

MINUTES OF TOMAREE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 28th MAY 2025

Meeting commenced 10.35am

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

Apologies: Kerry Wright (President), Tom Fehily

Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th April 2025

Moved: Lee Preston Minutes be accepted. **Seconded:** Robyn Geale **Motion Carried**

Correspondence In:

25/04/2025 – Stephanie Brookman request sending email to members

30/04/2025 – Melanie Coleman PSC re school carnival booking

Correspondence Out:

27/04/2025 – Stephanie Brookman response to her request

29/04/2025 – PSC request to erect direction sign (sent by Tom Fehily)

15/05/2025 – Melanie Coleman PSC updated Public Liability Certificate of Insurance

Moved: Lee Preston Correspondence be accepted **Seconded:** Sue Grice **Motion Carried**

Business Arising from Correspondence

- 1) The request from Stephanie Brookman to send an email to our members promoting an upcoming event to raise funds for KYDS Youth Counselling, although a worthy cause, was agreed by the Committee to be not an appropriate use of the Club's email. Any further requests of this nature were also to be denied.
- 2) Melanie Coleman (PSC) has advised there will be a school carnival held on Tomaree Matchfield 1 (next to EWFR) on Wednesday 24/9/2025. The booking will conclude by 2.30pm, however they will be utilising the speakers throughout the day and Melanie wondered if we could start our competition later that day. It was decided we advise members the week before there is likely to be an impact on parking and noise that day.

Treasurer's Report

Report as at 30th April 2025 was presented. (As attached)

Moved: Linda Butler Report be accepted **Seconded:** Sue Grice **Motion Carried**

Items for Discussion

- **50 Years of Bridge in the Bay/Book Launch:** Originally it was thought to hold this event at an off-site venue where food and drink could be served. However it was agreed more members were likely to attend if this was held on-site in EWFR either before or after bridge. The Committee agreed to hold the event on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 commencing at 11.00am. The Club will provide a light lunch of a selection of wraps provided by Subway. Helen Jones to prepare a flyer to post on the notice board.

- **Create Committee Handbook/Key Register:** Linda Butler had forwarded to the Committee her idea to create a handbook with all information provided on everything from opening up to setting up, dealing, finances, catering, congress, welfare, website, administration, new members, lessons etc. Suggestions as to changes, inclusions and deletions are welcome. This idea was welcomed by those present as a useful tool for any incoming new Committee. Linda's target would be to have it ready by the 2026 AGM.
- **Cleaning:** The Cleaner recommended by Sue Grice to fill in for Michael Hannigan when he was away recently did a very thorough job and the Committee would be agreeable to use her services again if needed. Sue to provide Linda with her contact details.
- **Charity Day:** To be held on Wednesday 2nd July in support of Yacaaba Centre. Sue Grice to invite a speaker from the Centre to attend on that day and remind members the week before. **Moved:** Robyn Geale "any takings on that day be added to by the Club to take the total up to \$500." **Seconded:** Linda Butler **Motion Carried**
- **Proposed Social Day 15th August:** This day was to be when we invite Tilligerry and Hawks Nest Bridge Clubs for a social day of bridge followed by Lunch. Kerry Wright has reported she has not yet received a reply to her invitation from Tilligerry and Hawks Nest have advised they are unable to attend on that day as it is on one of their regular sessions and also the date of their AGM.
- **Website:** A discussion was held concerning management of the website as it was agreed the website needed to be updated. Secretary to send email to President Kerry asking if OK for Linda to update in her absence. Helen requested "Visitors always welcome" be added to the website.
- **Lessons:** Sue Grice asked if we could invite John McIlrath to hold more of his brief lessons before play. As the Committee had already accepted his offer of holding these lessons at a previous meeting, this would not be necessary.
- **GNOT Regional Final: Moved:** Pat Pepper "the Club subsidise teams attending the Regional Final to be held 3rd August at Newcastle" **Seconded:** Linda Butler **Motion carried**
- **Tablecloths:** Robyn Geale advised she has purchased material from Spotlight at \$15 per metre to make new tablecloths. It was estimated that 35 new tablecloths were needed. **Moved:** Linda Butler "authorise to spend up to \$1000 to purchase enough material" **Seconded:** Robyn Geale **Motion Carried**
- **Winter Start Time:** Helen advised of a suggestion received that morning from John Mcilrath to start earlier during winter months. As this was received too late to be included in the agenda, it will be deferred to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 16th July

Meeting Closed: 12noon

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