

GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc

Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 October 2025 at the Clubhouse

The President Uve Anderson declared the meeting open at 1:05pm

PRESENT Uve Anderson, Sylvia Goodwin, Wendy Edwards (scribe), Bronwyn Williams, Sharon Bull, Denise Marr, Barbara Richardson, Anne McKay, Carmel Pike, Lynn Mooney

APOLOGIES Nikki Taylor, Jennifer Turville

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved: Barbara Richardson, Seconded: Carmel Pike Carried. These minutes are now available on the Club's website (1 week only) and on the noticeboard at the Club.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

A graph has been produced and is attached to these Minutes showing monthly electricity usage.

Ken Bridges has ordered the new dealing machine and this will be calibrated for the Club to include competitions and training sessions will be available.

Friday Night Bridge will be discussed later.

New signs for the Bridge Club have been posted in the foyer to match the Arts Society and will ultimately show not only open hours but any other events the Club is running. Thanks to Anne and George McKay for the installation and Allison Maberly-Smith for her work on the signs.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Letter from Legacy dated 22 September 2025 thanking the Bridge Club for its support during Legacy Badge Week
- Email dated 26 September 2025 from Bronwyn Williams re Request to View Bank Statements online
- Letters x 2 from Greater Bank re 2 investments -27 September 2025
- Letter (via email) Sweet Pea Animal Rescue 29 September 2025 - Thank you for assisting in their Trivia Night
- Letter from State Wide Pairs re Certificates received 7 October 2025

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- Email Trinity Signs 2 October 2025 suggesting they update both honours boards together (ie at the end of the year)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The President reported that he was still awaiting the engineer's report from Council.

The Club was still having problems with carpet tiles lifting and he said various issues had been looked at but there was no solution as yet. Keppler Hooper who had installed the carpet tiles would come and have a look when it was raining.

As one of the solar panels had been shattered, the installers Forster Solar Lighting would come to check the solar panels and to see if the system was working efficiently. A graph is attached to these Minutes prepared by the Treasurer showing a spike in electricity usage in February-March and returning to normal levels in September. The reasons for this was being looked at.

The front door problem (which the Club had received a quote of \$465 to be fixed) had now been fixed by Brett from next door. The President had provided Brett with a bottle of wine and thanked him for his help.

The roof vent had now been replaced at a cost of around \$500.00.

The dishwasher was not working properly but it was found that by using just the powder in the powder compartment and putting the Finish Rinse Aid in the separate compartment it would work a lot better. The filter had been placed in the machine upside down and that had been causing problems.

The President thanked the Vice-President for running the last meeting in his absence.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the trading account as of 30 September 2025 had a balance of \$36,287.31. Capital Works Funds 1 and 2 had a balance of \$10,954.08 and \$11,011.21 respectively. These Funds were rolled over on 1 September 2025. All banking will now take place online. The Treasurer would like to thank Sharon Bull for all her assistance in her absence.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and filed.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Tournament Director presented a written report which is attached to these minutes. Of note - congratulations to Gil and Pauline who were winners of the Club Pairs Championship and reminders that the Club's Congress will be held on the 28 February/1 March weekend.

The Tournament Director had attended an on-line Zoom course provided by the Queensland Bridge Association of which there were about 90 participants and notes had been made available from that course.

She reported that work had commenced on the Program Booklet for 2026 and that 20 red point events had now been included. She would need to know of any events that had not been included in that group of 20.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Barbara Richardson reported that there were 67.82 green points and for the quarter ending in September 73.13 red points.

There had been seven promotions: Colleen D'Silva, Robyn McNamara, Eve Bannerman, Maureen Harlock, Carolyn Moore, Wendy Edwards, Shirley Craig, Sue Gilmore. Congratulations to our Members.

The Club had received an invoice for capitation fees of \$718.69.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Training Officer reported that all training had now finished for the year. The two new directors Carolyn and Warren had now finished the director's course.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The first of the Swiss Teams event played over 2 weeks had finished late and it was suggested that instead of playing 32 boards that only 24 boards be played the following week. NB a show of hands by members at the last round of Swiss Teams showed a preference to play 32 boards and not mind finishing later.

A great interest was shown for Friday Night Bridge to be reinstated. A date had been selected for the 2nd Friday of each month starting in January 2026. The option would be to play 12 boards, have a break for dinner and then play another 12 boards.

The start time would be 5pm with online registration in the usual way through the Club's website with green points being made available. Attendees would be expected to volunteer in groups of 2 or 3 to run not more than one event a year. The estimate of cost for catering by a caterer is estimated at \$25, this being the most expensive option. Table fees have not been decided on. There would be a limit of 40 people each time.

The *newbies* had presented Sylvia and Shirley with flowers and wine thanking them for their efforts in providing lessons and support throughout the year.

Shirley Craig was thanked in a letter by Sweet Pea Animal Rescue for her ongoing assistance in their Trivia Nights. Also in a letter from Legacy Sue Gilmore, Jenny Turville, Marlene Nash and Yvonne Dixon were thanked for their help during Legacy week.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 November 2025 @ 1pm.

The meeting concluded at 2:30pm