



Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

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Committee Meeting Minutes – Feb. 2026.

Meeting opened at 10;30 am

♦ **Present:** Caroline N, Steve A, Dasha B, Jenny B, Donelle F, Elaine H, Chris H.

♦ **Apologies:** Barry Foster, David A.

♦ **Minutes of January Meeting:**

- Moved that the minutes of January meeting be accepted. SA Seconded: DF

♦ **Business arising from the Minutes:**

- Cleaning of carpet and chairs in bridge room.
 - SA reported on progress re cleaning of carpets & chairs. Later, in "discussion of financials", it seemed that , due to the high cost (\$1300) for the cleaning, it was a good idea if we ask Barry to put in the next Newsletter that players respect the furniture & be careful with crumbs & coffee when "taking their break".
- Bridge NSW Club Presidents' Day held in Maitland on 27th January.
 - CN gave a report on our "BridgeNSW President's Day" held at Maitland on Tues 27th Jan. Glenda Parmenter gave an excellent background of the changes resulting from NSWBA to the new Bridge NSW, especially in relation to the Hunter Region with its own unique issues (declining numbers in quiet country towns, encouraging continued volunteer participation & encouraging new directors etc). She also showed us the excellent resources available to assist directors & bridge teachers on the website.
- DB & DF – Discussion of New Years Cup
 - Discussion of NYC (New Year's Cup): DB (along with others) expressed concern that advanced systems (used by Di/Jan & others) are making it difficult to attract a large % of our club members (under 100MPs for example) to special events. Though no action has been taken so far, it was suggested that we allow only Green or Red systems to be used. There was also sadness in that we only see these top players at Red Point events.
 - Further, the "closest to 50%" prize has been abandoned & a "restricted best player" prize to be awarded. This is due in part to a good effort by

EH in sending current MP % by email & the committee were quite happy if she provided this info to other CC clubs.

♦ **Voting Outside of Normal Meeting:**

- New member Katrina Swiderska approved.

♦ **Correspondence**

♦ **Correspondence In:**

- Various items for Treasurer – Forwarded on.
- Bridge NSW –
 - January newsletter
- EH – Report on percentage of membership in various categories.
- Gavin Pearce emailed indicating he will not be renewing membership due to family moving to Perth. Asked to stay on newsletter list.
- Central Coast News reminding us of changed deadlines.
- Confirmation of Congress booking.
- DB reminded committee that our March meeting is on the same day as CCLCBC Presentation Day. There may be a need to move our meeting.
 - **Date changed to Tuesday, 17th March.**
- Sue McCall still having problems accessing newsletter on her Android phone.
 - **BF showed her how to do it but there are a number of steps complicating the process**
 - **BF suggested she collect one of the hard copies available each month.**
- Kerry Dwyer thanking club for regular newsletter.
- Bridge NSW draft report on President's Day at Maitland.
- Director Kevin H advising club of alternative scoring system to be used for Swiss Pairs Club Championship.
 - **Brief discussion of system.**
- Helen Fisher Swiss Pairs novice enquiry
- Judith Lambkin enquiry about an out of date web page lesson ad.
- David Bowerman letting us know Congress is all go.
- BF – Apology for his part in the Ruckus at the January meeting.

♦ **Correspondence Out:**

- January newsletter
- Reply to Helen Fisher Swiss Pairs enquiry.
- Reply to Judith L explaining where the latest Learn to Play web ad can be found.

♦ New Memberships:

- EH to report
 - K Swiderska

♦ Reports:

- **Treasurer:**
 - Total funds have decreased to \$71,220.25.
 - I will point out that the term deposit does not mature until October so we don't have access to that money (\$60,000) until then.
 - January statement below.
- **Teaching:** Nil
- **Chief Director:** Nil
- **Membership Secretary:**
 - Renewing Memberships: EH reported that a letter has been sent to members who haven't renewed their membership for 2026. Mostly, the main reasons for this is people leaving the area (Hope & Tom, etc) or poor health/ mobility issues, etc.
- **Tournament Secretary:**
 - Autumn Pairs rescheduled from Tues 10th March to Tues 17th March due to a clash w the CCLCBC program.
 - Upside Down Pairs to be held on Fri 13th March 9:30am. Peter Hume & DA to work together to make sure we have enough captains PLUS advertise the event (notice board & newsletter?) to attract more of the <200MP players who don't normally play on a Fri morning.
- ____ moved reports be accepted. Seconded ____ carried.

♦ General Business:

- CN – Congress Update.
 - Same cost as last year + \$200 cleaning fee. Drinks & Nibbles on Sat only, Out by 5pm on Sunday (esp as our visitors need to get home!). Need to get "help groups" (setting up/ preparing cakes & slices/etc) organised well in advance. Our Convenor (David Bowerman) wants to get a "Congress Sub-Committee" for a meeting fairly soon & we should ask him to attend our next meeting (Tues 17th Mar)
- CN - Card dealing problems.
 - Some of the cards are getting sticky & should be discarded as soon as they clog the dealing machine. We should use up the "newish" packs in the drawer first & then we can put an order in to Paul Lavings for new packs (in 3 to 4 different colours) PLUS some new Table Number Cards.

- Email Complaint

- The President received an email complaint about some aspects of the behavior of one of our players. The President and Club Recorder are to take this matter forward.

♦ Next Meeting: Tuesday, 17th March



BRISBANE WATER BRIDGE CLUB

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

January

2026

Regular Income

Interest cash reserve account	\$0.08
Lessons	\$0.00
Sales books/badges	\$0.00
Subscriptions	\$1,030.00
Sundry	\$141.00
Table fees	\$3,569.60
Table fees supervised	\$443.00

Regular Expenses

Birthday games	\$354.00
Catering	\$240.93
Cleaning-December	\$275.00
Dealing fees	\$320.00
Director fees	\$1,293.00
Director fees-supervised	\$245.00
Life members	\$190.00
Masterpoints	\$486.34
Merchant fees	\$95.53
Photogallery	\$16.00
Rent for January	\$1,355.00
Standby	\$70.00

TOTAL REGULAR INCOME **\$5,183.68**

TOTAL REGULAR EXPENDITURE **\$4,940.80**

Monthly surplus from regular activities **\$242.88**

IRREGULAR INCOME

Nil

IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE

Advertising	\$1,210.00
Christmas party	\$350.00

Monthly surplus from ALL activities **-\$1,317.12**

Year to Date surplus from all activities **-\$11,955.07**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES as at

31/12/2025

31/01/2026

Solutions One Account	\$2,513.28	\$1,220.08
Cash Reserve Account	\$10,000.09	\$10,000.17
Term deposit	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total bank accounts	\$72,513.37	\$71,220.25

Notes:

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