

GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc

Minutes of monthly Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2026 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, Anne McKay, Carmel Pike, Barbara Richardson, Jennifer Turville, Toni Alexander

APOLOGIES Sharon Bull, Lynn Mooney

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

These matters will be discussed under appropriate sections.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Letters x 2 from Greater Bank regarding term deposits
- Letter from Australia Post re PO Box renewal (\$192)
- Email from Megan Grant re Alison Penfold's newsletter regarding grants available to organisations
- An invoice from MidCoast Council in relation to water usage for \$98 for the quarter.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Maintenance Officer reported that on Friday next week the laying of the new carpet tiles would be finished. He reported that the fly wire screens were corroded and in need of being recoated with a powder coating and the old fly wire replaced.

A new microphone system had been purchased at a cost of around \$800 together with new batteries. The shelf life of batteries was discussed and it was agreed to purchase good quality batteries rather than rechargeable ones as they do not seem to recharge properly.

The President made mention of the Congress and in particular he would like to give a big Thank You to the following volunteers who had done such a wonderful job:

Peter Craig and Lynn Mooney who researched quotes and in the end came up with the use of a hire trailer to assist in the removal of rubbish which was far less expensive than hiring a skip.

Karl Buchmann who took the trailer and had it emptied out.

Ian Stewart who dealt all the boards that were used for the Congress.

David Hodge who carries out the Club's bins every Thursday.

So a Very Big Thank You for all the wonderful support you provide to the Club.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that Income for February was \$7,281.46 and Expenditure \$8,331.09. The operating account had a balance of \$28,405.59. The money in the Capital Works Funds 1 and 2 had balances of \$10,954.08 and \$11,011.21 respectively. This will show an increase in next month's Treasurer's Report as they had been renewed on the 1st March 2026 and interest had accumulated at a rate of 4.35%.

This month had seen various costs and expenses with the running of the congress and the laying of new carpet with 75% of that cost having already been paid. Also there had been purchases of new dealing machines.

It was agreed by the Committee that Sharon should remain as Assistant Treasurer to assist and stand in for the Treasurer if needed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and filed.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Tournament Director's report is attached. A report on the Congress would be available next month.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Master Points Secretary reported there were 77.12 green points for the month of February. The Club has one new member – Julie Brown whose application having been displayed on the notice board was accepted. Welcome Julie Brown.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Training Officer reported that Beginner Lessons would finish up next week, the last week of the seven week course. The beginners were keen and had talked about joining the Club. The following week - after the last bridge lesson, they had asked if they could play in the afternoon, some of the boards that had been played in that morning session.

Saturday afternoon play would begin again so that new players could be teamed up with current members and extended training sessions would begin in May.

Sylvia had made special mention to thank Shirley Craig who had been a wonderful assistant and also for the extra helpers that she had received.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee looked at and discussed table fees and if it was necessary to increase this fee at the next AGM. Although the Club has had large expenses (new flooring, new dealing machines etc) the Club has also had an increase in membership and those new members were now attending on a regular basis.

The format of the Congress was discussed as to the appropriate sections that players could play in. This would be looked at for future congresses.

Anne McKay presented a detailed portfolio on the catering for the congress which included information on food, volunteers etc and all of this information would be at the ready for next year's congress. She said she was very happy with the help she had received on the day and thanked the volunteers. The Committee thanked Anne for her contribution.

At the Congress it was found there was no hot water available and a jug was needed to boil the water. It was suggested a heat pump could be installed and Uve would get his plumber to look into.

Next year's Congress date was put forward and it was agreed by the Committee that the last weekend in February (27 and 28) should be booked.

A one day congress for players under 250MP's could be looked at by the Club.

A suggestion for a floating kitty for Friday Night Bridge was discussed but thought that this was not required as all table monies are deposited into the one account.

First Aid Appointee - Robina MacDiarmid had been asked and had agreed to look at the First Aid and Resuscitation Kit and update if necessary.

Expressions of interest for a Grants Officer/Person was discussed. The Committee would like to see a dedicated person who could apply for grants on behalf of the Club, not necessarily a Committee Member and that position would be advertised within the Club.

Annual awards should be looked at and will be put on the Agenda for next month to discuss.

A document had been completed listing the Committee and a description of the tasks they perform. This will be made available to members who may need to replace Committee members during the year and would also be available a month prior to the AGM for prospective nominees to have a look at.

Membership renewal fees are now due and should be paid prior to 31 March 2026. If you haven't already done so, please see Barbara Richardson prior to that date.

A Facebook page was discussed for the Club but it was agreed by the Committee to not go ahead with this at this time.

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

The meeting concluded at 2:40pm.