

Minutes June 10 2025

Open 10.33

Present: Jim Routledge (JA), Christine Hadaway (CH), David Adams (DA), Jenny Buckley (JB), John Sandra (JS), Elaine Hume (EH), Dasha Brandt (DB) Steve Anderson (SA), Deb Guthrie

Correspondence:

Judith Lambkin. JR to reply.

Business:

3 new non Home Club members accepted. Reports

Treasurer: Central Coast Council is still only accepting Credit card payments.

The Bridge Room has not been booked for 2026 yet as 2026 bookings are not open. But it has been noted that our room is not listed as being available.

Table numbers are still improving, with Wednesday Friday and Saturday sessions being the strongest.

Charity Week raised over \$1400 so far with raffles still to be included.

Advertising : Barry Foster not thrilled with the success of F'Book responses to lessons. (Data shows only one internet attribute). How and where to advertise should be deferred to next lot of lessons.

JR to thank BF for his work.

Tournament : JR to contact Bateau Bay and Long Jetty to propose reciprocal approaches to individual players.

Rookie Championship players are still not strong enough. There are approximately 70 players with less than 100 MPs. EH should network amongst these with a view to getting a viable number of pairs to score a championship. Terrigal BC should be mentioned by CH to Kevin Hughes as well.

Directors: Several sessions did not have a Director this month. Directors should be told notice needs to be given so replacements can be found . A session without a Director needs a solution. JR proposes that people be allowed to play casually in the room without supervision.

Lessons: David Adams has taken over teaching and practice sessions.

Committee recognizes the immense work from David, Elaine Hume and Jenny Buckley keeping the latest crop of beginners tutored and stabilized .

Committee also recognizes and thanks Christine for 25+ years of teaching.

DA proposes that A, followup lessons be available after the current 7 lessons finish, to tackle slam bidding, staymen, transfers and general bridge culture.

That B, Monday and Friday morning sessions start half an hour earlier at 9.30; as the Monday afternoon players are interrupting the finish of the morning group;

That C, Monday morning continue, and Friday morning continue depending on enthusiasm.

Congress: David Bowerman wants a drink to be available at the end of the sessions. Congress sub-committee will address this.

For all Reports, CH proposes they be accepted, EH seconds.

Charity Event: Was considered as quite a lot of work. Whether to have soup daily, whether to have an entire week should be discussed prior to the event next year.

EH proposes prizes be donated for the Congress.

Boards: The Boards are configured until the end of 2025.

Marcelle to be paid \$5 per board, including the Boards she has dealt for the Congress.

Spider and Beryl should also be paid \$5 a Board.

DA proposes that current Directors should pay to play in Sessions, that they should separately be remunerated for their Director Work, and that pay for both Directors and Dealers should be backdated to June 1.

DA proposes, DB seconded.

Meeting closes 12.03