



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held via Teams on 27th March 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 13th February 2025 were approved.

3. Presidents Update

- **End of year membership retention** – the renewal process was very effective, with an increase of 40 members versus a decline of 65 in the prior year. The President attributed this to the hard work done by staff in communicating with members both during the renewal period and throughout the year.
- **Stratified Pairs** – the numbers for the event were very pleasing, with an increase of 20% compared to the prior year.

- **Members Survey** – the response to the Members was very pleasing, both in terms of the number of responses as well as the favourable feedback from Members. One of the important lessons from the survey is the use Members make of the website in the first instance. The President noted that the time for replying to the survey had not yet expired.

4. Finance Update

The Treasurer reported on the strong financial performance of the Club so far in the current year and was cautiously optimistic that the trend would continue.

She also recommended that the Club consider changing auditors for the current year – the auditors have been in place for many years and the Treasurer noted that it is good practice to change auditors every three to five years.

5. Approval of Audited Annual Accounts

The audited Annual Accounts for the Club were approved. Given the legal format that the Accounts must take, it was agreed that the Treasurer would provide an additional, more useful report to Members at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was approved. The President thanked all of the Committee for their work and singled out Jake Andrew for special thanks given the efforts he made in leading the process. It was noted that the Strategic Plan is a working document and is likely to be amended from time to time depending on events, circumstances and feedback.

7. East Lindfield Venue

The Committee discussed the decision by the East Lindfield Bowling Club to sell one of their greens. Discussion focused on whether this decision would impact the Club – probably not - and whether the Club could build a stronger relationship with the Bowling Club so that we could potentially become more of a partnership. It was agreed that the President would reach out to the President of the Bowling Club to arrange an introductory/exploratory meeting.

8. Investment Sub-Committee Update

- The Investment subcommittee was given approval to move the elements of the portfolio with higher risk to less volatile investments.
- Discussions with groups with the aim of finding a guaranteed long-term home are ongoing and some sites have been inspected.

9. Other Business

- The Committee expressed thanks to Sue Crompton for donating proceeds from the sale of her beginners' book to the Cancer Council and for gifting the rights of the book to the Club.

10. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is to be held by the newly elected Committee at East Lindfield on Saturday 26th of April, 2025 immediately following the Annual General Meeting.