



# **Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc**

(Registered No: Y2481225 ABN 84060 359 652)

**PO Box 601 Woy Woy NSW 2256**

**Committee Meeting January, 2023**

- Meeting Opened 10:30am
- Present: Sylvia Foster, Barry Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Laurie Powell, Susan Ashley, Kerrie Robertson and Chris Hasemore. Christine Hadaway attended as a special guest.
- Apologies: Jim Routledge, Beryl Lowry
- Minutes of December Meeting: Moved – CH      Seconded - LP
- Business Arising from the Minutes:
  - **Table etiquette.** Carried over from last meeting. JO pointed out the need for JR to be present as he was the original speaker on the topic. Moved to February meeting.
  - **BWBC Super Congress.** Peter Hume has agreed to convene the congress. Costings are currently being obtained from Ettalong Diggers and Everglades Country Club. There was some discussion about an online congress v Face to Face. It was decided Face to Face bridge was the preferred option.
- Voting Outside of Normal Meeting: Nil
- Cruise Ship Allocation of BWBC Green Points:
  - At a previous meeting of the committee it was decided the club would not continue to allow Christine Hadaway to use the club MP system during her cruise ship bridge sessions. Christine attended today's meeting to address committee concerns about this unusual practice. It was pointed out that there are some positives for BWBC. Committee members asked a variety of questions and CH was able to allay their fears. It was decided to allow CH to continue to use the BWBC MP system during her cruise ship bridge sessions.
    - Moved – LP      Seconded – SA      Carried.
- Wednesday Afternoon Bridge:
  - It was decided to discuss this item now rather than in General Business.
    - SF proposed we run an open session on Wednesday afternoons concurrent with the <300MP session. However, due to lack of open players attending last week SF decided to mix the open and <300MP group together for one week only. It was clear the open session was not attracting suitable players and was only surviving due to club volunteers helping out. Although SF repeated on a number of occasions it was for one week only KR pointed out that some

<300MP players did not comprehend this fact and were upset that the session would now be open.

Although looking tenuous it was decided to keep the open trial going for a while longer.

- Letter to Committee from Beryl Lowry (see letter with attached items)
  - It was decided to discuss this item now rather than in General Business.
    - SF pointed out that we do not have a formal web reporter. Web reports were done by Barry and Peter H as volunteers but it was not their job. They would make a report if time permitted but there were no guarantees. In addition, they are not present for all special events and find it difficult to report on something they don't know about.
    - LP volunteered to join the web master team. Laurie would be given training by Barry and Peter and would be first to make reports and web items.
    - If no member of the web team attended an event the Director should ask for a volunteer to write the report.
  
- Correspondence In:
  - Beryl Lowry raised questions about Wednesday afternoon Open Session and web reports. (see combo letter attached)
    - Sylvia Foster answered Beryl's questions (see combo letter attached)
  - CCLCBC sent advice about Colin Mitchell & Peter Berzins funerals.
  - Christine Hadaway wrote advising of her disappointment at Committee decision not to allow use of the club MP system on her ship cruises.
  - Ronnie Ng wrote seeking advice about dates for GNOT and Country Teams. Enquiry handled by Peter Hume.
  - Chris Hasemore advised that he would take over the Chief Storage Officer duties and that there may be items that need to be added to the asset register. The transfer of storage items from the Tomlinsons is complete.
  - Chris Hasemore received a verbal complaint about air circulation.
  - Ronnie Ng advised John McIlrath is our representative in the NSWBA Council.
  - Laurie Powell sent PDF advising of possible improvements to BWBC website. (See PDF attachment). This item was handled now rather than in General Business.
    - Laurie suggested that some web site items were not located in their optimal place. Using a projected screen of our web site he demonstrated some possible improvements. Laurie requested that Committee members review the site at home and bring suggestions

for next meeting.

