

GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc

Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting

held on Thursday 11 December 2025 at the Clubhouse

The President Uve Anderson declared the meeting open at 1:00pm

PRESENT Uve Anderson, Sylvia Goodwin, Wendy Edwards (scribe), Bronwyn Williams, Denise Marr, Barbara Richardson, Anne McKay, Carmel Pike, Jennifer Turville, Toni Alexander

APOLOGIES Sharon Bull, Lynn Mooney

Toni Alexander was welcomed and thanked for joining the Committee.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Teresa Siminska provided the Committee with ideas on how Friday Night Bridge could be run. This will be covered in General Business. The Committee thanked Teresa for her contribution.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Signed resignation Nikki Taylor dated 13 November 2025
- Signed appointment slip of Toni Alexander dated 9 December 2025
- Package received of 300 Rose Gold Black Pens – 25 November 2025
- Apology email from Megan Grant to attend Christmas party
- Various emails from and to Duplimate re dealing machines (Ken Bridges)

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- Email to Forster Fortnightly from Brownyn Boehm to Mary Yule regarding The Gwen Perkins Room (Forster Fortnightly will attend the Christmas Party and take photos).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Uve had found it was difficult to obtain electrical tradies at this time of year to look at the electrical charges. He reported that the carpet tiles would be worked on over the break, working from worst to best and replacing where necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the trading account as of 30 November 2025 had a balance of \$39,005.10. Capital Works Funds 1 and 2 had balances of \$10,954.08 and \$11,011.21 respectively. The Treasurer reported that income and expenses should not be looked at on a month by month basis as the amounts fluctuated and some months there would be greater expenditure and others minimal. She also reported that the Club was in a good position taking into account the Trading Account and Capital Works Funds.

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 – presentations and trophies were ready to present at the Christmas Party. Denise thanked Sylvia for her assistance. The 2026 Program Booklet was now available and was being distributed to members. Players of all levels are being encouraged to join competitions run by the Club, pairs or teams. The Congress spaces are filling up fast and table numbers may be extended from 30 to a maximum of 34.

Uve reported that he had been contacted by Bridge New South Wales regarding our Club's congress, free bridge lessons etc. He reported that Bronwyn Boehm would speak to Bridge New South Wales and discuss.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Master Points Secretary reported that there were 48.7 green points. There were no new members for this month. Shirley Craig and Barbara will present the trophies at the Christmas party.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Training Officer reported that Free Bridge Lesson brochures were being circulated to interested organisations where they could put them up on their noticeboards. The lessons were not being advertised in the papers at this time but were on the Club's website and on the Club's noticeboard.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Below is a brief summary from the comprehensive report Teresa Siminska presented to the Committee.

Firstly, it was agreed that a fee of \$20 would be charged to cover food and table fees.

For the event to proceed, the following roles would need to be filled:

- Director
- Zeller operator
- Volunteers for organising food (including serving and cleaning up).

For Friday Night Dinner and Bridge to run smoothly a number of food volunteers would be required in advance and this could be worked out amongst those participating.

It would be preferable if all participants registered on the Club's website the Tuesday before the Friday night. It will be decided by the Director whether there are enough numbers for the event to proceed.

The start time should be 4.30pm for 5pm as noted in the 2026 Program Booklet. The dates for the year are also listed monthly in that booklet and registration is in the usual way.

BYO wine or drinks is available and also if you have specific dietary requirement's you may bring your own cold plate of food.

Only members playing on the night should take part in this event.

Please see the Noticeboard at the club **for more information** where there is a Flyer, List of Participants and Volunteers' Register. There is also a suggestion box.

Sylvia reported that the printer in the Directors' Room was at least 10-13 years old and in need of an upgrade. It was agreed by the Committee that Sylvia should go ahead and purchase a new printer with a USB attachment.

The office phone for the Club was not being answered and as there could be an emergency, this should be answered by Directors as a matter of urgency. Messages should also be checked regularly.

There were a number of old umbrella's in various forms of disrepair. It was agreed to get rid of those no longer useable and leave the others in the Lost Property.

For the Christmas Party on Monday, the format would be the opening of the Gwen Perkins Room followed by presentations, lunch and then play. Forster Fortnightly had been organised to cover the opening of The Gwen Perkins Room and her two sons would attend.

A discussion took place regarding the Christmas tree and decorations which had become rather tatty over the years. The Club trophies were also now in disrepair and would need either sprucing up or replacing.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 8 January 2026 @ 1pm.

The meeting concluded at 2:15pm

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members.