NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held at The Willis Recreation Centre on 17th July 2025 at 9.30am

1. **Attendees and Apologies**

   Attendees: Sharon Thompson (Chair), Peter Marshall, Jo Ampherlaw, Jenny Madden, Russell Spear, Robyn Rogers, Terry Dunne

   Apologies: None

2. **Approval of Minutes**

   The minutes of the Committee meeting of 15th May 2025 were approved.

3. **Presidents Update**

   The President discussed several issues:

   - **Online Marketing –** the President made the case for increasing the Club's online presence and requested approval for expenditure of $5,000 on online marketing. This approval was unanimously agreed.

   - **Playing Room Appearance –** The President advised that the changes discussed at the previous Committee meeting (new tablecloths; cushion boxes; cupboards; painting) had been made. She thanked those members who helped with these tasks.

- **Festival Sponsors –** The Committee noted with great appreciation the sponsors of this year's Festival of Bridge, TBIB; Two Men and a Truck; Watermark Residences; and Fixed Income Solutions. Our sponsors make such an important difference to the Club. It was noted that the club will continue to mention the contributions of our sponsors whenever the opportunity arises.

4. Finance Update

The Treasurer reported that the Club continued to perform better than budget YTD and that she remained optimistic that the trend would continue.

5. Lindfield Rollers – Project 2070

The President explained that significant progress had been made in negotiations with Lindfield Rollers. She noted that the main task right now was documenting a Memorandum of Understanding that protected both Clubs while enabling a framework for future growth.

The Secretary advised that Project 2070 was currently running within the approved budget.

6. Sub Committees

- **Social** - Jenny Madden advised that planning for the social night to be held in early August was on track and that response to the upcoming event was positive.
- **Education** – The President noted that the Education sub-committee needed more members and that this was a key area in the ongoing growth of the Club.
- **Sponsorship** – The Club welcomed Kieser as a sponsor. The efforts of the Jenny Madden and the President in getting Kieser to be sponsors of the Club were noted. Some on the Committee are already customers of Kieser and spoke highly of the facilities and staff.
- **Reserve Fund** – It was agreed that investments were to be progressively moved to shorter maturity to provide greater flexibility as needed with Project 2070.
- **Health & Safety** – it was noted that drain repairs had been made to reduce the difficulty in entering Eat Lindfield after heavy rain. Changes to the Monday night lockup procedures had been made to ensure that Directors felt and were safer.

7. Complaint

It was noted that a draft response to the complaint made by Helen Lowry had been prepared and was currently being reviewed. The entire Committee agreed that the inclusion and comfort of both members and staff was of the utmost importance.

8. **Willis Rental Renegotiation**
   It was agreed that the Vice President would work with Mike Prescott to carry out the renegotiation of our rental of the Willis, which expires at year end. It is considered unlikely that there will be any issues arising from this process outside of the usual commercial ones.

9. **Any other Business**

   Russell Spear asked for help in finding fresh interviewees for his regular newsletter. He made the point that the aim is to help members get to know each other better and that the interview aimed to be broader than only bridge.

10. **Next Meeting**

    The next Committee is to be held at The Willis at 9:30 on Thursday 11th September.