- CC Council advised acceptance of our regular 24/7 room booking.
- Correspondence Out:
  - Email to Christine Hadaway advising of Committee decision regarding the use of the BWBC MPs system on her bridge cruises.
  - Email to Peter Hume asking him to handle Ronnie Ng requests.
- Acceptance of new members:
  - Transfers In: Donelle Foate, Deborah Guthrie, Wendy Byrne and Alan Adams.
    - Moved – CH      Seconded – LP      Carried.
- Reports
  - Treasurer – See summary sent out by Treasurer some time ago.
    - Moved – KR      Seconded – CH      Carried.
  - Teaching – See Attachment
    - Moved – LP      Seconded – KR      Carried.
  - Chief Director – See Attachment
    - Moved – CH      Seconded – JO      Carried.
  - Tournament Secretary – See Attachment
    - Moved – SA      Seconded – CH      Carried.
- Business Arising from Reports
  - Re - Teaching Report – KR to contact Marketing Team and Australia Post about delivery of our 'Learn to Play' letter box drop.
  - Re – Tournament Secretary – KR gave examples showing advantages of Everglades over Diggers. Also the need to book early.
- General Business
  - Dirty Chairs and carpet cleaning (SF) (carried over from last meeting). Job completed. Quite an improvement to club.
  - Melbourne Cup Review (LP) (carried over from last meeting)
    - LP is considering ideas to improve turnout. Maybe send members a questionnaire. SF thought online sessions could impact our session.
  - Tablecloths. BF (Carried over from last meeting).
    - BF outlined the requirements of the job. SA volunteered to be Chief Tablecloth washer ably assisted by KR.
  - Chris Hasemore advised that due to health concerns he was no longer in a position to continue as President. He thanked SF and JR for their temporary service. Sylvia to take on full time role as President. Jim Routledge to take on full time role as Vice-President.

- Next Meeting – 13th February.

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### **Attachments:**

#### **Beryl Lowry Letter to Committee**

Thanks Barry for the minutes. I have sent my apologies but have a couple of

questions - may b they could be agenda items? Not sure.

One is re the Web-site event reports & the other re the Wed afternoon session.

One question...who, if anyone, is responsible for writing up reports on the Special events & posting on the web-site? A notable omission recently was that of the biggest event of the year, the Christmas Party, which hosted comps over 3 MP sections. The report on the Melbourne Cup prevailed as did sliding photos of the 2021 Christmas Party. The Remembrance Day Red point day was also missed. The Report on the New Year's Cup comp reports the Novice section as being U25 pts whereas several players are over 25pts but U50, which is the regular Mon avo session criteria.

Re Wed avo session. I admire & appreciate Laurie's efforts to get another session running for Open players. However, it has been stressed to me by other players (& my thoughts too) that there are already 5 sessions per week for Open players. For the Wed afternoon Open session to prevail the web-site clearly says that a min of 3 tables is required but play occurred with less than 2 tables. OK, scores weren't posted & so obviously points didn't count, so why?? Three members who played Open qualify to play in the Restricted session anyway, including one novice U50. Myself & other players don't want to see this session interfere with attendance at the regular (Restricted) session. It has taken a while for beginners/rookies to play regularly in this session & we need to encourage them to continue, not drop out. They are the future of an ageing club.

At Jindabyne for a break, so enough from me,

Regards, Beryl.

## ##### Sylvia's Answer #####

In answer to your questions. No one is responsible for writing up reports for the web site. Peter and Barry sometimes put up reports. With their heavy workload they are not able to cover everything. I for one am very appreciative of what they do and I don't think criticising their work is very productive when we have no one else at the moment.

Re Wednesday Afternoon

I made a last minute decision to run two table teams so we could get things going. The event was scored but Christine is waiting for Peter to show her how to put it on the net. The three restricted players who played had open players as partners which is why they played in the open. I can only count 4 sessions not 5 available to open players. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. I can't see anything wrong in trying to cater for all our players. Why should running an open session alongside a restricted session stop players from coming. We do this every Monday successfully. At the moment I have two tables of players willing to come each week. I think we should give it a month or so to see if it will work.

