GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc

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

The President Uve Anderson declared the meeting open @ 1.10pm

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

APOLOGIES Denise Marr, Ian Stewart, Lynn Mooney

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

- Carpark line markings update – will be discussed under Maintenance Officer's Report
- Bridgemates update - will be discussed under General Business

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Two letters from Greater Bank re term deposit reinvestment
- Notice from MidCoast Council – Water Notice
- Letter and Certificates from State Wide Pairs to Denise Marr
- Letter from Legacy to Uve Anderson thanking the Club for participating in their fundraiser
- A Special Offer gift box set from Pen People with the name of the Club
- Invoice from Trinity Signs for $192.50 dated October 7, 2026 (updating Honours Board)

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT / MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Uve thanked Sylvia for chairing the last meeting in his absence.

The carpark line markings had been completed and the hats removed but the disabled parking areas still had to be finished. The inside lights had been looked at which were around 10 yrs old and may need replacement and one had already been replaced.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that September had been a quiet month with Income of $5,519.20 and Expenditure of $1,856.03. The MidCoast Council Water bill had been paid in full $142.41 and Forster Gallery would reimburse half the amount. The Club had finished the month with $51,024.56 together with Capital Works Funds 1 and 2 with balances of $11,419.11 and $11,478.66 respectively. The Capital Works Funds would remain the same until they are due for renewal next year (1.3.27).

A discussion arose as to reimbursements for members representing GLBC at Bridge Competitions and this will be covered under General Business.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and filed and is attached and forms part of these Minutes.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Tournament Director's Report for September 2026 is attached and forms part of these Minutes.

In the absence of the Tournament Director the report was discussed where it was noted that Friday night bridge would finish and not be included in next year's calendar. This may be reinvigorated down the track but not for next year. The Bridgemates not showing the previous results was discussed and it was noted that at the AGM this was put to the members for a vote and it was decided to leave the results off leading to a quicker game.

MASTER POINTS SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Master Points Secretary reported that for the July to September quarter there had been 81.51 Red Points and for the month of September there had been 52.2 Green points. There were no new Members and two members had moved out of the area.

TRAINING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Training Officer reported that dates were being finalised for Beginner and Extension Lessons for next year and would be available shortly. Advertising for these lessons is normally on the Club's website, on the Notice Board and in Forster Fortnightly. For member's unable to attend these lessons there may be extra tuition available for them.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding travel expenses incurred by some of our members who qualify to attend congresses on behalf of the Club and it was agreed that the following would act as a guide to assist those members for reimbursement of expenses with the decision to be left ultimately at the discretion of the Treasurer.

The Club will cover the cost of table fees and contribute towards travel costs as per below:

- Payable when players are asked to represent the GLBC at a Bridge Competition further than 100km in distance from the player's Mid North Coast home address.

- The reimbursement will be at a set rate of 20 cents per kilometre calculated from their Mid North Coast home address directly to the Bridge competition venue and return (home address to be supplied with claim for verification of kilometres travelled).

- If players are representing the club in both a team event and a pair event - only one travel reimbursement can be claimed per Competition
    - Payable once per team registration
    - Payable once per pair registration.

- Maximum reimbursement $150 per Competition

- The costs incurred for meals and accommodation (if required) are at the expense of players.

The above information will also be made available on the Club's website.

The problem with the Bridgemates not working had been looked at and the conclusion was that it had nothing to do with the Bridgemates or the Computer but the internet connection coming into the premises. We would need to look at the best way forward for the Club and it was decided that Sylvia and Denise could discuss with Jason the best options available.

Christmas Party ideas for this year was discussed particularly around the area of presenting certificates and prizes. As this had been discussed previously it was agreed to keep this process streamlined but these and other ideas should probably be discussed in final at next month's meeting.

Emergency contacts and information was discussed, with the Secretary to finalise the *In An Emergency* Notice and other items for the next meeting.

Jennifer Turville announced that she would be away for the month of November but that Dagmar had offered to fill in for her.

A suggestion had been left in the Suggestion box on the subject of running further bidding classes. Dates have not yet been finalised for next year but there will be available Extension lessons for our members to attend on bidding and that these will be advertised on the Notice Board and on the Club's website when dates become available.

There had been a suggestion of installing a bike rack and the President will look into.

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

The meeting concluded @ 2:40pm.