



# Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2021

### **MEETING DECLARED OPEN: 11.00 am**

**PRESENT:** Caroline Nichols, Connie Lewis, Vicki Halliday, George Boettiger, Sylvia Foster, Barry Foster, Peter Hume, Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett, Robin Vaughan, Heather Brown, Lorraine Lindsay, Martin Johnson, Jaan Oitmaa, Hope Tomlinson, Julie Teague, Elaine Hume, Christine Hadaway, Graham Woof.

**APOLOGIES:** Jenny Buckley, Beryl Lowry, Chris Hasemore, Tom Tomlinson.

Acceptance of apologies: moved by Noel Crockett, seconded by Lorraine Lindsay.

**President Peter Hume** welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance in such inclement weather.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE PENINSULA COMMUNITY CENTRE, WOY WOY ON 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020:**

A copy of the Minutes was distributed to all members by email. Peter Hume (President) addressed the minutes with reference to the Constitution amendments and the 2020/2021 committee.

Acceptance of minutes: moved by Jaan Oitmaa, seconded by Elaine Hume.

**No business matters arose from previous minutes.**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

#### **"BWBC Presidents Report to the Annual General Meeting, November 2021**

##### **Membership**

Attendances through the first half of 2021 were typically 5 - 10 tables per session, Mondays, Wednesday (afternoons) and Thursdays being most popular. Two weeks post-lockdown, numbers are encouragingly similar – though the club would be very excited to see numbers grow. That can be expected as health restrictions ease in coming weeks.

Home-club membership in April 2021 was 137 (compared to 171 in April 2019 and 156 in April 2020). At 31 October, home club membership stands at 151, and total membership including non-home members is 204. It is great to hear of members maintaining contact throughout the shutdown and honing their bridge interest by playing together with the online options.

The delta version of the COVID pandemic necessitated closure of the Club from July to October, playing havoc with the club program, including cancelling the Congress for a second year. Our recent Red point week however saw a good level of activity and enthusiasm, while the Melbourne Cup day demonstrated both fashion and the opportunity to follow the horses – facilitated by Laurie and enjoyed by all.

The club was fortunate to attract several beginners to learn to play classes. The lockdown interrupted their progress and it is hoped that refresher classes will quickly get them back on track.

### **Club Room**

In November 2020 Central Coast Council took over the administration of the Peninsula Community Centre. The Club continues to have sole use of the “bridge room” and hires the adjoining “seniors room” for three afternoons a week. At current charge rates, rental is slightly more favourable than our previous arrangement with Coast Community Connections ... though Council does not man the Centre and we have missed the personal touch we previously enjoyed. The Club is grateful that the Council agreed to waive rental for the four months of lockdown so we did not suffer financially.

### **Pam Gowthorp**

Particularly sad this year was the death of Pam Gowthorp. Pam had been a club member for 25 years and was Wednesday morning Director, Club Recorder, and reliable milk bringer. She was highly regarded by all.

### **Acknowledgments**

I leave the role of club president after three terms, and would like to voice my appreciation of the encouragement and advice of many. I wish to acknowledge the contribution to the club of the 2020 / 2021 committee and all the others who do their bit to keep the club running smoothly :

*Christine Hadaway* : Vice-president, teaching coordinator, chief director

*Graham Woof* : Secretary, Masterpoint Secretary, bulletin (The Bridge News) editor

*Beryl Lowry* : Treasurer

*Ann Snow* : committee member, 2021 card

dealer *George Boettiger* : committee

member, director *Felicity Fane* : committee

member, director-in-training *Lynne Rainford* :  
committee member

*Sylvia Foster* : director

*Tom Tomlinson* : keeper of stored equipment

*Marcelle Goslin* : computer care and backup

... and those who work behind the scenes .. shopping for tea and biscuits, tablecloth washing and other clubroom tasks.

Best wishes to the incoming committee and I look forward to continued enjoyment at this very special bridge club.

