



## **NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB**

ABN 58 564 012 908

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

held at The Willis Recreation Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10am

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

Sharon Thompson (Chair), Ian MacLaren, Jo Ampherlaw, Terry Dunne, Jake Andrew, Robyn Rogers and Mike Prescott

Apologies: None

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

The minutes of the Committee meeting from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were approved.

#### **3. President's Update**

The President noted that the Treasurer had now assumed responsibility for the production of the monthly accounts, having successfully transitioned the process from Kit Meyers. She made a point of thanking Kit for the great job that he has done for many years and also that the decision to move this process in-house was solely a financial one, given the cost issues being faced by the Club and while trying to leave table fees unchanged. She also thanked the Treasurer for her hard work and long hours to successfully make the transition.

The President tabled a draft brochure outlining weekly sessions and major events for the coming year. It was agreed that the draft would undergo some modifications before being made available to members.

#### **4. Finance Update**

The Treasurer tabled accounts to October, which showed that the Club had made a small YTD operating profit (i.e. excluding interest and investment income).

She expressed satisfaction with the result to date given the cost pressures being felt by the Club. This view was endorsed by the Committee.

#### **5. Online Bridge**

The President advised that a review of online bridge activities was being undertaken with Mike Prescott and Gary Barwick and that there had been an overall decline in numbers of approximately 18%.

There was a general view that this was an unsurprising decline from the peak of Covid, but it appeared as if the numbers were stabilizing at this level.

The Committee expressed disappointment in the lack of progress in conducting any more international events that had been so successful in prior years. It was suggested that the difficulty lay in finding clubs prepared to do the work required at their end to make these events happen.

#### **6. Sponsorship Update**

Deferred until next meeting.

#### **7. Behaviour Policy**

The Committee ratified the Behaviour Policy

#### **8. Strategy**

Jake Andrew outlined the approach he would like the Committee to take in creating a Strategy document and specified items to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **9. Welfare**

The Committee acknowledged the work being done by our Welfare Officers and how successful it was in keeping members connected to the Club. It was agreed that thought should be given to finding ways to extend what is already being done, given the success so far.

#### **10. Reserve Fund Update**

A discussion was held about the appropriateness of some of our investments given the extra volatility of returns and the possibility of losses being incurred in any one year, even given likely profitability over the medium term.

The Reserve Fund Review Committee to provide a recommendation on this at the next meeting.

#### **11. Any other Business**

- Some concern was expressed that more could be done to encourage face-to-face bridge, specifically whether another session could be added to next year's calendar. Mike expressed the view that these attempts had been unsuccessful to date.
- It was noted that unused PP funds (e.g. for a deceased member) are taken into the Club's accounts as donations after one year. The Committee supported this approach.
- The Committee noted the voluntary work done by members to improve the Club and noted thanks to all people who help out. In particular, the Committee wanted to record its thanks to Alan Pike, Kit Meyers, June Straw and Meera Kudva for the contributions that they have made to the success of the Club.

#### **12. Next Meeting**

The next Committee is to be held at 6A/18 King St Waverton at 10.00am on Thursday 21st of November.