



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held at 10am on Thursday 1st December 2022 at Club Willis

1. Attendees and Apologies

Sharon Thompson (Chair), Mark Guthrie, Rod Owen, Ian MacLaren, Carol McMurray, and Mike Prescott.

Apologies - Janie Russ, Jake Andrew

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting from 3rd November 2022 meeting were approved.

3. Outstanding Actions

- a. Strategy – Jake on holiday so no update
- b. Proxy Voting – New Club NSW Constitution released doesn't allow for proxy voting. It was agreed to leave constitution as is which allows for 1 proxy vote per member attending.
- c. AGM Date – Earliest date available to allow time for accounts is 29th April. AGM Date will be Saturday 29th April 2023.

4. Club Manager update

Update and discussion on evening and supervised lessons, it was agreed that we can no longer sustain an ongoing loss for these sessions. Sharon to work on getting the numbers up and a blanket rule of if there are 4 tables or fewer there is an allowance for one paid supervisor and not the usual 2.

Kay Moyes has resigned, discussion around replacement options were discussed and Mike to action.

Mike to send Rod the results of the Rookie Player Survey.

5. Treasurer Update

The Club recorded significant operating losses in recent months, at a level higher than what the average has been throughout 2022. In addition, there has been a devaluation of the units held by the Club in the Schroder Real Return Fund noting that this devaluation has been assessed on a "mark to market" basis and does not reflect a realised or actual loss.

Early estimates of the Club's revenue for the month of November indicate that the November results will benefit from both the higher table fees (effective from 1 November) and a higher volume of player games played in November. Month on month, player games increased by some 10% from October to November.

6. Duration of Rookie/Restricted sessions

Rod requested that we increase the board numbers for these sessions as they pay the same price as Open and Restricted who play more boards. This session is for the newer player and in Mike's experience a new player finds it difficult to concentrate for more than 18 boards. The survey to members didn't indicate the desire for longer sessions.

7. Storage

Rod wanted to know when the Storage unit was going to be emptied. Mike updated that it was to be the next Tuesday. It was agreed that this must be completed by 1st Jan 2023.

8. Gary's Contract

Gary is moving to 4 days a week from 1st Jan 2023. Mark agreed to take on the ownership of agreeing his contract.

9. Teaching Sessions

This was discussed and agreed to be put on hold until Kay's replacement was onboard.

10. Any other Business

The Willis costs – Sharon asked if we are not using the Friday session, can we reduce the Willis costs to account for this? Mark and Mike to look into.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd Feb 2023 at The Willis