Peter Hume”

Acceptance of President’s report: moved by Martin Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Lindsay.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Beryl Lowry (Treasurer) was unable to be present. In her absence the Treasurer's report was read to the meeting by Graham Woof (Secretary).

**"BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB Inc.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT for period 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2021.**

It has been an unusual 18-month period for the Club with two Covid lockdowns, extra Covid-related expenses, and extremely low interest rates, so I would just like to highlight a few points:

With a change to the financial year, these accounts cover the 15-months from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2021. Due to the Covid lockdown the ONLY income for the first 3 months (April-June 2020) was interest on the Term Deposit of \$1187 whilst the expenses incurred amounted to over \$4,200 (largely for the first of the ABF fees, Insurance, and Covid-related items).

With declining interest rates a second Term Deposit interest payment received in April 2021 amounted to \$550. (Note that these two amounts of interest comprise part of the profit for the 15-month 2020-21 financial year.) With extremely low interest rates, the term deposit was re-invested for 6-months at .2% in anticipation of an interest rate rise.

The club operates on the basis of Cash Accounting (ie payments and receipts are recorded on the actual date of payment or receipt, rather than being attributed to the period in which they were incurred, as in Accrual Accounting). I mention this because some \$3362 in expenses incurred in the FY 2020-21 were paid in July 2021, the first month of the current FY 2021-22. Therefore, if the club had been disbanded on 30 June 2021 its balance of funds remaining would have been less \$3362.

Looking to the current financial year, we have again endured 3-4 months with little income but with on-going costs. With the low interest rate, only \$55 was received for the 6-month period April to Oct 2021. This will impact the profit for the coming financial year. The Term Deposit of \$55,625 was reinvested to Oct 2022 for a marginally higher interest rate of .33 % pa.

Two challenging years but the club is in a sound financial position with strong reserves.

Beryl Lowry  
Treasurer."

**CONGRESS REPORT:** No discussion as no Congress held in 2021.

**CHIEF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**"BWBC Chief Director's Report 2021**

We have experienced yet another very challenging year. Hopefully we will be able to recover enough over the next year to become viable again.

Sadly we lost one of our long time much loved directors, Pam Gowthorp we thank you Pam for all your support to our club over the years.

Thanks you George and Sylvia for all your support during the last difficult year. We have two new directors this year, thank you to Peter and Felicity for joining the ranks. We need more directors, so if you would like to help us out please come and see me.

We are endeavouring to accommodate our newer players to help them transition into our regular sessions. Our new players can now play on Mondays and

Wednesdays in a separate section and a supervised session is running for them on Fridays at 10am.

Wednesday morning is again struggling to survive, so we would appreciate more support for Wednesday mornings. We will look at restarting Friday afternoons as soon as our numbers improve.

Christine Hadaway  
BWBC Chief Director”

#### **TEACHING COORDINATOR’S REPORT:**

##### **“BWBC Teaching Co-ordinator’s Report 2021**

What a challenging two years our beginners have had. Covid lockdown hit both times just as our beginner’s Lesson were ending, So they have had a difficult time with months at a time away from the club.

After many phone calls I am gradually getting some of them back on board, it has been tough going. I am running a refresher, back to basics starting tomorrow, to try to get people back into the club.

Thank you to George for running card play lessons on Mondays. Intermediate lessons will start soon after Christmas to help others to sharpen their skills. Our first Beginners Lessons start on Monday 7th February at 10 am. It would help our club tremendously if players could drop flyers in letter boxes and help with the supermarket promotions again this year. They were both very successful over the past two years.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with our beginner’s program and attended lessons without your support these would not happen.

I look forward to a happy expanding year ahead.

Christine Hadaway  
BWBC Teaching Co-ordinator “

Acceptance of Chief Director and Teaching Coordinator reports: moved by Hope Tomlinson, seconded by Robin Vaughan.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:** Graham Woof (Secretary) read out the list of nominations received.

