreed both trophies should be the same size and Ross was given permission to purchase these and have them engraved.

Alex Baker from Barfoot and Thompson has generously offered to sponsor \$500.00 towards the \$1001.00 prize money offered.

It was also suggested the prizes involve 2 free tickets to a tournament the following year for 'most attendances' or another category however, it was agreed, as this was the first year, we would hold off and design parameters for next year at a later stage.

7) Youth Event in Dunedin

17 Youth players from the Auckland northland Region attended. Mariana Cullen has requested each Regional Committee contribute \$40 per delegate to help towards food, club hire etc. This was agreed and carried by all.

8) Treasurers Report

Tania advised she has paid for the ECB Club hire for the Hui, printing costs for Julie's presentation, mileage to the 3 x Northland vehicles for travel and Arrow uniforms for 3 x shirts for our IP representatives.

Still waiting for the final Hui invoices from Mary and mileage request from Franklin.

9) Due personal reasons Tim and Lysandra are no longer able to represent Auckland in the Ip's as a partnership. Suggest Zachary Yan replace Tim and this request has gone to NZ Bridge.

There being no more business the meeting was concluded at 8.05pm with the next meeting to be held October 6, 2026 at 7pm.

