



Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

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Committee Meeting Minutes – 17th April, 2023.

- Present: Sylvia Foster, Jim Routledge, Barry Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Susan Ashley, Chris Hasemore, Laurie Powell.
- Apologies: Kerry Robertson & Beryl Lowry.
- Minutes of March Meeting:
Moved that the minutes of March meeting be accepted. LP Seconded: CH
- Business Arising from the Minutes:
 - BWBC Super Congress. SF to respond.
 - Saturday Pairs to be held at Community Centre. Maximum 40 tables.
 - Sunday Teams to be held at the Everglades. Maximum 30 tables.
 - Lunch will be provided by us on Saturday and Everglades on Sunday.
 - Members to be encouraged to bring in slices for Saturday.
 - Table fees set at \$50 per person for both days.
 - Marquee lesson. BF to respond.
 - Joan Butts has yet to name a date.
- Voting Outside of Normal Meeting:
 - Motion to purchase movement sensor located at doorway to improve security for members working alone in the club room. Carried
 - BF arranged for purchase and installation of movement sensor.
- Correspondence
 - Correspondence In:
 - Beryl Lowry – Treasurers. (See below)
 - Various emails for organization of congress (Everglades, Housie).
 - Heather Munday Eulogy (From Bobbie Lyons).
 - Online and club cheating (email from Chris Hasemore). (Treated in General Business)
 - Roll for lessons (email from Susan Ashley passed on to Christine).
 - Advertisement for Nambucca congress. (Displayed in Congress area).
 - NSWBA Strategic Review (passed on by Ronnie NG)
 - Eurocoast Appliance Service Pty Ltd (Invoice for new bench cooler).
 - Advice about confusing membership payment (from Beryl L).
 - Advice from John McIlrath about updating NSWBA website with latest club info.
 - 2 x items from LP for discussion in general business.
 - Sally Cullen clearing up fees confusion.
 - Jorgen Boettiger. Suggestion for newsletter (bridge puzzles).
 - Peter Wheatley. Variety of suggestions to improve club sessions. Treated in General Business.
 - John McIlrath. Mention of Director's Seminar in April.
 - Judith Lambkin. Wanting info on club policy when a session is not viable.

- Verbal request from CCLCBC President. Is there interest in swapping chairs?
Treated in General Business.
 - Microsoft 360. Acknowledgement of 2023 subscription.
 - John McIlrath. Questions for clubs to consider about Hunter Zone.
 - Acknowledgement of our application for Everglades Club Grant.
- Correspondence Out:
 - March Newsletter.
 - Judith Lambkin. Reply to points raised in her email.
 - Replies to various John McIlrath Zone emails.
 - Replies to various negotiations about bench water cooler.
 - Replies to various fee anomalies (fee misunderstandings).
- New Members:
 - Lyn Lynch (Alternate member). Carried.
- Reports:
 - Treasurer: See Attachment
 - Chief Director: Nil
 - Teaching: Nil
 - Tournament Secretary: Nil
 - Asset Register: Nil
 - SA moved reports be accepted Seconded LP carried
- General Business:
 - Dr Gordon Reid letters and newspaper articles. LP to respond.
 - LP spoke about political letters from Dr Reid
 - Various committee members expressed a range of opinions.
 - No action taken
 - New Computer. BF to respond
 - BF passed on comments from the Chief Director and 2 others.
 - Old computer is in excess of 10 years old and is showing signs of deterioration.
 - Club computer boffins recommend specifications.
 - Motion
 - ❖ I move the club purchase a new computer to replace the current aging one. Maximum spend \$1800 to cover computer and any associated costs.
 - ❖ Moved BF Seconded JR Carried
 - Office rejuvenation project. BF to respond.
 - This is stage 2 of the project. Stage 1 included the new doorbell, bench water fountain, new office copier and rearrangement of furniture.
 - Stage 2 involves purchase and installation of the following items.
 - 2 x book cases.
 - 1 x 6 drawer chest.
 - I move the club purchase the following items to update the club office area.

