

Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 11 September 2025 at the Clubhouse

Vice-President Sylvia Goodwin declared the meeting open at 1:13pm

PRESENT: Sylvia Goodwin, Wendy Edwards (scribe), Sharon Bull, Denise Marr, Barbara Richardson, Nikki Taylor, Anne McKay, Jennifer Turville, Carmel Pike

APOLOGIES: Uve Anderson, Bronwyn Williams, Lynn Mooney

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved: Barbara Richardson Seconded: Nikki Taylor Carried.

These minutes are now available on the noticeboard at the Club.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Bronwyn Williams produced a spreadsheet on the electricity usage (solar panels feeding into the grid) and how it fluctuates. Sylvia would be in touch with Henry Hudson to find out how the system was set up and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Email received from club member via Sylvia Goodwin on 19 August
- Letters x 2 from Greater Bank re 2 investments

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- Email sent to MidCoast Council re New Committee
- Email sent to Taree Bridge Club re New Committee
- Email sent to Trinity Signs re updates to Honours Board

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

In the absence of the President, Sylvia Goodwin presented a quick summary. An engineers' report from the Council Engineer will be looked at when it becomes available.

It was reported that one of the solar panels had been damaged and that Uve would contact the solar panel installers.

The Club is still having problems with carpet tiles lifting and not sticking properly. The matter is being looked into as immediate action is needed.

There had been a problem with the front door not locking and there was a quote of \$450 to fix it but it now seems to be working ok.

The roof vent (whirly gig) was broken and had rusted out, to replace it with a new one would cost around \$550.

A complaint had been received by the Club but it was later withdrawn.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Bronwyn Williams, Sharon Bull reported that the trading account had a balance of \$34,321.20. After 1st September interest had been paid on the two Capital Works Funds and this would be included in next month's Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and filed.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Denise Marr presented a written report which is attached to these minutes. The report covered a number of topics including updates on the new directors with Warren Mason, Denise Marr, George McKay and Anne McKay successfully completing the online course. Warren Mason and Carolyn Jackson-Moore will be shadowing directors over the next few weeks.

Denise also reported that the Club had trialled not having the percentages available on the Bridgemates when playing to help the movement and concentrate on the game. There were some positives and some negatives and this would be trialled for another couple of weeks.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Barbara Richardson reported that there were 58.02 green points for the month of August and that there were three new members, Toni Alexander, Jennie Pomplun and Lynne Fairhall.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

Sylvia Goodwin said that next Tuesday's lesson would be on doubles and that this would be the last for the year. Documents relating to these lessons were readily available for members on the Club's website and were for public use. Also the sessions run on Saturday had been a great success and Nikki Taylor had agreed to continue. The Club was indebted to Sylvia and we thanked her for doing such a great job.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ken Bridges had prepared a report on the dealing machines which is attached to these Minutes. One of the machines is not functioning and as we had always had 2 it is preferable that it be replaced. The new machine being looked into has no need for a laser reader and is Australian made. There were two options, the Duplimate with bar code recognition would cost around \$4,700 (with a trade-in around \$300) and the Bridge Sorter with image recognition would cost around \$5,300 and is a popular one with most other ABF bridge clubs. If one was purchased we would still have two machines and each would require a different set of cards. Sylvia will investigate further with the view to purchasing this before the Club's congress in March.

The question of red points rather than green points being available at the Club's Championships had been discussed. It was suggested that if the Club's Championships were paired with the ABF State events the Club would be eligible for free red points. When speaking to Ronnie Ng he said he could provide a State Fixtures List and that this could then be compared to ours and dates be put aside for next year.

The Club had a good response to member's interested in Friday night bridge. There were around 3 or 4 directors who would be available with a proposed date for this to start at the end of October. A number of questions were put forward and Anne McKay volunteered to prepare a proposal to be presented at the next committee meeting covering issues such as what worked previously, how it was run and the availability of food.

The sign in the foyer displaying the Club's opening days and hours should be replaced. We could choose an A3 size (around \$100) or alternatively two signs side-by-side which would include regular hours and special hours (around \$175) and would mirror the sign for the Arts Society. The signs would hang inside the glass. This could be discussed at the next meeting.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 9 October 2025 @ 1pm.

The meeting concluded at 2:25pm