

## MINUTES OF TOMAREE BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025

**Meeting opened:** 11.30am

**Present:** Kerry Wright (President), Sandra Robinson (Treasurer), Lee Preston (Secretary), Pat Pepper (Masterpoint Secretary), Robyn Geale, Sue McMahon, Tom Fehily

**Apologies:** Sue Grice, Dot Saxon-Williams

### **Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>RD</sup> September 2025**

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

### **Correspondence In:**

05/09/2025 – Clinton Bridge (PSC): No football finals booked in 27/28<sup>th</sup> September  
30/09/2025 – Bridge NSW re affiliation fees for 2026 calendar year  
30/09/2025 – Nick and Lucy Collett re joining  
01/10/2025 – Andrew Campbell (PSC) re temporary access arrangements  
13/10/2025 – Bridge NSW re Online supervised sessions for beginners  
22/10/2025 – Bev Lawler re cleaning while Michael away 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### **Correspondence Out:**

04/09/2025 – To Ian Stewart re board movement  
04/09/2025 – To John McIlrath: invitation to present lessons/talks  
04/09/2025 – To John McIlrath thanking him for offer to act as webmaster  
04/09/2025 – To John McIlrath confirming Committee agree to borrowing/pre-dealing boards  
04/09/2025 – To Lesley Palagy re approval to set up WhatsApp group  
04/09/2025 – To Clinton Bridge to confirm no football finals booked in 27/29<sup>th</sup> September  
05/09/2025 – To all members: Ian Spight's lessons  
08/09/2025 – To all members: John McIlrath's "Improve my results" (plus weekly reminders)  
25/09/2025 – To all members: Under 100 masterpoint comp  
30/09/2025 – To Nick and Lucy Collett re joining

### **Business Arising from Correspondence**

While Michael is away in December Committee agreed to ask cleaner recommended by Sue Grice and used previously. Kerry to contact Linda Butler who has her details.

### **Decisions made by Committee between meetings**

Email 21/09/2025 – obtain quote for website design update

### **Treasurer's Report**

Income and Expenditure report to 30/09/2025 along with Congress financial report had been emailed to Committee. **Moved:** Sandra Robinson report be accepted with amendments of ABF masterpoints and estimated room rent **Seconded:** Pat Pepper **Motion carried**

Newcastle Permanent advised our term deposit of \$100,000 was about to mature. This to be reinvested for 12 months. **Moved:** Sandra Robinson **Seconded:** Sue McMahon **Carried**

## Items for Discussion

- **Christmas Party** – Kerry to catch up with Peta Grice and Kay Baguley re their preparations for entertainment etc. After some discussion regarding subsidy to members it was agreed members would pay \$25 non-members \$50. Also agreed was to provide one bottle of white wine and one bottle of red wine be placed on each table with an arrangement made with bar if guest preferred a beer or soft drink.
- **Congress 2026** – It was agreed the recent congress was fully subscribed and very successful with lots of positive feedback. A suggestion was made to appoint a sub-committee to assist Lynette Fitzhenry who has volunteered to be Convenor for 2026.
- **Website** – A lot of work has been done on the website and it has improved a lot. Kerry wished to reiterate that as Content Manager, requests to post anything on the website needed to be approved by her.
- **Tournament Committee update** –TC have prepared calendar for 2026 including events, AGM and Christmas party dates.
- **Program Booklet** – KW to talk to Helen Jones re using the template to prepare for printing calendar along with members' phone numbers.
- **Constitution update** – KW to discuss with our Public Officer Brian Hodges
- **Prize Money** – Check with Linda Butler about how much has previously been awarded but it was generally agreed that for teams events: \$40 per person 1<sup>st</sup>, \$30 per person 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$20 per person 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Membership after 1<sup>st</sup> October** – As decapitation fees for members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> October were half, it was agreed for those who join after that date their membership fee would carry over to the end of the following year.
- **Sports Council Report** – The recent Sports Council meeting held on 13/10/2025 was attended by Lee Preston who reported a lot of the discussion was in regard to the drainage problems and field conditions following the recent rain. Bruce Scott, the President advised the SC was trying to collect data on the history of each of the Clubs who are members. He asked if all clubs could put together a brief history of their club, 1 – 2 pages and send it to Melanie Coleman. LW to ask Christine Blackledge if she would be happy do that.
- **New Members for approval** – Wendy Cox, Gavin Thom, Patricia Warburton, Lucy Collett, Nick Collett, Christine Algie, Judy McGuigan

**Meeting closed:** 12.25pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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Kerry Wright (President)