

GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc

Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 November 2025 at the Clubhouse

The President Uve Anderson declared the meeting open at 1:18pm

PRESENT Uve Anderson, Sylvia Goodwin, Bronwyn Williams, Sharon Bull, Barbara Richardson, Anne McKay (scribe), Carmel Pike, Nikki Taylor, Jennifer Turville

APOLOGIES Denise Marr, Lynn Mooney, Wendy Edwards

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

An electrician has been called to look at the increased monthly electricity usage.

Solar panels status is reported in Maintenance.

Friday Night Dinner and Bridge was discussed, and the box of suggestions for food was opened and counted. 18 votes were recorded, 6 for Pizza, 2 against Pizza, 1 against finger food, 2 for finger food, 2 for bringing a plate, and 5 for full catering. Sylvia provided valuable lived experience of how the event used to be run. Previously the club subsidised the cost of the food, deciding in advance on a budget, and whoever was on duty for the evening decided what to cook. Traditionally an entree, main course and dessert were prepared and served, by one, two or three people. Because the event had been going for a long time, the format was well understood, and people stepped up to take responsibility and knew what to do.

No decision was taken on costs, and it was noted that the event would cost about \$3 for points, so an entry fee of \$15 would leave only \$12 per person for food. With the long gap since it was last held, a new format and a new champion are needed to make decisions and set it up for the first year. It was decided to refer this to Shirley Craig and Ken Bridges for their advice and decision.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Engineer's report on moisture problems in subfloor area

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- Flyers were circulated for the Club's 2026 Congress to 38 bridge clubs
- Email from Tanya Thompson dated 10 October re Community Connect Program was sent back to her with Club's details (General info email)
- Email dated 17 October sent to 35 Club member/participants re Friday Night Bridge and Dinner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the trading account as of 31 October 2025 had a balance of \$39,664.00. 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. Banking now takes place online. The Treasurer made a plea that when a new Treasurer is appointed, for the first full year at least, the outgoing Treasurer should act as Assistant Treasurer to guide and mentor the new person. A full year is needed to allow for yearly events such as Congress, Auditing and Reporting. Sharon Bull is again thanked for all her assistance.

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 Shirley and Toni who were the local winners in the Australia Wide Restricted Pairs, and to Carmel and Maretta who were placed first in the club after results were adjusted nationally, being placed 106th Nationally.

The 2026 Programme Booklet is at the printers.

Bookings are well advanced for the 2026 Congress. Volunteers will be needed to assist with different tasks including serving food and selling raffle tickets. All club members are urged to contact Denise Marr if they would like to help.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

Barbara Richardson reported that there were 96.2 green points, higher than usual because Swiss teams were included.

There had been two promotions: Fiona Grace to Club Master and Carolyn Jackson Moore to Local Master. Congratulations to our Members.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Training Officer reported that training for next year is planned to follow the same format as this year. Dates have not been finalised but the Beginners' course of 7 lessons will likely start on 3rd February, and run until 17th March. A most important aspect of the training has been to introduce the new people to the club, focus on the range of personalities in the club, talk about ethics and etiquette and how to be a good club member. This is filtering through to a whole new feeling in the club with increasing camaraderie especially among this year's *newbies* peer group.

PRESIDENT/MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

A representative of Keppler Hooper who installed the carpet tiles is coming Friday morning to inspect the carpet tiles. The plan is to replace a few at a time, in an attempt to get rid of the mould.

As some of the solar panels had been shattered, the installers Forster Solar Lighting came to inspect them. They quoted \$8500 to replace the whole array. There is some corrosion and they are old, however the whole system is working well. In view of this, it was decided to leave replacing them for the time being. Because of the increased electricity usage the hot and cold water dispensers will be turned off for the weekends.

The back windows are badly corroded, and were costly to be installed, being meshed to protect from golf balls. The suggestion is that they be left alone for the time being. The front windows are to be cleaned.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The committee clarified the 4 purchasing officers' roles, viz .

Kitchen supplies and biscuits, paper plates, napkins etc	Jen Turville
Welfare issues, condolence cards, flowers etc	Lynn Mooney
Milk	Nikki Taylor
All other equipment, stationery, supplies	Carmel Pike

If anyone becomes aware of a need or shortage, they should just contact the relevant purchasing officer direct.

This is a clarification of the committee's ongoing wish to define who is responsible for all and any areas of club concern and management.

For our Christmas Party, a ceremony for the naming of the Gwen Perkins room will start on the day. Members of her family will join us for that. Uve will introduce them, and he will contact Mary Yule from Forster Fortnightly to get some publicity. A photo of Gwen will be sourced (Sylvia) and framed and hung adjacent to the door and information will be placed on the website. Anne McKay will prepare a notice to be put up with information about the Christmas Party and inviting BYO and food contributions for the day.

Nikki Taylor announced that she wishes to resign from the committee. She will continue to run the very successful Saturday bridge sessions.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 December 2025 @ 1pm.

The meeting concluded at 2:40pm