



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held at The Willis Recreation Centre on 13th February 2025 at 10am

1. Attendees and Apologies

Attendees: Sharon Thompson (Chair), Ian MacLaren, Jo Ampherlaw, Jake Andrew, Robyn Rogers, Terry Dunne

Apologies: None

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 25th November 2024 were approved.

3. Presidents Update

The President discussed several issues:

- **End of year membership retention** – the Club has had great success in reducing membership resignations this year, with only 45 resignations, compared with 152 in the prior year. She attributed this to the ongoing work done by staff in reaching out to members who have stopped playing.
- **Beginners' courses** – beginners' courses are currently as popular as they have ever been, with the weekday course sold out, while the Saturday course has 23 starters. This is thought to be due to the success of our online marketing program. The next beginners' courses will begin in May.

- **Partnership WhatsApp groups** – several WhatsApp groups have recently been launched to enable players to find new partners. This has only happened recently, but the initial interest is encouraging. It is hoped that this will take pressure off of staff to find partners for people while also making the possibilities to find suitable partners greater.
- **Mentor program** – the mentor program that was previously run on a more ad hoc basis has been formalised and structured. The response from both mentors and mentees has been very encouraging. The President noted that there was still scope for more people interested in either role to reach out.

4. Finance Update

The Treasurer reported on the draft (unaudited) accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024. The Club had a small operating profit for the year, highlighting the successful focus on cost reduction given inflationary pressures.

The Treasurer, President and the Club Manager have met with the Auditors to establish the audit timetable so that the date of the Annual General Meeting can be finalised.

5. Workplace Health & Safety

The President showed the Committee potential new side tables which would better enable handbags to be kept clear of walkways. The unresolved issue with these side tables is that they do not stack, which is a problem at The Willis, where the room needs to be packed up after every session.

6. Nomination to the Council of Bridge NSW

The Committee resolved to nominate Sharon Thompson to represent the Club on the Council of Bridge NSW.

7. Investment Sub-Committee Update

- The process of moving some of the Club's investment portfolio to a more stable, lower volatility mix has been started.
- Members of the sub-committee are having initial discussions with groups with the aim of finding a guaranteed long-term home. These discussions are in their initial stages.

8. Acknowledgements

The Committee wishes to formally acknowledge and thank the following people/organizations:

- David Wurth for volunteering his services as the Club's Human Resources adviser.
- Marina Shteyman, for all of her effort to ensure that NSBC flyers were available and distributed at the Gold Coast Congress.
- Bendigo Bank for donating coffee cups for our use.
- Fixed Income Solutions for becoming the Club's major sponsor

9. Any other Business

- There was a general discussion about the workload of some of our staff.
- The Committee wishes to formally acknowledge the establishment of the Leo Goorevich Cup, the new Intermediate Club Championships event.

10. Next Meeting

The next Committee is to be held online at 10.00am on Thursday 27th of March, 2025.