

GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc

Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8 January 2026 at the Clubhouse

The President Uve Anderson declared the meeting open at 1:20pm

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

APOLOGIES Barbara Richardson, Jennifer Turville

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and read and were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved: Toni Alexander, Seconded: Lynn Mooney, 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

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Pens.com Invoice for 300 rose gold pens - \$526
- Australian Bridge magazine
- Email from Teresa Siminska to Committee dated 16.12.25 re Friday Night Dinner and Bridge
- Email dated 20.12.25 from Bridge NSW regarding an invitation to Club President's Day

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- Email to Trinity Signs dated 16.12.25 regarding updates to both Honour Boards.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The carpet tiles are being replaced but do not match the old tiles and the company is now on holidays being at the same time the Club was closed.

The airconditioner which was blinking, was fixed by switching it off for 10 minutes. The airconditioner company are aware they may be asked to come in if there is an emergency during the congress. If it is too cold in the playing room then one of the airconditioners can be turned off and the fans can be turned on. The temperature could also be increased to 26C from 24C.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that Income for December was \$3,472.51 and Expenditure \$5,188.44. There had been a break for the Christmas period where no income was received. The trading account had a balance of \$37,289.17. The money in the Capital Works Funds 1 and 2 would not change as they were on term deposit and had balances of \$10,954.08 and \$11,011.21 respectively.

Membership fees are now due and were in the most part being paid on Zeller together with table fees when the member comes in to play bridge.

The Treasurer had received an invoice from Paul Lavings in the amount of \$5,540 for a new dealing machine. Paul Lavings will provide maintenance for the machine and the Company also has a range of bridge supplies such as books, bidding sheets etc. Ken spent a great deal of time in relation to talking to Sweden about the dealing machine and in particular trading in the old one but as there was no due diligence this did not go ahead. The President thanked Ken for all the time that was spent by him and was given a gift of fresh oysters as a thank you.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and filed.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Tournament Director provided a verbal report.

There had been 15 and a half tables for the Master Pairs which was a red point event. Last year also started well however there was member drop off (throughout the year) due to health and other reasons.

The congress is now 6 weeks away and coming along nicely. It is important that members know what is in their systems cards in case asked by opponents. They cannot look at their own card. System cards should be made available on the Zeller table where the member's pay their table fees. The member's System Cards could be stored in a folder at the Club and could be left there after play.

The congress was run last year with different sections, this year it will be one field with different categories. The cut-off point for payment through the member's ABF website would be by 21 February after which date it then closes.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the absence of the Master Points Secretary, the report was emailed to the Secretary and is as follows. There were 16.92 red master points and 48.71 green master points awarded. There were no new members nor any promotions for the month of December.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Training Officer reported that the flyer for Free Bridge Lessons run by the Club in February would be advertised at various local facilities. An advertisement could be placed in the Forster Fortnightly thanking them for their story on the naming of The Gwen Perkins Room and placing an ad at the same time. The MidCoast Council also have a web page where we could place congress advertising and our Free Bridge Lessons. The Visitor Information Centre (which is now located in the Library) could also advertise and the Great Lakes FM Radio station could be contacted and provided with a flyer. Carmel would also look at advertising at Hallidays Point.

The Training Officer also reported that last year's newbies may like to come for refresher lessons and that around 50% of those in the beginner classes last year are now playing bridge.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Council roll over lease may be up for renewal this year and would be looked into.

Contribution payments by the Arts Society of various items such as utility bills, lawn mowing, maintenance, gutters etc was discussed.

It was thought that the presentation of trophies and certificates on the day of the Christmas party could be looked at. While it was extremely important to recognise winners, It was thought that a plan could be made for how better to present the awards – ie for single awards such as improved player etc could be handed out first, then followed by a bundle or grouping of awards to the various members who had received more than one award. Awards could also be looked at being given to the members at the end of the major competitions rather than at the Christmas party. Various free vouchers from the Club could also be given out as prizes. These could be laminated and be reused by members.

A general cleanout of the cupboards in the Directors' office had been carried out where there were old receipts, old reconciliation statements etc. It was thought that Shirley might have a look through to see if they need to be kept.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 February 2026 @ 1pm.

The meeting concluded at 2:20pm