We can discuss all of this further at the meeting tomorrow.

Regards Sylvia

## **BWBC Chief Directors' Report – February 2023**

Our Summer Teams, Christmas Pairs and New Year's Pairs were all well attended. We had 14 tables playing in the New Year's Pairs red point event.

Thank you to the directors who covered my sessions while I was away. Thank you to Sylvia for standing in as chief director in my absence.

I will be away as bridge instructor on cruises from 7th February to 9th March and from 21st March to 6th April.

Christine Hadaway

Teaching Co-ordinator's Report –January 2023

The Friday supervised session is going well, thank you to Ed

and Robin Vaughn for their continued help in this session. Many of our new players are playing in the Monday and Wednesday sessions. Our club had the second largest percentage increase in membership in the whole of Australia last year. This was mainly due to our teaching program so thank you to all the people who helped mainly the delivery of flyers to letter boxes.

I contacted the club that beat our percentage to ask how they did it. They paid Australia post to deliver their flyers. I would like our marketing team to reconvene to plan marketing for our next lessons in April as our chief flyer deliverer is unable to continue. Do we do another supermarket promotion? The success of our new player lesson program is very much a team effort.

I will be conducting intermediate lessons and workshops for the next four weeks on Monday mornings at 10am.

Christine Hadaway

## **disappointment in the committee's decision**

Christine Hadaway

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Ettalong Beach 2257

7/01/2023

Secretary

BWBC Committee

Dear Barry,

I wish to express my disappointment in the committee's decision not to continue allowing me to award green points to sessions that I direct on cruise ships as a BWBC session.

This is David Western's response to the inquiry:

Hi Barry,

Don't remember ever coming across this sort of thing before. Previously anyone wishing to run holiday cruises and award

masterpoints would need to register themselves as an ABF affiliated club via their State association.

Once that was done, they

would submit their holiday/cruise similarly to any other event (eg. Holiday/cruise/congress etc). It would be checked by me that the

event was masterpointed in accordance with ABF policy and that all masterpoints for the event were awarded.

If your club is going to be sponsoring(?) these holidays/cruises then both myself and the ABF will deal with your club, not

Christine. The ABF will invoice your club for the masterpoints issued, and failure to pay will reflect badly on your club, not

Christine. As far as the NSWBA and ABF would be concerned, the event is being run by your club, so all queries etc will be

directed to your club. As long as your club is prepared to pay the invoices and respond to any emails regarding these events, then

that is fine. It will be up to your club and Christine to sort out any re-imbusement of funds between the both of you. That would be

of no interest to the NSWBA nor the ABF.

I think it would be better, and safer, to just have Christine register a club via the NSWBA to run these cruises. Although if this is a

once off event, then probably not warranted.

Regards,

DCW

I have run sessions away from our club before and I know of other clubs that have without

forming their own bridge club.

I made it very clear from the start that I would cover any expenses incurred to our club. I have already paid for the green points as calculated by our Masterpoint Secretary. Peter has no issues with my running the sessions as BWBC sessions as David points out:

“That would be of no interest to the NSWBA nor the ABF.”

It appears that David’s only concern is about the payment of the masterpoints. I certainly will not be forming my own private bridge club just to run about two sessions a year and I assure you I will always cover any expenses to BWBC incurred by me. After all the work I have put into this club surely my word is good enough.

All of the green points from the cruise help our club accumulate red points, which you can see from last Monday’s red point event are a great asset to our club. If I ran the sessions as my own private club I certainly would not run red point events and I could not transfer the green point to BWBC. They would be wasted.

I would be happy to attend today’s meeting to answer any of your questions regarding this issue. I do hope you will reconsider your decision on this matter.

