

MINUTES OF TOMAREE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 16TH APRIL 2025

Meeting commenced 11.05am

Present: Kerry Wright (President), Helen Jones (Vice-President), Lee Preston (Secretary), Linda Butler (Treasurer), Pat Pepper (Masterpoint Secretary), Robyn Geale, Sue Grice

Apologies: Tom Fehily, Dot Saxon-Williams

Minutes of previous meeting held on 26th February 2025

Moved: Lee Preston Minutes be accepted. **Seconded:** Helen Jones **Motion Carried**

Correspondence In:

27/02/2025 – John McIlrath regarding election to Bridge NSW Council
01/03/2025 - John McIlrath request to use dealing machine
08/03/2025 – Mary Royal re partners on website
12/03/2025 – Melanie Coleman PSC confirmation booking EWFR 2025
16/03/2025 – Terry Cooper re John McIlrath lessons
01/04/2025 - Phillip Carter re Minutes on website
09/04/2025 – Maitland Bridge Club re bridge cruise
14/04/2025 – John McIlrath re Good Sports Club

Correspondence Out:

27/02/2025 – Response to Brian Hodges' suggestion number of boards
27/02/2025 – Melanie Coleman PSC booking request EWFR 2025
02/03/2025 – John McIlrath confirm Committee supports nomination Bridge NSW
02/03/2025 - John McIlrath response to request for use of dealing machine
03/03/2025 – All Members advising no bridge Good Friday
09/03/2025 - Mary Royal response re partners

Moved: Lee Preston Correspondence be accepted **Seconded:** Pat Pepper **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from Correspondence

- 1) Suggestion from Mary Royal to post members looking for a partner on notice board or website was discussed but Committee agreed the present system worked well by contacting Judy Parkinson.
- 2) Request from Terry Cooper to accept John McIlrath's offer to have lessons 5-10 minutes prior to bridge session for intermediate and advanced players. Helen Jones to discuss with John McIlrath.
- 3) Suggestion from Phillip Carter to post Committee meeting Minutes on website was accepted by Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Report as at 31st March 2025 was presented. (As attached)

Moved: Linda Butler Report be accepted **Seconded:** Helen Jones **Motion Carried**

Decisions made by Committee between meetings

- 01/03/2025 – Support John McIlrath's nomination for Bridge NSW Council election – distributed and agreed via WhatsApp
- 02/03/2025 – Agreed to John McIlrath's use of Club's dealing machine – email
- 21/03/2025 – Purchase flowers for President Kerry – group text

Items for Discussion

- **Ideas to use excess Club funds:** In Treasurer's Report at previous Committee meeting Linda had expressed the need to start gradually reducing the balance in a way which benefits **all** Members. Some ideas were put forward such as – hire a bus and visit a local bridge club for friendly competition – every so often provide a catered casual lunch for members at the end of play (rotating through the 3 playing days) etc. Helen Jones suggested at next Committee meeting each member put forward one solid suggestion.
- **Social Event:** One suggestion which will be put into action is to invite Tilligerry and Hawks Nest Bridge Clubs for a social game which will include a catered lunch with our Members asked to bring slices, cakes etc. Suggested date is Friday 15th August with a cost of \$10 per person for bridge and catering. Kerry Wright to draft the invitation.
- **Tournament Committee Minutes:** Helen Jones presented the Minutes from the meeting held on 19th March 2025 at which Movements and Table Numbers were discussed. As a result a system of movements has been drawn up for 33 board sessions.
- **Country Pairs:** Discussion was held regarding the recent Country Pairs competition when 5 rounds were played. Many members have expressed dissatisfaction having to play this number in the afternoon. Helen Jones advised she will refer it to the Tournament Committee.
- **50 Years of Bridge in the Bay:** In July it will be the 50th year of bridge in the Bay. It was agreed to hold a celebration along with the launch of the book Christine Blackledge has been working on. Helen Jones to investigate suitable venues where food and drink could be served. The quote from Colorfast to print 50 copies of the book at a total cost of \$774.90 was accepted and will be sold for \$15.00 per copy.
- **Charity Day:** As we prefer to support local charities it was **Moved:** Helen Jones the Charity Day this year be in support of the Yacaba Centre. **Seconded:** Roby Geale. **Motion carried.**
- **Bridge Club sign:** Tom Fehily suggested we replace the sign to the bridge club that used to be attached to the gate at the western entrance (off Palmer Way). Baden Milne able to make the sign. Tom to check if Council permission is required.
- **Easter Monday Bridge:** Kerry Wright to purchase Easter eggs for Monday.
- **Keys:** Kerry advised she will be away from 15th May to 3rd July. As Ian Spight will also be away during this time the key to the office door and gate padlock to be left with Helen Jones and one other member.
- **Country Teams Regional and Zone Final:** John McIlrath has advised he will need access to the Club's dealing machine to prepare for these events. He will also need someone to open up on these days. Members will be requested to bring a plate for morning and afternoon teas as well as someone to assist in the kitchen.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28th May 2025

Meeting Closed: 12.15pm

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Kerry Wright (President)