

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB INC

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting held at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club, 2B Carlyle Rd., East Lindfield, NSW 2070 on Saturday 26th April, 2025

The Meeting was opened at 11am by Mike Prescott and the Chair of this year's AGM was Sharon Thompson. Sharon welcomed all members.

1. Confirmation of a Quorum

The Club Secretary confirmed that a quorum had been obtained. A list of the members attending is available to view on the Club website.

2. Apologies

Jenny Currin; Nicky O'Connell; Jill Hagley; John McIlrath; Helen Millward

3. Approval of 2024 Minutes

Approval of the minutes was proposed by June Nicholls and seconded by Verity Furness. The members approved that the 2024 minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

4. Approval of the Annual Report of the Committee

This report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. Approval of the report was proposed by Bruce Edwards and seconded by Janet Crocker. The members adopted and approved the Annual Report.

5. Approval and Adoption of the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31st December 2024 together with the Auditor's Report

The 2024 Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement and the Auditors' Report had previously been circulated to members. Verity Furness proposed, and Bruce Edwards seconded approving the financial reports. All reports were unanimously approved by the members.

6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members of the Club for 2025

There were seven Office Bearer nominations and each ran unopposed, therefore no voting was required. The Chair congratulated and announced that the Committee of the Club is as follows:

President: Sharon Thompson

Vice President: Peter Marshall

Treasurer: Jo Ampherlaw

Secretary: Terry Dunne

Committee Members: Robyn Rogers; Jenny Madden; Russell Spear

The Chair thanked all Committee Members for putting themselves forward. The Chair also noted that Ian MacLaren and Jake Andrew, who had served on the Committee, were stepping down. She expressed her thanks and thanks on behalf of the Club for the commitment and effort both had put in and the contribution that they had made.

7. Appointment of Honorary Solicitors

The President confirmed that the Club's current solicitor, Michael Giugni of Austin Giugni Martin Pty Ltd has indicated his willingness to be reappointed. Michael Prescott proposed, and Ian MacLaren seconded, that the Honorary Solicitor be appointed and the members unanimously agreed.

8. Appointment of Auditors

The Club has received advice from the current auditors, Christopher Coote & Company, that they are willing to continue. Jane Russ proposed, and Janet Crocker seconded, that the auditors be reappointed. This was unanimously agreed to by the members.

9. Leo Goorevich Trophy

The President announced that there would be a new event for intermediate players based on performance throughout the year over several events. The event is to be named the Leo Goorevich Trophy, in honour of Leo Goorevich, who has been, and remains, a stalwart of the Club. Leo thanked the club and spoke briefly about his experiences playing bridge for over half a century.

10. Address by President

It's wonderful to see so many of you here today. I will try and keep this brief, if I start to lose you, feel free to nod off discreetly.

We would not have been able to achieve what we have done this year without the Committee. To Jo Ampherlaw, our Treasurer, who has had to find her own way into our finances—she has done this with energy and enthusiasm, always with a smile. She has set up a new version of MYOB that belongs to the Club, giving us access to our data and enabling us to streamline and document the processes. To get to this stage, she has had to run parallel with Compukeeper, our Bookkeeper, until September 2024, learning all of our new systems and how the bridge world works. Thank you, Jo.

To Terry, our Secretary, for keeping us in check, recording the minutes, and also leading the Reserve Fund Committee with Jo—thank you.

To Robyn, who is our conduit to the members, always socialising and bringing strong "real" member feedback to the committee. Robyn is also one of our Welfare Officers—thank you. It's been a fun ride, I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have—thanks and bring on the next year!

Firstly, a huge thank you to our outgoing Committee Members. **Ian MacLaren**, you have been a great support to me during my three years on the Committee, and I truly appreciate your wisdom and wise cracks. **Jake Andrew**, your dedication over the past three years has been instrumental in helping us establish our Strategic Goals. Your contributions have helped set the club on a strong path for the future. On behalf of the members, we thank you both for your time, effort, and commitment and present you with this gift <>.

We also take a moment to honour and remember our members who have passed away in 2024: **John Willis, Hymie Osie, John Mottram, Nancy Lefmann, Charles Fong, Jill Esler, Don Mullineaux, Beryl Kerr and Joyce Edwards**. You will all be greatly missed.

To our volunteers, thank you! This is an area I would love to see grow because the more volunteers we have, the less we rely on paid staff, and the more connected and engaged we become as a community. Speaking from experience, volunteering at NSBC has been incredibly rewarding, and I encourage you all to get involved.

So many people contribute in different ways—whether it's helping directors with boards, baking, mentoring, supervising, filling in as house pairs, researching tablecloths (yes, that's a thing!), or serving on various committees like the Reserve Fund, Social, and Sponsorship Committees. You know who you are—thank you!

A few volunteers deserve a special mention: **Jo Ampherlaw** for volunteering her expertise in Bookkeeping; **Leo Goorevich** for tirelessly managing Tournament Listings, Championship Scoring, and Website updates; **Robyn Rogers** and **Jillian Hagley**, our welfare officers, **Russell Spear**, our Newsletter Editor; and **Kevin Davies**, our dedicated archivist. Without you, our club wouldn't be the thriving community it is today.

Now, to our staff, the backbone of NSBC. **Mike Prescott**, what can I say? We are incredibly lucky to have you at the helm. You are always on duty, serving our members 24/7. **Sue Crompton**, not only an excellent Director but also a key figure in Administration, looking after Beginner Teaching, Catering, and Member Services. **Josh Ogle**, ensuring our boards are dealt, and that we always have tea, coffee, and milk—he is the unsung hero of caffeine supply chain! **Gary Barwick**, our Online Manager, providing exceptional service to our online players, helping members enter congresses, sort out IT issues, and bringing a calm, approachable presence to our online bridge world.

To our Club Directors, **Allan, Ann, Brian, Craig, David, Garry, Jamie, Jenny, John, Kay, Kim, Malcolm, Matt, Ronnie**, and **Sue** - thank you for your professionalism and patience in dealing with our “silly boo-boos” and some of the more complicated queries.

To our Teaching Staff, **Liz, Anita, John, Will, and Jamie** - you are all brilliant, patient, and endlessly encouraging. Your dedication helps us become better bridge players and keeps the learning process enjoyable.

Congratulations (or perhaps commiserations?) to our new Committee Members - Vice President **Peter Marshall**, and Committee Members **Russell Spear** and **Jenny Madden**.... Thank you for stepping up!

Finally, thank you to all of you, our members. Your enthusiasm, support, and participation make this club what it is. Thank you for embracing the changes, attending our sessions, supporting our events, and just being part of this wonderful community.

Here's to another great year at NSBC!

Thank you.

11. Other Business

- Linda Temple raised the possibility of members bringing their own water bottles, coffee mugs and pens. The President agreed to discuss the feasibility of this at the next Committee meeting.
- Frances Garrick asked about any new information in relation to the possible amalgamation with Lindfield Bowling Club. The President advised that discussions were positive but still at a very early stage but that the Committee would inform members as events unfolded.
- Linda Temple suggested that players be encouraged to clean their tables at the end of the sessions.

11. Close

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 11:55am

Signed

Sharon Thompson

Club President

Date