



# Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

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## Committee Meeting Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

- Present:  
Sylvia Foster, Jim Routledge, Barry Foster, Beryl Lowry, Jaan Oitmaa, Laurie Powell, Susan Ashley, Kerrie Robertson
- Apologies:  
By email Chris Hasemore
- Minutes of January Meeting:  
Moved the January Meeting Minutes be accepted.  
Moved: LP    Seconded: SA    carried
- Business Arising from the Minutes:
  - Table etiquette carried over from previous meetings. JR asked for the item to be moved to General Business.
  - BWBC Super Congress. JO to report on progress.
    - Quite a number of items need to be finalised.
    - The congress has traditionally held Super Congress status. However in the current circumstances this may not be possible.
    - Negotiations with Diggers and Everglades are ongoing. Both clubs have some limitations.
    - SF to report by email.
  - LP asked Committee members to review BWBC web page. Committee members should report on any desired relocation of web items.
    - LP produced 2 x formats with suggested improvements. Using his newly acquired web powers LP has made some changes. Committee Members are to check web site and report back at next meeting.
  - KR to report on viability of using Australia Post to distribute 'Learn to Play' pamphlets.
    - It seems Australia Post Business Dept is the first step in organizing pamphlet distribution. The cost is 2c – 4c per item making a full distribution impossible.
    - There was some more discussion on alternatives such as shopping centre games and so on.
    - No real progress was made on this difficult topic.
- Voting Outside of Normal Meeting:
  - BF moved a motion that LP be given full BWBC FB managing powers. Carried.
- Correspondence
  - Correspondence In:
    - ❖ Invoice for Web Hosting - \$99
    - ❖ Letter from Jaan Small.
    - ❖ Letter from Tracey Dillon.
    - ❖ Letter from LP showing certain MPs in our club.

- ❖ Ronnie Ng – Requesting a response from BWBC to ABF online club survey. Completed by BF
- ❖ John McIlrath – Zone news.
- ❖ Christine Hadaway, Peter Hume & SF, JR, BL – Talking Points for new sub-committee. Christine provided a number of points for the Sub-Committee discussion of Wednesday and Monday afternoon sessions.
- ❖ CCBC brochure for their Super Congress. In brochure display panel.
- ❖ Ronnie Ng – Advising of Country Teams Final.
- ❖ Julian Foster – Advising of My ABF improvements.
- ❖ Shirley Crockett – Advising of the passing of John Hackett and request to refund fees. Handled by BL
- ❖ Newcastle BC – advertising April Restricted and Novice Congress. In brochure display panel.
- ❖ John Scudder – update on ideas to promote bridge.
- ❖ Gary Heyting – a few words expressing sadness that clubs can't coordinate more. BF agreed but gave committee some reasons why this might be the case.
- ❖ CCBC – advising of lessons.
- ❖ NSWBA – advising of Mixed Pairs arrangements.

- Correspondence Out:

- ❖ January Newsletter.

- New Members: Nil

- Reports:

- Treasurer: See Attachment
  - Chief Director: See Attachment.
  - Teaching: See Attachment.
  - Tournament Secretary: Nil
  - Asset Register: Nil
- Moved reports are accepted.  
 Moved: JR    Seconded: LP    carried

- General Business:

- Formation of sub-committee to examine special sessions for Restricted/Novice players. SF
  - SF outlined the need for a sub-committee and reported on what happened at the meeting and the following recommendations for the Committee to consider.
    - **Wednesday Afternoon.**
    - Wednesday is labeled as a soft session. Players would be expected to follow simple bidding similar to that taught in the 'Learn to Play' and 'Supervised Play' lessons.
    - Some players not being as well mannered as they should be. JR to follow up. There was general discussion of ways to speak to people.

