



Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

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Committee Meeting Minutes – Jan. 2026.

Meeting opened at 10:35am

- ◆ **Present:** Caroline N, David A, Barry F, Elaine H, Dasha B, Donelle F, Steve A, Jenny B.
- ◆ **Apologies:** Chris Hasemore
- ◆ **Minutes of November Meeting:**
 - Moved that the minutes of December meeting be accepted. SA Seconded: EH
- ◆ **Business arising from the Minutes:**
 - **BF - Marketing lessons**
 - BF to make map, master copy of brochure, BWBC web ad & advertise on FB
 - BF completed each item.
 - EH pointed out the need to print brochures at the club rather than at a print shop due to costs.
 - DB suggested BF make a tear off brochure that could be placed in libraries etc
 - **EH – Player Frequency**
 - BF to make monthly voucher and give to players
 - Task completed. Four players for January notified and are using their voucher.
 - **Cleaning of carpet and chairs in bridge room.**
 - SA to report.
 - SA to report on progress at next meeting.
- ◆ **Voting Outside of Normal Meeting:**
 - Frequent Player Rewards (how to be implemented) - carried
- ◆ **Correspondence**
 - ◆ **Correspondence In:**
 - Various items for Treasurer – Forwarded on.
 - Bridge NSW –
 - December newsletter
 - Advertise lessons with them
 - First year progress article
 - Learn to Play enquiry

- Gosford – requesting we advertise Inter Club Teams
- Toronto BC – Directors Course (Forwarded to Chief Director)
- Richard Carter – Email; Switching clubs, thanking us and requesting to stay on email list.
- Jim R – Email; Thanking us for his Frequent Player Reward.
- Various responses to Frequent Player Rewards Program

◆ **Correspondence Out:**

- December newsletter

◆ **New Memberships:**

- EH to report

◆ **Reports:**

○ **Treasurer: See below**

- The Treasurer answered questions about the current losses.
- 74% of Home Club fees paid.
- Some members are not renewing.

○ **Teaching: N/A**

○ **Chief Director:**

- Kevin and Donelle are attending a director's workshop on Thursday, 5th February. Could the committee please agree to reimburse them \$20 each for the cost of attending the workshop?

❖ Regards Sylvia Foster

- SA moved that the club pay reimbursement as requested by Sylvia Foster. Seconded DB Carried

○ **Membership Secretary:**

- Membership renewals going well,
- Including 5 applications for transfers into Home membership: 4 from NHCMS: Beryl Lowry, Bob Lowry, Kerry Dwyer, Margaret Fleming and transfer into HCM for Thomas Fleming all for committee acceptance. Actually translates to 1 new member.

❖ Elaine

○ **Tournament Secretary: See below**

- EH moved reports be accepted. Seconded SA carried.

◆ **General Business:**

- **CN - Pre-entry prompts** should be in the Newsletter and other bridge club correspondence for people who are not regular players.
 - BF agreed to do this.

- **CN - Would be useful** if BWBC BSB and bank account details were published in the members booklet in future.
 - Committee agreed. Future Tournament Secretary to handle this.
- **CN - Responsibility for purchasing Gift Cards** for tournaments to be discussed.
 - SA volunteered to do the purchasing.
- **CN and CH to attend** the Bridge NSW Club Presidents' Day to be held in Maitland on 27th January.
 - Best wishes to President and VP.
- **CN - Follow up with David Bowerman** to make sure our Congress on 18/19 July is included on the ABF calendar.
 - DB reported that David B is looking into it. Congress now fully approved awaiting entries.
- **CN - I have received** a couple of complaints about the table fees being increased to \$6 and \$10 respectively!!!
 - Apparently there has been some discussion about the need to increase table fees. Some Committee members are concerned about the current losses which could easily get out of control.
- **BF - Marketing lessons**
 - **FaceBook**
 - It was decided not to pay for FB advertising for the current set of lessons.
 - **Newspaper**
 - DF has been looking into advertising in local newspapers. Ads could be one quarter page.
 - **Other**
 - DA indicated he has a few interested people.
 - EH to print off the master copy and players to be asked to take some to distribute in their neighborhoods.
- **BF – Cleaning out Cupboard** with must keep items
 - BF and SA displayed items from a rarely opened cupboard. Items included congress decoration banners that hadn't been used for years. DB to tell David B about items and see if they can be incorporated into our congress.
 - EH suggested making no decisions until after the congress.
- **DB & DF – Discussion** of New Years Cup
 - Systems
 - DB expressed concern about the system card used by Diana Coats and Jan Clarke. Various opinions were expressed. DB suggested the system used was unfair to newbies.

- **50% prize**
 - DF wished to review the 50% prize.
 - EH to look into MPs and report on a more suitable percentage that could be used as an alternative to the current 50% red point prize.
- **Sub-Committee** of Directors/Tournament Committee
 - DB suggested we make more use of sub-committees.

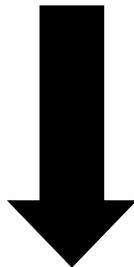
♦ Next Meeting: 10th February



Tournament Secretary

- Budget for Club Teams (Sat 7th March) which doubles as qualifier for State Open Pairs
 - Presume 10 tables
 - Director -- \$200
 - 2 teams to regional final @\$100 --\$200
 - Masterpoints -- \$50
 - Lunch 40 @ \$10 -- \$400
 - Club overheads (our normal red point table fee money) 40 @\$10 -- \$400
 - Total \$1250 - If BYO lunch, \$850
 - Suggested entry fee with lunch charge \$35 - BYO lunch \$25
 - Committee please review & advise if we prefer to run BYO lunch or provide lunch
 - ❖ Peter H
 - DF to organize lunch within the set budget.
 - EH to advise Peter Hume

Financials Below



BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

December

2025

Regular Income

Interest cash reserve account	\$0.09
Subscriptions	\$4,560.00
Table fees	\$2,483.00
Tablefees supervised	\$190.00
Sundry	\$145.10

Regular Expenses

Catering	\$446.45
Cleaning-November	\$220.00
Dealing fees	\$125.00
Director fees	\$934.00
Director fees supervised sessions	\$140.00
Life members	\$138.00
Masterpoints	\$109.73
Merchant fees	\$83.89
Rent for December	\$400.00
Standby	\$55.00
Stationery	\$84.00
Sundry	\$96.25

TOTAL REGULAR INCOME \$7,378.19

TOTAL REGULAR EXPENDITURE \$2,832.32

Monthly surplus from regular activities \$4,545.87

IRREGULAR INCOME

Christmas Party

IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE

\$600.00 Christmas Party	\$4,728.00
Annual Cash Awards	\$1,250.00
Bridge NSW capitation fees	\$2,880.00
Bidding pads	\$475.00

Monthly surplus from ALL activities **-\$4,187.13**Year to Date surplus from all activities **-\$10,637.95**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES as at	30/11/2025	31/12/2025
Solutions One Account	\$3,241.45	\$2,513.28
Cash Reserve Account	\$13,330.05	\$10,000.09
Term deposit	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total bank accounts	\$76,571.50	\$72,513.37

Notes: