



# Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

(Registered No: Y2481225 ABN 84660 359 652)

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## Committee Meeting Minutes – 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

Meeting opened at 10:32am

- Present: Sylvia Foster, Jim Routledge, Barry Foster, Beryl Lowry, Jaan Oitmaa, Susan Ashley, Kerrie Robertson & Laurie Powell.
- Apologies: Chris Hasemore
- Minutes of May Meeting:  
Moved that the minutes of May meeting be accepted. SA Seconded: JO.
- Business Arising from the Minutes:
  - Ronnie Ng has resigned as Regional Representative. **BF** to respond in General Business.
  - TBIB Insurance Brokers. **JR** to review costings and policy. JR to respond in General Business.
  - Clubroom Door Sign. **LP** to respond in General Business.
- Voting Outside of Normal Meeting:
  - Nil
- Correspondence
  - **Correspondence In:**
    - Beryl Lowry – Treasurers Report. (See below)
    - Beryl Lowry – Asset register. (See below)
    - Departure from advertised program on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.
      - Emails from JR, Christine H, Judith Lambkin.
      - Responses in General Business.
    - Email from JR. Items for General Business.
    - Email from LP. General Business item.
    - Invoice for Seniors Room – Treasurer to handle.
    - Web Hosting Renewal – Treasurer to handle.
    - Wing Roberts responded to Dealing Machine enquiry. **BF** to report in General Business.
    - Graham Woof. Email about declarers not remembering which hand they are in.
    - Ronnie NG. Reminder about State Veterans.
    - Peter Hume. ABF info about capitation increases.
    - CCBC – Novice and Restricted Congress info – placed in club info trays.  
Reminder to be placed in newsletter.

- NSWBA
  - Teams of 3 info.
- Central Coast Council
  - Invoice for room hire. **BL** to respond in General Business.
  - Office space Agreement form. Handled by **BF**.
  - Schedule of room hire charges.
- **Correspondence Out:**
  - May Newsletter.
  - Judith Lambkin. Notifying Judith that her matter will be treated at next Committee Meeting.
  - NSWBA – asking for dealing machine advice.
  - Jim Routledge – PDF of ABF Public Insurance Certificate.
- New Members:
  - Stuart Clark # 1183478
  - Peter Talty # 1183461
  - John Thorndyke # 1183451
  - David Thorndyke # 1183443
  - Josephine Howie
  - Jennifer Poole

Moved: LP          Seconded: JO    Passed.
- Reports:
  - Treasurer: See below
    - Asset Register
      - **JR** suggested old items be adjusted to nil value.
      - **BL** found 3 possibilities.
      - **JR** led general discussion of replacement costs, nil values and how any future insurance claims could be skewed because of incorrect valuation.
      - **BL** and **LP** to review assets and report at a suitable future time.
    - Treasury
      - **BL** focused the Committee's attention on paying council for use of Seniors Room on a Monday. The money is wasted if the room is not used. Due to a shortage of time discussion will be continued next meeting.
  - Chief Director: See full report below.
    - The committee discussed, with concern, the Chief Directors report on reduced numbers for Regular sessions as well as Mondays.
    - **BL** pointed out quite a number of players had found online bridge and the advantages over regular visits to the club.

- Teaching: See report below.
- Tournament Secretary: Nil
- Asset Register: Received from Treasurer.

LP moved reports be accepted      Seconded - KR    carried

- General Business:

- **Clubroom Door Sign**

- New sign to be designed and installed by LP. Cost \$176:00.

- **Kitchen Etiquette.**

- **LP** listed some problems with the current way our kitchen operates. Many players are leaving a mess for others to clean-up. **LP** suggested some A4 signs be made up to remind members of kitchen responsibilities.
- **LP** to make a suitable sign and install in a prominent place.  
Moved: JO      Seconded: JR    Carried

- **Community Grants Availability - JR to respond.**

- **JR** led discussion about community grants available for small club purchases.
- **LP** added that local clubs also support grants but there is a need to apply at exactly the right time.
- Although there was quite some committee interest it was felt that it would be strange for a club such as ours to be donating to charity and then applying for grants.
- No further action required.

- **Spare Session Partners - JR to respond**

- **JR** pointed out the need for a standby for all sessions.
- Whilst agreeing that standbys had been tried on many occasions before **JR** put forward a unique suggestion. Rather than having a single person **JR** suggested we have a rotating roster that we would cycle through. Members interested can place their names on a roster for certain days. Members with more time available can put their names down several times. Others may just fill an odd spot.
- **JR**, helped by **KR** to present possible blank roster to next meeting.

- **Departure from advertised program.** - Monday 5th June single session
  - Email from Judith Lambkin
  - **JR** reminded meeting that we decided to leave Mondays the same until the new year at which time the Chief Director and Tournament Secretary would review situation and see if players should be deemed out of <50MPs group.
  - **Chief Director** attended meeting to respond. The Chief Director made many points of concern.
    - Circumstances have changed for the worse and we need to take action now. We can't afford to wait until the New Year to address the current situation. The problem is here; now!
    - The club is not large enough to support the current groupings. New players will no longer play in our Regular Sessions.
    - Chief Director has a vision for the club to survive.
    - We need to work towards one club.
    - Chief Director is going to move a private motion at a SGM.

