

**MINUTES OF TOMAREE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**Meeting Commenced at 11.00am**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

**Moved:** Lee Preston Minutes be accepted **Seconded:** Helen Jones **AIF**

**Correspondence Out:**

12/11/2024 All Members – Christmas Lunch invitation  
15/11/2024 All Members – Annual fees due  
20/11/2024 PSC – Request to confirm booking EWFR 27/28<sup>th</sup> September (Congress)  
25/11/2024 PSC – Report EWFR left in a mess after private function  
21/12/2024 All Members – New system for session and membership fees  
27/12/2024 All Members – Reminder annual fees due  
11/01/2025 All Members – Condolences to Mary Stroud

**Correspondence In:**

21/11/2024 PSC – Terms & Conditions of Facility Hire re cleanliness  
03/12/2024 John McIlrath – request to book EWFR 29/6/2025 for CT Regional Final  
05/12/2024 PSC – Confirmation EWFR booking for 27&28/09/2025 (Congress)  
06/12/2024 PSC – Confirmation EWFR booking for 29/6/2025 (CT Regional Final)  
08/12/2024 John McIlrath – request to book EWFR 07/09/2025 for CT Zone Final  
11/12/2024 PSC – Confirmation EWFR booking for 07/09/2025 (CT Zone Final)  
06/01/2025 PSC – Reminder sporting fields in use 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025 Peter Wilson Mem. Cup  
09/01/2025 PSC – Community Group Loans Policy review  
14/01/2025 PSC – Pest Inspection to be carried out  
19/01/2025 Peter Peterson (Hunter Regional Director) – Re GNOT's 2025  
**Moved:** Lee Preston Correspondence be accepted **Seconded:** Tom Fehily **AIF**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Linda presented her report and financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (attached). As per the report she didn't believe the Club should be retaining over \$23,000 in the transaction account and suggested depositing an amount of \$15,000 in a term deposit would leave sufficient funds to cover basic recurring expenses. Linda also requested that one person only handle the cash each day and proposed a token with a Visitor sticker be purchased at the cashier table so that only tokens were placed in the plastic envelopes at the table.

**Moved:** Linda Butler place \$15,000 in a term deposit. **Seconded:** Helen Jones **AIF**

**Moved:** Linda Butler report be accepted **Seconded:** Robyn Geale **AIF**

## Items for Discussion:

- **Christmas Party Feedback** – The Christmas Party was very well received and the Secretary was requested to write a thank you letter to Kay Baguley, Peta Grice and Nigel Eves for the wonderful job they did in providing the entertainment, quiz, bon-bons, hampers etc. However some Members have expressed disappointment that the Club did not provide bottles of wine on the tables. The Club did subsidise Members 50% of the cost of the lunch which included a welcome drink, and as not everyone drinks wine the Committee agreed it would be an inappropriate use of Club funds. Helen Jones suggested as an option a voucher could be given to Members which would entitle them to a glass of wine, beer or soft drink from the bar. Lee to book Golf Club for Christmas Party 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- **Congress 2025** – Dot Saxon-Williams advised she has posted the Congress on the myabf website. She will approach John McIlrath to ask if he is available to direct. She also asked was it really necessary to have a raffle. Considering the amount of work entailed is a big job and also felt it embarrassing to approach businesses asking for donations for prizes. It was therefore agreed to discontinue the raffle.
- **Back Room Wednesday Players** – Some newer Members have been playing on their own with set boards in the back room for many months now. With supported play about to re-commence it was felt it would be more beneficial to their game to attend that and be strongly encouraged to join in with play in the main room. Therefore this practice will be discontinued at the end of January.
- **Beginner Lessons** – As Ian Spight won't be available to commence beginner lessons until later in the year it was suggested we could approach Paul Rooms who is a qualified bridge teacher. Sue Grice to contact Paul to ask if he is available and if so what would the cost be.
- **Social Events** – Helen Jones and Kerry Wright to investigate suitable days through the year to host special events. Australia Day public holiday will be celebrated with refreshments at end of play.
- **Player Behaviour** – It has been brought to the President's attention that one Member in particular has been greatly upsetting some players with their behaviour at the table, one being brought to tears. Kerry Wright, Helen Jones and Ian Spight as head Director will speak to the Member as a warning and bring their attention to the Club's Code of Conduct.
- **Tablecloths** – Helen Jones reported some of the tablecloths were in such a poor state they needed to be disposed of. Helen and Linda Butler to see if some can be repaired while Robyn Geale will investigate suitable material at Spotlight.
- **History Book** – Helen Jones to speak with Christine Blackledge to find out if the book is at the ready to be printed stage.
- **Share Premises** – The President of the Croquet Club has approached Linda Butler to ask if the Bridge Club has any interest in the possibility of joining with them in a shared clubhouse. Kerry to discuss with the Croquet Club President.

## New Members

The Club welcomed two new Members: Gary Melrose and Emma McLeod

Next Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Meeting Closed: 12.15pm

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Kerry Wright (President)