



Brisbane Water Bridge Club Inc

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Committee Meeting Minutes – March 2026.

Meeting opened at 10:34am

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

♦ **Apologies:** Dasha B, David A

♦ **Minutes of February Meeting:**

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

♦ **Business arising from the Minutes:**

- CN - Card dealing problems.
 - Some of the cards are getting sticky & should be discarded as soon as they clog the dealing machine.
 - PH suggested the machine may need cleaning. Operation of machine improved.
 - DF suggested old cards should be disposed of.
- Email Complaint
 - The President received an email complaint about some aspects of the behaviour of one of our players. The President and Club Recorder are to take this matter forward.
 - The President investigated the situation and found facts. Recorder finalised the complaint.

♦ **Voting Outside of Normal Meeting:**

- Colin Speller and Manda Labauschagne were voted in as NHCMS.
- Maureen Baker voted in as HCM.
 - JB looking for possible partners but no success so far.

♦ **Correspondence**

♦ **Correspondence In:**

- Various items for Treasurer – Forwarded on.
- Bridge NSW –
 - February newsletter
 - Various notices
- John Redfern – Please remind membership about CCBC congress.
 - BF reminded members via 'Coming Attractions' email.

- Maitland BC advertising Congress
- David Adams withdrew his offer to order new badges.

◆ **Correspondence Out:**

- February newsletter
- Upside Down Pairs reminder to players.
- Reminder – Committee Meeting

◆ **New Memberships:**

- EH to report

◆ **Reports:**

○ **Treasurer:**

- There was a small deficit of \$128.55 for the month. However, we did have the carpets cleaned.
- The total money in the bank accounts as decreased slightly.
- I did have to transfer \$3,000 from the cash reserve account to the operating account to pay bills.
 - EH spoke about increased ABF costs. Some general discussion about possible causes.

○ **Teaching: Nil**

○ **Chief Director:**

- John Aldersley has started to take on directing duties. At the moment he is doing Thursday while Jorgen is away.
- Directors' meeting was held on Saturday, 14th March.
- Peter instructed us on how to factor the increase in master points if the median player is bronze national or above.
 - There was a discussion about how it works however it seems we have a poor understanding of the concept.
- Peter instructed us on how to use Web Mitchell movements.
 - There was a general feeling that some written info might help to remember.
- We discussed difficult bridge rulings we have had to make.
- Calendars for March and April were sent out and displayed in club room showing directing roster.
- Kevin reported on the director's workshop Donelle and he attended at Toronto.

○ **Membership Secretary:**

- Coming to the point (March 31) of Membership renewals we have:

	March 26	March 2025
Home Club Members,	120	114
Non Home Club Members	33	44
Life Members	5	5

- 17 departures from the club, with a range of reasons that include ill health, family commitments, relocations and perhaps disappointments they weren't getting as many slams as they wanted. NHCMs often rejoin when participating so lag a little.
- Amongst the departures were several whose time in the club extended to hundreds of hours beyond bridge playing: committee roles, teaching, directing, catering, tasking for the Congress over many years, and dealing those boards. Marcelle Goslin, Hope and Tom Tomlinson, Lorraine Lindsey and Martin Johnson (who remains a Home Club member, but Melbourne to Woy Woy doesn't make for frequent playing) have all been generous with their time and we have been lucky to have them. There were many others who also did their bit, and it's all those bits adding up that makes for a functioning club.

○ **Tournament Secretary: Nil**

EH Moved reports be accepted. Seconded DF carried.

◆ **General Business:**

- CN – Congress Update.
 - Recruitment of younger men to help lift and carry over the Congress weekend.
 - I have spoken to John Gibbons about early access on Friday afternoon in order to set up and a key can be collected from him earlier that week. Chris Hasemore has offered to collect key.
 - I will also send an email to John regarding the water problem we had last year with the urns for tea and coffee and to make sure we know how to fix this if it happens again.
 - Bingo people will transport equipment to and from the centre.
 - Helpers are needed during play.
 - President asked for suggestions about how to get help.
 - There was general discussion about the types of jobs that need to be filled.
 - CN & EH to contact David Bowerman any outstanding issues.

- Catering
 - It was suggested that Donelle head a 'Catering Committee'. We need to advertise for people to join up.
- Name badges. David Adams & P Hume.
 - **David Adams wrote:**
The last time we ordered name badges was August last year. Why not another order in April - gives the newbies a chance to be involved as well. I suggest all names and money by 14th April. Can anyone see a problem with that?
Regards David Adams
 - **Peter Hume wrote:**
I suggest a review of the badge design. I personally dislike the current badge. It doesn't have the club name and the member name has different size & colour for first name and family name. I have been asked by opponents at congresses "Hello Peter ... where is Hume", so I don't wear that badge any more.

The badge should have at least "Brisbane Water BC", and the member's name in uniform font. The nicest badge I have seen is Barry's, silver with black letters I think... and the more familiar old badge (marone and white lettering) also quite nice.
 - EH showed photos of various badge designs. There was discussion of various plusses and minuses. EH to take the matter forward taking various views into consideration.
- Partner Arranging
 - JB pointed out the various pitfalls of trying to find partners for members.

♦ Next Meeting: Tuesday, 14th April.