#### **Other Contributions to debate**

- **LP** spoke about MPs.
- **KR** expressed possible opinions of newer players.
  - The Monday single field gave a unique chance for new players to improve.
  - Players > 50MPs were helpful on the Monday.
  - Need to check constitution for SGM requirements.
- **JR** spoke about finances. Do we know the average number of players needed to reach a break even point?
  - We need to stick to the criteria set out for the Monday session.
- **BL** spoke about the attrition rate.

**Motion.** In view of the circumstances put forward by the Chief Director, this meeting endorses the departure from the club's advertised program.

Moved: LP Seconded : JO Carried: For 5 Abstain: 2 Against: 1

- **Congress**
  - How is organization progressing. Not discussed at meeting.
- **Interclub Teams**
  - BWBC event postponed. Not discussed at meeting.
- **Ronnie Ng has resigned** as Regional Representative. BF to respond.
  - **BF** checked with 2 suitable members and although there was some interest no progress was made.
- **TBIB Insurance Brokers.** **JR** to respond with findings on our latest invoice.

- **JR** found, after investigation of available material, that the latest insurance charges were satisfactory.
- **Dealing Machine**
  - Our 2 dealing machines have become unreliable. **BF** to respond.
  - **BF** contacted local dealers for a price on new machines. \$5500 will get the latest model.  
Motion: We purchase a new machine.  
Moved: BL      2nd: SA      Carried: for 7      Abstain: 1
- Next Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> July.

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## Treasurer's Report for May

### Note:

Income has been boosted this month from the GNOT (any expenses incurred?) There is also an outstanding amount of \$971 from the Charity Day to be disbursed. (Report below)

Extra expenses this month included a new computer & furniture for the Office upgrade. (A new dealing machine may be required too.)

Rent payment this month was for Seniors Room which is charged at \$68 for Monday afternoon. For the past two Monday afternoons (at least) the room has not been used. Whether this continues will need to be monitored. (Not sure how the number of prospective players can be gauged?) Invoice for rent for Main room (May & June) will be received in June as C.C. Council invoice bi-monthly.

ABF Capitation fees are set to increase in 2024 from \$16.10 to \$20. Of the \$36 membership fee charged at present, the club only retains about \$10.

The Asset Register has been updated with recent purchases. With Barry for review.

Re Biscuits: expenditure for this year is attached below. At the time Joan complained of the biscuit situation, there is obviously an extra purchase around late April/paid May.

June heralds the EOF year. It could be a good time for a new Treasurer to take over in case a different system is preferred to be used.

Beryl.

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Summary

MAY

2023

Income	Table Fees	\$ 3,675.50
	Book Sales	\$ 100.00
	Subscriptions	\$ 72.00
	Interest	
	Charity Day	\$ 1,448.00
	Learn to Play/Improver Lessons	
	Name Badges	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 5,295.50</b>

Less Expenses	ABF fees		
	ABF Masterpoints		
	Bank - Merchant Fees	\$ 76.71	
	Bridge Books		
	Catering (inc Charity Day)	\$ 400.64	
	Charity Day - Pantry	\$ 470.85	
	Cleaning	\$ 131.07	
	Director Fees	\$ 905.00	
	Equipment	\$ 1,504.81	
	Name Badge		
	NSWBA Lic/Comp Fees		
	OFT		
	Photo Gallery	\$ 24.00	
	P.O.Box Rental (inc late fee)	\$ 181.00	
	Rent (Seniors r-Mon @\$68)	\$ 272.00	
	Stationery	\$ 438.40	
	Sundry	\$ 1.68	
	Teaching/Lessons/Supervise		
Water Cooler			
Web Hosting	\$ 99.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 4,505.16</b>	

Bank Reconciliation			
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 14,353.22	Statement Balance	\$ 15,143.56
Plus Income for Month	\$ 5,295.50	Plus outstanding deposits	
Less Outgoings	\$ 4,505.16	Less outstanding chqs	
Less Transfer of Funds		Plus Transfer of Funds	
<b>Net balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,143.56</b>	<b>Net balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,143.56</b>

## **BWBC Chief Director's Report June 2023**

Directing going well generally except for Mondays, it is increasingly becoming more stressful for the director because of the low numbers creating two Howell movements with multiple players requiring stationary tables. Wednesday sessions run by Peter and Marcelle are going well, thanks to both.

I continue to express my concerns for the crisis in attendance numbers on three of our four Regular sessions. Over the last four weeks Mondays have averaged 4 tables, Thursdays 4 tables and Saturdays 5 tables. None of our beginner pairs play in these sessions excluding Kerry-Anne Durrant. This is of great concern to me as the club's teacher. Over the past nearly 50 years new players were certainly expanding our participation across all sessions. Something has to change to address this issue.

## **BWBC Teaching Coordinator Report June 2023**

Our last class of beginners has finished and we celebrated with a fabulous graduation lunch at Margarita Daze after their first supervised duplicate with six tables playing. A big thank you to Robin and Ed for their continued support with this session.

I am loath to releasing these new players to other sessions while the current division continues in our club.

I am running Improvers lessons on Wednesdays at 10 am and Intermediate lessons on Mondays at 10 am this month.

Christine Hadaway