



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB INC

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held at 10am on Thursday 17th August 2023 at Club Willis

1. Attendees and Apologies

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

Apologies: Ian MacLaren

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting from 15th June 2023 were approved.

3. Club Manager Update

- a) The Club is now awarding physical certificates for the Monthly Winners, F2F will be presented and online will be posted.
- b) F2F numbers continue to grow and Online is declining as forecasted.
- c) We have received notice about the Willis renovations, the builders expecting it to take 4-6 weeks, Committee agreed to plan on 6-8 Weeks. Mike and Mark to communicate to members.
- d) Beginner Lessons have commenced with increased numbers due to the marketing we have been doing. It was acknowledged that Fiona is doing a great job.

4. The Willis Renovation Plan

- a) The Willis will be closing on 11th Sep, in this time, we will get new flooring, both toilets off the main hall will be renovated and in use. Office will be refurbished, and the main divider will be replaced.
- b) After this time, we will talk to the Willis Management about the possibility of a lease.

5. Ted Chadwick rules

Mark explained that Ted Chadwick used to have these rules, e.g. do not play bridge with someone you are in a relationship with. Mark was seeking approval to have these rules printed and framed and put in both Club Houses. It was agreed.

6. Treasurer Update

- a. June Accounts operating level was close to break even.
- b. We are now getting improved rates at Bendigo Bank
- c. Schroder Investment value went backwards in June, but we are still getting a good distribution from it.

7. IR legislation and changes

Rod updated the committee on IR laws that had changed and about more changes on the way. It was agreed that when the next changes came into effect The Club should engage an IR Consultant to review our compliance.

8. East Lindfield Lease renewal

Rod wanted officially to raise and agree the group to negotiate/handle the renewal of the East Lindfield licence agreement. It was agreed that Mark and Mike would own this as well as The Willis agreement.

9. Any other Business

- a. Jake updated the Committee on the NSWBA Merger Working Group and gauged the Committee's interest in being part of the discussion re:
 - a. Education
 - b. Constitution
 - c. Congresses
 - d. Affiliation pricing
 - e. Promotion and Advocacy of the game
- b. It was agreed that North Shore Bridge Club would help and participate in whatever way was needed.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at The Willis at 10am on Thursday 2nd November 2023.