All nominated positions were elected unopposed as follows:

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Chris Hasemore
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Sylvia Foster
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Graham Woof
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Beryl Lowry
<b>GENERAL COMMITTEE:</b>	Jaan Oitmaa, George Boettiger

At this point past President Peter Hume vacated the chair and the newly elected Vice President Sylvia Foster presided for the remainder of the meeting in the absence of the newly elected President Chris Hasemore.

Simultaneously Graham Woof (Secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to Peter for successfully leading the committee and the club over the past three years. “Amongst his many achievements, Peter had been particularly instrumental in keeping abreast of the many changing government rules and regulations surrounding the Covid pandemic to ensure the safety and ongoing future of our club.” Sylvia Foster (Vice President) reiterated her support for Peter’s successful leadership.

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: (continued)**

Nominations were then invited from the floor for the remaining three general committee vacancies with the following successful appointments:

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE:**

Connie Lewis, Caroline Nichols – nominated by Barry Foster, seconded by Elaine Hume.

Christine Hadaway – nominated by Noel Crockett, seconded by Martin Johnson.

### **ELECTION OF NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS:**

The following successful appointments were made:

**Chief Director, Teaching Coordinator** – Christine Hadaway, nominated by Peter Hume, seconded by Julie Teague

**Tournament Secretary** – Peter Hume, nominated by Christine Hadaway, seconded by Noel Crockett

**Recorder** – deferred to a later time

**Masterpoint Secretary** – Graham Woof, nominated by Peter Hume, seconded by Connie Lewis.

**Partner Arranger** – deferred to a later time

**Financial Auditor** – David Adams, nominated by Lorraine Lindsay, seconded by Martin Johnson

Vice President Sylvia Foster read out to the meeting a note from Chris Hasemore (President) in his absence.

Hand-written note from Chris Hasemore, reproduced by Graham Woof (Secretary) for inclusion in the minutes of the AGM 2021:

**“NOTE TO AGM:** (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 11am)

I apologise for not being able to make it to my first AGM as incoming president...but, after more than two years of lockdowns, I need to see my 92 year old aunt in Melbourne.

Some of you may still know me as the “Monday/Tuesday man” as Umina was our “weekend escape” while we had our B & B in Sydney.

After finally selling up early this year, we are now full-time Coasties thus giving me more time to make a contribution to our club.

I’d like to say a special “thank-you” to Peter, Christine and the rest of the committee and support crew for the wonderful job they have done over the past few years.

I’d also like to thank all the friends I have made: particularly those who have taken me on as a regular partner...what a challenge! Fancy getting a full post-match analysis of all our errors at the table! To Christine, Jackie, Karen, Chris, George, Martin, and Lorraine: you have all contributed to my “bridge education”.

I look forward to working with the new committee to help keep membership numbers up and maintain the friendly atmosphere of the place.

Thanks

Chris Hasemore”

**MEETING CLOSED: 11:48am**

## BWBC COMMITTEE 2021-2022

<b><u>OFFICE BEARERS:</u></b>		
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	CHRIS HASEMORE	Nominated: Sylvia Foster Seconded: John Aldersley
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	SYLVIA FOSTER	Nominated: Graham Woof Seconded: Chris Hasemore
<b>SECRETARY</b>	GRAHAM WOOF	Nominated: Peter Hume Seconded: Chris Spikesman
<b>TREASURER</b>	BERYL LOWRY	Nominated: Graham Woof Seconded: Peter Hume
<b><u>GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</u></b>		
	JAAAN OITMAA	Nominated: Graham Woof Seconded: Peter Hume
	JORGEN BOETTIGER	Nominated: Graham Woof Seconded: Peter Hume
	CONNIE LEWIS	Nominated: Barry Foster Seconded: Elaine Hume
	CAROLINE NICHOLS	Nominated: Barry Foster Seconded: Elaine Hume
	CHRISTINE HADAWAY	Nominated: Noel Crockett Seconded: Martin Johnson