



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

ABN 58 564 012 908

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held at The Willis Recreation Centre on 1st February 2024 at 10am

1. Attendees and Apologies

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting from 2nd November 2023 were approved.

3. Club Manager Update

- a. Membership numbers have fallen to 1473, this is normal end of year renewal drop.
- b. We are seeing significant savings in Bank Fees with the introduction of the new payment system.
- c. Session player numbers were down 1.5% in Jan, Face -to-Face numbers are up but Online continues to drop.
- d. Beginner Lessons start in February.
- e. Sue continues to do very well in managing the Low Balances
- f. Matt is making a modification so that we will send out statements with the Low Balance emails, this will help members see their account details.
- g. We are now sending out Happy Birthday SMSs to all our members on their birthdays.
- h. Partner Finder App (for Directors) and Public Form for members is launching today.
- i. The Willis venue move went well, thanks to Allan and Rod for their help. The sound issues are being worked on.

4. Finance Update

The December accounts having been previously circulated to the Committee were summarised with no queries arising.

5. The Club's compliance and IR review

Rod and Mike have been working on ensuring compliance with Pay Rates and we are now fully compliant after some minor adjustments. Contracts have been created and are currently with Mike for review.

There is a question as to whether the Current Contractors are Contractors in the ATO eyes and what obligation we have as an organisation to be compliant. It was agreed that Rod was to contact Contractors concerned and have a discussion re-compliance.

The OH&S Audit made some recommendations for Compliance which would cost us a further \$9k. Sharon and Mike to see if we have any members who could volunteer to assist us with becoming compliant.

6. Session and Congress Fee review

With the increased Director Fees, Rent and general Overheads, including all the cost savings, with current forecasts the Club will have an Operational Loss for 2024. It was agreed to lift Table Fees by \$1 for member sessions and \$3 for Guests, they will be;

- Face-to-Face Member - \$16.00
- Face-to-Face Guest - \$21.00
- Online Member - \$14.00
- Online Guest - \$19.00
- Thursday Night Comps Member - \$17.00 (additional \$3 for Championship nights)
- Thursday Night Comps Guest - \$20.00 (additional \$3 for Championship nights)

This will take place from 31st March 2024

7. AGM Date

The 2024 Annual General Meeting Date has been changed and is now set for the 13th of April 2024.

8. Committee Nominations

Committee Nominations for 2024 were discussed and a canvas for new Committee Members to take place.

9. Teaching Update

Fiona continues to do a fantastic Job, numbers for the Lessons are still not at Pre-Covid levels but the retention is greatly improved.

Liz and Fiona have devised a short 5-week course called the 5 essential conventions which will come after the 10 week Bridge Basics Course. This has proved popular.

Anita has advised that she is no longer doing DYS lessons, so we will need to plug this gap. Mike is working on various options.

10. Sponsorship

Ian has volunteered to lead a group of members in a Sponsorship Sub-Committee, he will kick this off with the group and report back to the Committee.

11. Next Meeting

There is a meeting set for Thursday 14th March 2 10am at The Willis