



Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

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Committee Meeting Minutes – Nov. 2025.

Meeting opened at 10:00am

♦ **Present:** Caroline N Chris H Barry F David A Jenny B Elaine H Donelle F
Dasha B

♦ **Apologies:** Steve A

♦ **Minutes of October Meeting:**

- Moved that the minutes of October meeting be accepted. JB Seconded: DB

♦ **Business arising from the Minutes:**

- Christmas Party/Presentation Day.
 - CN to reported on progress in General Business
- Bank account signatories – DA report on progress.
 - DA reported that this item was to be done in the near future.
- Trial brochure for 'Learn to Play' - DA & EH to report.
 - A draft brochure was presented to the meeting. At this point in time it is a work in progress.
- Australia Post to replace club walkers for distribution of 'Learn to Play' brochures – DA to report.
 - No action taken.
- Additional club room keys – BF to report.
 - Council made a new key available. Kevin H to receive key. Key register updated.
- Presentation Day prizes to be finalized.
 - CN reported on progress in General Business.

♦ **Voting Outside of Normal Meeting:**

- Voting was conducted on the purchase of a new dishwasher.
 - There was significant discussion on the need for a new model v repairing old.

♦ **Correspondence**

♦ **Correspondence In:**

- Coming attractions from BridgeNSW
- Council booking receipts for payments.
- CCBC reminder about their Interclub Teams competition.
- Solo Services Invoice.

- BWBC losing Super Congress Status.
- John McIlrath newsletter item.
- Richard Carter - suggestion to hold social bridge day to support dementia organisations.
 - CN reported on her findings and will contact Richard.
 - BF pointed out we have two charities to support already.
- David Bowerman - thank you for gift voucher.
- Web Hosting Invoice.
- Jim Routledge – thoughts on Red Point prizes for Presentation Day
 - Discussed in General Business.

◆ **Correspondence Out:**

- October newsletter
- Coming attractions reminder

◆ **New Memberships:**

- N/A

◆ **Reports:**

- Treasurer:
 - The month would have been far worse without the interest for the term deposit. On the subject of interest, you may note that our cash reserve fund earned the grand sum of 10 cents for the month. Well down. Our trading account - the solutions one - is down over \$5,000 for the month and our overall funds are down \$3,000. Catering is up due to none being paid in September.
- **Chief Director:** See below
- **Teaching:** DA gave a summary of the positive things going on. Pleasing progress in all aspects.
- **Membership Secretary:** See below
- **Tournament Secretary:** See below
 - ◆ CH moved reports be accepted. Seconded JB - carried

◆ **General Business:**

- Response re Richard Carter email. - CN
 - CN spoke about some possibilities for a special charity event. Maybe a fund raiser in February.
 - BF pointed out some problems we've had in the past trying to get workable numbers for special charitable events.
- Christmas Pty and Presentation. - CN
 - The party menu was finalized
 - Costs - \$30 includes bridge.

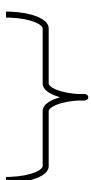
- BF to make FB and web ads as well as notice board entry & player lists.
- Letters from Peter H and Jim R suggested opposing ideas for Presentation Day prizes were reviewed. It was decided to keep the format from last year. Therefore prizes will only be awarded to Club Champions.
- Club Room office area tidied up. –
 - CN indicated areas of the club that need tidying. Office and kitchen areas in particular need attention.
- Congress 2026. - CN
 - Booked for 18th / 19th July. Administrator of Ettalong Seniors reported that the premises were not cleaned to the required standard. It was felt that next year we should pay for a final cleanup of the venue.
- Congress Sponsorship State Championship Novice Teams - BF
 - BF suggested we sponsor our club champion Novice and Rookie teams for the State Championship to be held at Central Coast BC.
 - Secretary to write to the various players inviting them to take up this generous offer.
- Club finances 2026 – (Locked in fees (Life Members, Dealing, Director & Red Point)) – BF
 - BF pointed out that a number of new spending initiatives have been introduced in the last year or so. These new initiatives are permanently locked in to our budget and need to be paid for.
 - DA indicated that a number of members wish for our surplus funds to be somewhat used up.
 - It was decided to keep yearly fees the same but increase table fees to \$6 for regular events and \$10 for red point competitions. Club Championships would be priced according to expenses at the time.
 - **Motion** – Commencing 1st January 2026 table fees will be \$6 for regular events and \$10 for Red Point events.

Moved BF Seconded CH Carried 6 for 2 against.
- Red Point Events – review - CN, DA & BF
 - Review of changes made 2 meetings ago.
 - No Standby
 - It was decided to give shopping vouchers instead of wine. Winners to receive a \$30 shopping voucher each.
 - If 3 Novice duos are present the best placed Novice pair to receive \$20 voucher each.
 - BF indicated that photos for the Special Event Gallery cost \$8 each. Therefore each red point event would have a locked in cost of \$116.
- Repairs to club room (fair wear and tear) – BF

- There was a short debate of what council should have to pay for v what the club should pay for. No action to be taken.
- Requests from Tournament Secretary for committee to make decisions.
 - The committee should review draft program
 - ❖ Committee members to review draft booklet and notify Tournament Secretary asap of any suggestions.
 - Decision needed on fees
 - ❖ Yearly fees to remain the same. Red Points \$10 regular days \$6
 - Thoughts on Australia Wide Pairs
 - ❖ Interest level is very low
 - Thoughts on ANC Country Pairs and Teams.
 - ❖ No definitive views expressed.
- PO Box
 - DA pointed out that very little if any traffic passes though our mail box
 - EH indicated that BridgeNSW send Master Point cards via Aust Post.
 - It was decided to keep our post office box.