- It was decided that 'Gold Life' should be the ceiling for players in this session (750 MPs)
- JO pointed out the need to clearly state what a 'Soft Session' is.
- Motion: Wednesday Afternoon session is given 'Soft Duplicate' status. Players must have less than ABF 'Gold Life' Master Point status.  
                     Moved: JR                      Seconded: JO     Carried

- **Monday Afternoon <50MP Session**

- The sub-committee reported that this session was founded as an additional step after 'Supervised Play'. Currently, we have Club Champions and some players with many years experience playing in the session.
- The session is supposed to be for genuine Rookies and renaming is recommended.
- Deeming players out was discussed at length with a number of dissenting views expressed.
- Motion: Monday afternoon session for lower level players be renamed Rookies. Current regular players may attend for the remainder of 2023. At the conclusion of 2023 the Chief Director and Tournament Secretary in liaison with the committee may deem out players not considered to be Rookies. Players feeling they are genuine Rookies may appeal the decision. In 2024 new players will be accepted into the Rookie session from the newer players groups.  
                     Moved: JR     Seconded: KR     Carried 5 For - 1 against - 2 abstain.

- Discussion of letter to committee re Wednesday afternoon bridge
  - SF thought that a personal discussion would be the best way to handle issues. SF to follow up and report back.
- Discussion of letter containing multiple issues.
  - The letter contained a large number of items. Discussion ensued and there was lots of agreement on a number of points. SF gave an explanation of the Wednesday problem.
- Marketing
  - Christine Hadaway is willing to help out.
  - KR suggested the Peninsula News is still active locally. KR is willing to investigate the cost of ads.
  - It seems the Marketing sub-committee is no longer functioning.
- Table etiquette carried over from previous meetings. JR asked for the item to be moved to General Business.
  - JR pointed out that there are a number of resources available. Jim wants us to look at the various items.
  - JO pointed out that there needs to be an understanding of technical items as distinct from social items e.g. manners.

- There was discussion about how best to present to the membership.
- KR suggested making a handout available to the membership.
- SF suggested popping the odd reminder on the Directors clipboard.

- Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> March

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## **Attachments:**

### **BWBC Director's Report February 2023**

- Sylvia is training Marcelle to direct on Wednesday afternoons. Peter has offered to occasionally direct on Wednesdays as well.
- Supervised play is going well on Friday mornings and Sylvia will take over while I'm away. Robin and Ed will continue to assist.
- Sylvia is acting Chief Director while I'm away also.
- The Individual event was very successful while many of the new players participated
  - Christine Hadaway

### **BWBC Teacher's Report**

- Beginner's Lessons will start on Wednesday 12th April at 10am.
- I already have 8 people signed up. I will help with advertising when I return on 9th March.
- Improver's lesson will take place in April also.
  - Christine Hadaway

# Treasurer's Report

<b>Brisbane Water Bridge Club</b>			
Summary		January	2023
<b>Income</b>	Table Fees		\$ 3,917.00
	Book Sales		
	Subscriptions		\$ 1,186.00
	Interest		
	Christmas Party		
	Other ??		\$ 50.00
	Learn to Play/Improver Lessons		\$ 310.00
	Name Badges		
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,463.00</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	ABF fees	\$ 277.98	
	ABF Masterpoints	\$ 110.75	
	Bank - Merchant Fees	\$ 79.10	
	Bridge Books		
	Catering	\$ 171.37	
	Christmas Party		
	Cleaning	\$ 670.00	
	Director Fees	\$ 720.00	
	Equipment		
	Name Badge		
	NSWBA Lic/Comp Fees		
	OFT		
	Printing/Photocopier		
	Prizes		
	Rent	\$ 1,125.00	
	Stationery	\$ 41.18	
	Sundry		
Teaching/Lessons/Supervise	\$ 310.00		
Water Cooler			
Web Hosting			
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,505.38</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 13,563.36	Statement Balance	\$ 15,520.98
Plus Income for Month	\$ 5,463.00	Plus outstanding deposits	
Less Outgoings	\$ 3,505.38	Less outstanding chqs	
Less Transfer of Funds		Plus Transfer of Funds	
<b>Net balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,520.98</b>	<b>Net balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,520.98</b>