

MINUTES OF TOMAREE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 13TH MAY 2026

Meeting opened: 11.40am

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

Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th March 2026

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

Business Arising from Minutes

- **Term deposit funds towards Indoor sports stadium:** Kerry has spoken to Clinton Bridge from Port Stephens Council regarding the suggestion Tomaree Bridge Club offer some of their funds towards providing a room to be used by the Club in the Tomaree Sports Complex Masterplan. Clinton advised the proposed masterplan was too far ahead to make any commitment, however Kerry requested our offer be noted for future reference.
- **Eftpos machine:** Sandra advised she has recently been receiving a lot less cash as most members are now paying by bank transfer therefore she no longer felt an eftpos machine was necessary.

Decisions made between meetings

12/04/2026 – Agreed by email to book entertainer for Christmas party

23/04/2026 – Agreed by email send flowers and card to Jenny

Correspondence In:

16/03/2026 – Bridge NSW re change in ABF Masterpoint allocation

20/03/2026 – Bridge NSW re State Championship 2026

24/03/2026 – Rakesh Kumar (Bridge NSW) choice of congress dates 2027

13/04/2026 – Nigel Eves re suggestion special events on Fridays

04/05/2026 – Astrid Flanagan re new player feedback

Correspondence Out:

07/03/2026 – All members re supported play

25/03/2026 – All members re forthcoming team events

31/03/2026 - All members Vale Shirley Coombes

09/04/2026 – All members re flu season

16/04/2026 – Nigel Eves response to suggestion

16/04/2026 – All members Country Teams 20/04/2026

21/04/2026 – All members State Team qualifier

24/04/2026 – Rakesh Kumar (Bridge NSW) Confirmation booking congress 2027

28/04/2026 – All members State Teams events

04/05/2026 – Astrid Flanagan response

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

Business Arising from Correspondence

New player feedback: Kerry advised she has discussed some of the points raised in the email from Astrid with the Tournament Committee. It was agreed if an opponent was making a person feel uncomfortable with negative comments or unsolicited advice it was up to that person request they stop. If it was an infringement such as a revoke, bid out of turn, insufficient bid etc. then the Director must be called. Kerry will follow up with Astrid. Sue McMahon has a copy of a code of conduct summary she obtained from Port Macquarie. Kerry will also follow up with suggestions for a code of conduct put forward by Sandra. It was agreed our club should produce one and have on the notice board.

Treasure's Report

Report had been forwarded to Committee (attached). Sandra advised our Auditor Ian Spight would be overseas in June for our end of year audit. However this was not seen as a problem and Ian quite often works remotely.

Moved: Sandra Robinson report be accepted. **Seconded:** Lee Preston **Carried**

Items for Discussion

New Members – Four new members have joined this month: Julie Scanlan, Jorge Ros, Suzette Thornburrow and Tony Wallace. Comments were made how Support Play had contributed greatly to recruiting new members.

Name Badges – When ordering name badges for the new members Lee was advised by Nelson Bay Locksmith, who provide the badges, they could no longer access the white panel used to engrave names and logo on. All they had were gold panels which would not allow the use of the blue and white colours of our logo. Dot will investigate other suppliers who would be able to make the badges.

Christmas Party – Sue Grice provided a run sheet for this year's Christmas party at Horizons. Guests would arrive by approximately 12.45pm and receive a welcome drink of bubbles, red or white wine, beer or soft drink. Lunch would be served 1.00pm and at 1.50pm to 2pm entertainment begins after which dessert would be served. Cost to members to be \$25, non-members \$55. Guests to purchase own wine/beer or soft drink.

Congress 2026 Update – Sue McMahon suggested we ask Congress Convener Lynette Fitz Henry to provide the Committee with an update on this year's Congress.

Meeting closed: 12.25pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 1st July 2026

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(Kerry Wright, President)