◆ Held Over from October Meeting

- Partner Arranger – JB
 - JB has become unofficial partner arranger.
- Some regular players are still offering help to newbies often outside the limits set during lessons. Causing some confusion – JB
 - This has been an ongoing problem for years despite regular reminders in newsletter and before sessions begin. No solutions offered.
- BridgeNSW online supervised play – DA
 - BridgeNSW are holding online Supervised Play sessions on a Sunday. DA has notified suitable people.
- Tasks and responsibilities of each committee member. – CN
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Jenny b – Partner Arranger, Welfare
 - Steve A – Kitchen supplies
 - Dasha B -
 - Donelle F – biscuits, catering
 - Elaine H – Membership Secretary, program booklet



Responsibilities outlined in
BWBC Constitution
- Tasks and responsibilities of non-committee members – BF
 - Teaching Programs – David A
 - Chief Board Dealer – Spider R & Beryl L

- Welfare – Jenny B
- Librarian – Karen O
- Photo Galleries – Barry F
- Masterpoint Secretary – Elaine
- Computer Backup – Peter H
- Chief Director – Sylvia F
- Tournament Secretary – Peter H
- Charity - Vacant
- Table Cloths – Steve & Kerry
- Partner Arranger – Jenny B
- Social Activities - Vacant
- Chief Storage Officer – Chris H
- Kitchen – Steve A
- Recorder – Robyn S
- Web Master – Peter H & Barry F
- Publicity - Vacant
- Newsletter – Barry F & Jaan O

♦ Next Meeting: 9th December



Tournament Secretary – Report

♦ Club Program Booklet

- Elaine & I have completed the initial draft of the 2026 club programme book – attached
- The events scheduling has been perused by the directors and now
- Please send any comments/suggestions/amendments by end of week as it will have to go to the printer fairly soon.
- Note that membership fees and table fees are listed as per last year .. is there any update
(Note that the ABF capitation fee is \$23.30 and the BridgeNSW affiliation fee \$20)

♦ Other tournament business

- Committee - please advise what dates the club will be open between xmas & new year.
- What do people think of Australia -wide and State-wide pairs events - we get invitations for our club to participate but none accepted any this year, maybe next year if we think there is interest.

- For information: 2026 ANC (Canberra in July) will include a Country Teams event (one team per country club, nominated by the club) and a Country Pairs event (individual entry). BWBC members should qualify for both. Thinking that interested teams nominate and could run a play off to decide which team represents club.
- Peter Hume

Chief Director Report

- ◆ Christine Hadaway has retired as club director.
- ◆ Kevin Hughes is the new Monday director.
- ◆ Donelle Foate is the new Wednesday director.
- ◆ While Jorgen Boettiger is away for six months we will have a roster.
- ◆ I hope to hold a directors meeting before Jorgen goes away.
- Sylvia Foster

Membership Secretary report Nov 25

	HCM	NHCM	Total
Sept 23	153	61	214
Sept 24	124	59	183
Nov 25	133	47	180

No new members.

- ◆ Further to last meeting:
- ◆ 2026 book changes:
 - Membership fees to stay the same?
 - Table fees to stay the same?
- ◆ Last meeting some suggestion of increasing Red points to \$10 Previous rational for charging more for red points was the provision of prizes, which are now being reintroduced
 - Standby "not for red point or special events"
- ◆ Add statement in Championships Events about only having single winners?
- ◆ Remove P.O. address
- ◆ Calendar and contacts as previously done
- ◆ To go to printer this week, with the above inclusions – 160 copies 572

BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

October

2025

Regular Income

Interest cash reserve account	\$0.10
Lessons	\$110.00
Sales books/badges	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$0.00
Sundry	\$200.00
Table fees	\$2,917.00
Table fees supervised	\$320.00

TOTAL REGULAR INCOME \$3,547.10

Regular Expenses

Abf memberships	\$251.30
Bank fees	\$70.83
Catering	\$1,565.62
Cleaning – August & September	\$495.00
Dealing fees	\$265.00
Director fees	\$1,109.00
Director fees supervised sessions	\$250.00
Masterpoints	\$269.86
Photogallery	\$128.00
BridgeNSW	\$145.55
Rent	\$1,825.00
Stand-by	\$117.00
Life members	\$115.00
Sundry	\$496.00
Teaching	\$90.00
Stationery/computer	\$366.90

TOTAL REGULAR EXPENDITURE \$7,560.06

Monthly surplus from regular activities -\$4,012.96

IRREGULAR INCOME

Term Deposit interest	\$2,580.00
Melbourne Cup Day	\$750.00

IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE

Water cooler	\$649.00
Deposit Christmas party	\$400.00
Food Melbourne Cup	\$353.20

Monthly surplus from ALL activities -\$2,085.16

Year to Date surplus from all activities -\$5,548.52

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE Sheet 30/09/2025 31/10/2025

Solutions One Account \$9,943.11 \$4,277.85

Cash Reserve Account \$10,749.85 \$13,329.95

Term deposit \$60,000.00 \$60,000.00

Total bank accounts \$80,692.96 \$77,607.80

Notes:

Monthly report goes to BWBC, Caroline Nichols, Chris Hasemore, Barry Foster, Elaine Hume, Steve Anderson, Jenny Buckley, Dasha Brandt, Donelle Foate