

MINUTES OF TOMAREE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 26TH NOVEMBER 2025

Meeting opened: 11.30am

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

Apologies: Sue Grice

Minutes of previous meeting held 29th October 2025

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

Business arising from previous meeting:

- Cleaner – Kerry advised cleaner recommended by Sue Grice (Kathleen Stewart) has agreed to fill in Tuesday 2nd December whilst Michael Hannigan is away.
- Program booklet – draft has been received and proof-read. Expected to be delivered mid December.
- Constitution update – KW has spoken to Brian Hodges re the need to update Constitution to include Tournament Committee role. Brian advised it can wait until next AGM.
- Prize money – As agreed prize money was increased for recent Teams event

Correspondence In:

24/11/2025 – WHO Printing quote for program booklet

Correspondence Out:

30/11/2025 All Members – Christmas lunch invitation

06/11/2025 All Members – System cards

06/11/2025 All Members – Nationwide Pairs

16/11/2025 All Members – Finals Under 100 MP

Decisions made by Committee between meetings

As masterpoint and promotion certificates were no longer being issued by ABF it was agreed there be a monthly announcement of those members who had been promoted along with a cake at afternoon tea quarterly to celebrate.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report to 26th November 2025 had been forwarded to Committee.

Moved: Sandra Robinson report be accepted **Seconded:** Robyn Geale **Motion carried**

Due to the inability to roll-over the large term deposit unless the full amount (capital and interest) was re-invested with Newcastle Permanent, Committee members were asked their opinion on investing with another bank. St George was one possibility. Feedback was mainly in favour. **Moved:** Sandra Robinson \$100,000 be invested in a term deposit with St. George Bank **Seconded:** Pat Pepper **Motion carried**

Items for Discussion

- **2025 Congress report**
See attachments

- **Christmas Lunch** – As of 26/11/2025 total of attendees is 68 with one more day before bookings close. Seating to be 8 guests per table. Menu as advised with a welcome drink on arrival. Arrangements have been made for one bottle of pinot grigio and one bottle of cabernet sauvignon on each table or beer or soft drink if requested. Peta Grice has provided a running sheet of plans for entertainment, lucky door prize etc. with Bruce and Kay Baguley to assist setting up

- **Visitor table money** – A suggestion from Robyn Geale to increase visitors' table money to \$10 would make it much easier for Treasurer and others who assist not having to handle and carry change in the float. **Moved:** Robyn Geale increase table money for visitors to \$10 commencing in the new year. **Seconded:** Sandra Robinson
Motion carried

- **Club Laptop** – A suggestion had been made to the Secretary an idea for the Club to purchase a laptop for use by the Secretary for emailing to members etc. Laptop could then be passed on when he or she stepped down from the role or when he/she was going to be away, to enable another committee member access to the Club's email account. Sandra Robinson advised it is possible to authorise a second person access to the account. All agreed a laptop would not be necessary.

- **Bidding System Book** – Pat Pepper showed the Committee "Introduction to Standard American bidding system" a book available from John McIlrath for \$10 each which would be a great help to use for supported play. It was agreed to purchase two copies.

New Members

Lorna Simpson, Janet Rentz

Meeting Closed: 12.20pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 21st January 2026

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Kerry Wright (President)