- 1 x Six drawer chest.
 - 2 x flexi storage cubes.
 - Maximum spend \$600 to cover office items and any associated costs.
 - Moved BF Seconded JR Carried
 - Verbal suggestion to President from Ian Newton. SF to respond.
 - Re – Upside-down Pairs. Ian suggested that this event could be held more often as it is popular with lower level players.
 - SF told of problems associated with the event held earlier this year. Organization can be quite difficult.
 - JO suggested we approach the Tournament Secretary to increase the number events in our 2024 program. JO suggested 4 per year.
 - SF revealed that it was difficult to find the required number of >300 MP captains.
 - Charity Day. SF to respond.
 - SF suggested we make Woy Woy Food Pantry our charity for 2023.
 - \$15 for bridge and soup/roll lunch as in previous years.
 - Moved LP Seconded CH Carried
 - Peter Wheatley email.
 - Re – Some ideas for session improvement.
 - Committee was generally unhappy that Peter bypassed the Committee to survey Wednesday players.
 - SF pointed out that the Monday <50MP division was an impediment to what would normally be a Regular session. The withdrawal of lower level players meant that the ‘Open Division’ was stronger making it harder for those trying move their game forward.
 - It was suggested that Monday <50MP would be best relocated to Friday giving players the opportunity to choose between Supervised Play or a <50MP session. No action taken.
 - The letter contained a suggestion that playing with higher level players was often unpleasant. JR pointed out that unpleasantness is subjective. BF said we could take action if we have some names.
 - It seems unsolicited help is also a problem. If lower level players receive help at every table it leads to a level of despondency. It was decided to look for those giving too much advice and remind them to only advise on play when requested.
 - Secretary to write to Peter W.
 - Online and club cheating. CH to respond.
 - CH told of obvious cheating by some who play BBO and Stepbridge. He described situations experienced by him. At club level he had heard of some players making impossible bids that make it appear they have prior knowledge of the boards. The Committee decided to keep in mind Chris’ thought but take no immediate action.
 - Gosford President Louis Koolen made a verbal application that we swap our club chairs for Gosford chairs. After short discussion it was decided to take no action.
- Next Meeting:

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Summary

March

2023

	Table Fees	\$	3,486.00
	Book Sales	\$	98.00
	Subscriptions	\$	576.00
Income	Interest		
	Christmas Party		
	Donation	\$	0.05
	Learn to Play/Improver Lessons		
	NSWBA Grant	\$	10.00
	Total Income	\$	4,170.05

	ABF fees		
	ABF Masterpoints		
Less Expenses	Bank - Merchant Fees	\$	77.01
	Bridge Books	\$	93.01
	Catering	\$	242.22
	Congress	\$	500.00
	Cleaning	\$	120.00
	Director/Deal Fees	\$	840.00
	Equipment	\$	956.12
	Name Badge		
	NSWBA Lic/Comp Fees	\$	1,540.00
	Photo Gallery	\$	32.00
	Printing/Photocopier	\$	33.00
	Prizes		
	Rent	\$	1,784.00
	Stationery	-\$	6.00
	Software sub renewal	\$	94.00
	Teaching/Lessons/Supervise		
	Water Cooler		
Web Hosting			
Total Expenses	\$	6,305.36	

Bank Reconciliation			
	Balance Brought Forward	\$	17,449.60
	Plus Income for Month	\$	4,170.05
	Less Outgoings	\$	6,305.36
	Less Transfer of Funds		
	Net balance	\$	15,314.29
	Statement Balance	\$	15,314.29
	Plus outstanding deposits		
	Less outstanding chqs		
	Plus Transfer of Funds		
	Net balance	\$	15,314.29

Dear Peter

Sorry my reply to your email has taken so long.

At the last Committee meeting your email was discussed at length. Firstly, I should point out that in general the Committee was very disappointed that you should take upon yourself to survey the Wednesday group without prior consultation with at least the Committee Executive. Clearly your intentions were good but in future it would be best to try and work through the established system.

In your email you used the word 'Open' often but in discussions it's probably best to refer to sessions as 'Regular' as there is quite some difference. On Mondays we have an Open and <50MPs combined session. That is our only true open grouping. Our regular sessions cater for all members.

Your idea of reducing our regular sessions to 3 and increasing the number of restricted sessions to 3 generated considerable discussion. We are not keen to lose another session for the general membership. However, some thought was given to moving the Monday <50MPs group to Friday and re-establishing Monday as a Regular session.

As far as unpleasantness is concerned you need to name names. We've already told players not to give lessons to the newer players and the reasons behind that. It's important to keep in mind that all the >300MP players were once novices and have strong memories of the challenges novices face.

You mention 'cannon fodder'. I've never known players to look at others in that way.

There's not a single member who doesn't want the club to grow. Players with >300MPs are keen for lower level players to develop their game and take pleasure in the pastime we all love.

'Win at all costs' implies some form of inappropriate behaviour is taking place. If you see something along the lines of psyching or trickery it's best to name names. I don't believe any cheating is taking place. Maybe the 'multi twos' could be construed as 'win at all costs'. Peter, please be assured the Committee is always looking at the club as a whole. We will always try to work through issues with even-handedness and fairly.

Cheers Barry

Secretary BWBC