



# Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

(Registered No: Y2481225 ABN 84660 359 652)

P.O. Box 108, Woy Woy, NSW 2256

## Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> May Meeting Brisbane Waters Bridge Club

- **Apologies**

John Sandra

- **Attending**

Jim Routledge (JR), Christine Hadaway (CH), David Adams (DA), Steven Anderson (SA), Dasha Brandt (DB), Elaine Hume (EH), Jenny Buckley (JB), Deb Guthrie (DG)

- **Minutes of \*8th April and Correspondence**

That minutes for 8th April be accepted; Moved SA, Seconded EH.  
Carried

- **Correspondence**

Nothing of note.

- **Reports**

- **Treasurer's Report**

We have \$82,379.19 in the bank, down \$3,747.27 on the previous month. ABF annual capitation fees have risen, annual insurance, purchase of new cards and the secretary's laptop computer account for this shortfall.

In the nineteen weeks this calendar year the average number of pairs playing per week is 72. This is 10.4% better than last year.

The Council is yet to announce is expected alteration of the rents for the rooms.

Insurance, particularly Public Liability for events held outside the club rooms has not been clarified and should be.

- **Chief Directors Report**

Lessons: 17 people attended the first daytime lesson on Monday 12th May (my birthday). Another two tables are expected tonight , Tuesday 13th May.

Many beginners were drawn from flyers and having seen a bridge game in progress while dropping in to vote at the Federal Elections.

Practice sessions for the current lessons should be held in the adjoining room and at the same time as the supervised session under the aegis of Kerry and Steven Anderson. Always something to aspire to.

(The existing Friday supervised should not be interfered with)

DA will contact the woman who left early.

Separately, the Schedule for Directors has not been provided.

CH to follow up.

- **Tournament Report**

The tournaments have been successful. Two players need to be followed up as they didn't pay.

- **Advertising/Membership**

F/Book and Tear off signs showed no sign of success, though the telephone number was often removed. The letterbox drop was.

Chris Hasemore to be thanked by JR for dropping off so many flyers throughout the villages.

All beginners were offered \$30 discount on the lessons. CH remarked that each beginner who stays is worth potentially \$500/year.

- **Congress Report**

There is still a surplus of \$800. It should be noted that not all prizes have been advertised.

Committee does not want to provide after Congress drinks, as players can quite easily go over to the Ettalong Diggers.

JR to clarify with David Bowerman.

- **General Business**

1. Christine Hadaway will be offered Life Membership of Brisbane Waters Bridge Club at the next meeting.

CH suggests the Constitution be changed to allow only active members to be eligible for Life Membership.

JR and committee members to consider this proposition.

2. PH and JR have drawn up an updated Events Planning Schedule.

PH has also set up a Green Masterpoints recap. A note of Directors Fees should be added. This will need more boxes.

With these new forms available, PH and JR should work together to plan coming events through to December.

Name Badges. Payment to be followed up. They have been ordered but have not appeared.

3. Club surplus. If it is considered necessary to dispose of the Club surplus, the following suggestions were raised for consideration:
  - a. Free lunch at AGM
  - b. Christmas lunch free for members. But not bridge.
  - c. Transport to another Congress or interclub game.
  - d. Dealer of cards to be paid per set of boards.
4. As CCCouncil is yet to finalise rents for the coming financial year, this should be taken into account.
5. JR to talk to Dealers
6. CH is checking on directors' at other clubs
7. JR talking to Barry Foster about the AGM and the Christmas Party.

- **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10th June 10.30

Meeting closed at 11.55

As an addendum, JR has emailed a list of items for the Committee's consideration. It should be noted that most of these appear within the body of the Minutes.

1. Life Membership. JR to write to nominators (done)
2. Congress exclusion of alcohol. JR to reconfirm to DB (done)
3. Event Membership. JR to coordinate with PH and plan all remaining 2025 events for costings and preparations (in progress)
4. Name Badges. CH to follow up to have them acquired.
5. Directors Fees. CH to follow up with other directors and propose a fee schedule to Committee.
6. Dealing reimbursement. JR to speak to SR and SR.
7. Practice lessons to be held on Fridays in Seniors Rooms. DA to determine availability this Friday.
8. Change of date for AGM to be updated. DB to contact BF for website and newsletter.
9. Charity week. Not discussed. Raffle prizes and tickets?
10. Insurance costs comparison DA advises increase of 24% What did our broker do for us?
11. Best use of club reserve funds. All members to consider and draft suggestions for circulation before next meeting. I propose we each provide DG with our suggestions to be consolidated and distributed.