



## **NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB INC**

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting**

held at 10am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Club Willis

#### **1. Attendees and Apologies**

Sharon Thompson (Chair), Mark Guthrie, Rod Owen, Ian MacLaren, Jake Andrew, Robyn Rogers, Mike Prescott and Helen Stewart

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting from 29th April 2023 meeting meeting were approved.

#### **3. Club Manager Update**

- a) F2F bridge is going well, Online is diminishing – this is as expected.
- b) Congress numbers are lower than previous years.
- c) Mike thanked Sharon Thompson for her work on the system which has modernised the Club's day to day management.
- d) There have been several requests for biscuits to be brought back. It was agreed to "bring back the bikkies".

#### **4. President Update**

- a) Mark welcomed the two new members Helen and Robyn. He has recently returned from a trip to the UK and updated the Committee on their experience on playing bridge in the UK.
- b) There are several new online platforms coming onto the market.
- c) The online review by the ABF is wrapping up and a report will be out shortly.

#### **5. Teaching Update**

- a. Fiona is doing an amazing job, Beginner Bridge numbers and marketing was presented.
- b. The cost breakdown of the Beginner program was explained and the initiatives to reduce costs were talked about.
- c. There will be no price increase on Beginner Bridge courses.
- d. There will be an online interactive option built to give students the ability to practice or prepare for their lessons. These will be re-usable, and Club owned.
- e. It was agreed that the Club should continue marketing Beginner Lessons.

#### **6. Treasurer Update**

- a. The accounts for the 4 months to 30 April 2023 were discussed, having been circulated by the Treasurer prior to the meeting. The accounts show an improving position as compared to 2022.
- b. The 2023 budget was discussed and approved by the Committee.

**7. Any other Business**

- a. Jake explained to the Committee about his role on the NSWBA Merger Working Group, any conflict of interest, perceived or otherwise was discussed and unanimously agreed that if Jake didn't discuss any NSWBA Business that was not public knowledge this was not a conflict of interest as far as North Shore Bridge Club is concerned.
- b. Robyn suggested advertising in the North Shore Times, this will be looked at in future marketing campaigns.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at The Willis at 10am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023.