

MINUTES OF TOMAREE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 21ST JANUARY 2026

Meeting opened: 11.30am

Present: Kerry Wright (President, Dot Saxon-Williams (Vice-President, Sandra Robinson (Treasurer), Lee Preston (Secretary), Pat Pepper (Masterpoint Secretary), Sue McMahon, Tom Fehily, Sue Grice

Apologies: Robyn Geale

Minutes of previous meeting held 26th November 2025

Moved: Lee Preston Minutes be accepted **Seconded:** Sue McMahon **Motion carried**

Correspondence In:

27/11/2025 - Neal McLaughlin complaint
30/11/2025 – Tony Connelly complaint
16/12/2025 - Phillip Carter – system cards
21/12/2025 - Glenda Parmenter (Bridge NSW) President's Day
30/12/2025 -Toronto Bridge Club re Director's Course
30/12/2025 – Judy Parkinson complaint
05/01/2026 – David Anysley complaint
09/01/2026 – Ken White (PSFM) re recorded message

Correspondence Out:

27/11/2025 – Tony Connelly complaint
29/11/2025 – All members Annual membership fee
01/12/2025 – All members from Tournament Committee re behaviour
03/12/2025 – All members Congress Report
18/12/2025 – All members reminder membership fee
23/12/2025 – Glenda Parmenter (Bridge NSW) President's Day
03/01/2026 – All members Director's workshop Toronto
04/01/2026 – David Anysley complaint
09/01/2026 – Ken White {PSFM} reply
15/01/2026 – All members Beginner's Bridge Lessons
17/01/2026 – John McIlrath re Director's course (from KW)

Business Arising from Correspondence

- Phillip Carter's suggestion to make system cards mandatory at all events, though ideal would be difficult to put into practice. We will endeavour to encourage all players to use.
- Complaints – both complaints have been dealt with satisfactorily by Ian Spight and Kerry Wright
- Director's workshop Toronto – Committee has agreed to pay fee for those wishing to attend
- Lessons – Kerry to talk to Kristin King & Helen Jones regarding possibility of announcement on PSFM radio

Treasurer's Report

A report was not presented as Sandra was not clear on what figures were required by the Committee. Ian Spight had advised he would prefer more data than previously reported. Kerry, Sue McMahon will get together with Sandra to discuss.

Sandra advised that another term deposit was to mature on 2nd February which would also be invested with St. George.

Moved: Sandra Robinson - we also set up our trading account with St. George but retain the Newcastle Permanent account for members to transfer funds for membership/tokens etc.

Seconded: Sue McMahon **Motion carried**

Items for Discussion:

- **Christmas Lunch** – Some negative feedback on size and presentation of meal, but also a lot of positive. Next Christmas party to be decided on later in the year after suggestions from Social Committee. Sue Grice to discuss with Peta Grice and Kay Baguley.
- **Packing Away** – Michael Hannigan had made an informal request to Pat Pepper and Helen Jones that when packing away on Monday afternoons, members stack tables upside down on other tables, stack chairs in the movable frames and stools on top of tables. It was agreed this was not a reasonable request to ask of our members. Kerry to contact Michael.
- **Closing up Roster** – Kerry spoke of the need for all Committee members to assist with packing away boards, bridgemates etc. and other jobs required in closing after a session. There should be at least one other Committee member to stay along with Pat to assist with locking up. It was agreed a roster should not be necessary if we all shared the load.
- **Sports Council (Rent)** – Sandra advised she had not as yet received any invoices for rent for the last few months. As Kerry and Lee will be attending Sports Council meeting in February it will be raised then if given the opportunity.
- **Air-conditioning** – If weather permits it is preferable to have windows open, if not it is up to the Director of the day to control the air-conditioning.
- **Progressing the handbook** – Kerry to talk to Linda Butler regarding the progress on the handbook which was being put together.
- **Congress 2026** – Lynette Fitz Henry has spoken to John McIlrath regarding directing at this year's Congress. Dot to speak with Lynette and John regarding any "conditions".
- **ABF Promotions** – Sue McMahon advised a cake would be required in February (date to be confirmed) for the quarterly celebration. Sue Grice to organize.
- **Welfare** – Robyn Geale advised she would arrange a card for Sue Warner who is seriously ill in the Mater Hospital. Sue has since been sent home for palliative care. Kerry to organize to send flowers. Terry Cooper is now home from hospital.

Meeting closed: 12.35pm

Next Meeting: 25th February 2026

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Kerry Wright (President)