Kind regards,

Christine Hadaway

## **WEB SITE Headers – Areas of Improvement**

Brisbane Water Bridge Club - Woy Woy

Home Results-BWBC Quick Links Learn to Play Membership Calendar and Pre-entry About BWBC

Publications Log-in

Results BWBC Master Points Look-up Code of Conduct Events Calendar Club location Meeting

Minutes

Partner Arranger CCBC Long Jetty Recorder & Complaint Pre-enter Events Our committee Newsletter Links

Masterpoints BWBC CCLCBC Gosford Policy Regular Sessions Our Directors

McCutcheon (BWBC) Community BC Membership Fees BWBC Super Congress

Player Promotions Bateau Bay Library Life Members

Pre-enter Special Event Partner Finder Club Constitution Trophy Room Log-in

BWBC Regular Sessions Dummy rights & Site Admin Login

Local Bridge Clubs Limitations Event Calendar

CCLCBC Gosford Laws of Bridge - link to Setup

CCLCBC Results WBF

CCBC Long Jetty

CCBC Results

Community BC Bateau Bay

NSWBA

NSWBA Calendar

NSW Congress Results

ABF Newsletters

Joan Butts Video Lessons

## **Tournament Secretary**

There are some major events coming up in the first quarter of the year and it would be great to publicise them in coming newsletters :

- Club Individual Championship 30 Jan & 6 Feb

- Interclub Teams at Gosford 2 Feb
- Club Teams Championship /Country Teams qualifier 4 Mar

Pre-entry is required for these events

Congress

We still haven't finalised a venue for the congress (July 22-23). Ettalong Diggers was available and Everglades to be investigated.

Masterpoints

Christine Hadaway ran sessions on a recent cruise and 14.61 green masterpoints awarded via BWBC. The MPts were in the December batch.

Cost \$27.32 (\$1.87 per green MPt). Christine advised of cost and expected to reimburse club.

For information of the committee, here is the explanation of how the number of permitted red point events is calculated.

All clubs that are affiliated with the ABF at September 30th and have not less than 40 sessions scheduled during the following calendar year (as confirmed by an entry in the Affiliated Bridge Clubs Directory) are entitled to run 6 sessions of club red point events, masterpointed at grade B4c level, during that calendar year. Additional entitlements are as follows:

- One session for the first 35 green masterpoints issued by the club in the twelve months to September 30th of the preceding year.
- A further session for each additional 65 green masterpoints issued by the club in the twelve months to September 30th of the preceding year.



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Summary

DECEMBER

2022

<b>Income</b>	Table Fees	\$	2,210.00
	Book Sales	\$	70.00
	Subscriptions	\$	3,414.00
	Interest		
	Christmas Party	\$	94.00
	Donation	\$	0.36
	Learn to Play/Improver Lessons		
	Name Badges		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>5,788.36</b>

<b>Less Expenses</b>	ABF fees		
	ABF Masterpoints		
	Bank - Merchant Fees	\$	97.21
	Cash Prizes	\$	1,630.00
	Catering	\$	104.95
	Christmas Party	\$	3,294.00
	Cleaning	\$	155.00
	Director/Deal Fees	\$	745.00
	Equipment		
	Name Badge		
	NSWBA Lic/Comp Fees		
	OFT		
	Printing/Photocopier	\$	624.25
	Prizes		
	Rent	\$	2,184.00
	Stationery	\$	5.25
	Sundry	\$	35.00
	Teaching/Lessons/Supervise		
Water Cooler			
Web Hosting	\$	75.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,949.66</b>

<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 16,724.66	Statement Balance	\$ 13,513.36
Plus Income for Month	\$ 5,788.36	Plus outstanding deposits	\$ 50.00
Less Outgoings	\$ 8,949.66	Less outstanding chqs	
Less Transfer of Funds		Plus Transfer of Funds	
<b>Net balance</b>	<b>\$ 13,563.36</b>	<b>Net balance</b>	<b>\$ 13,563.36</b>