



NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC

Hendra, Brisbane

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Northern Suburbs Bridge Club Inc held in the Jill Wilson Building on SATURDAY 12th APRIL 2025 AT 11.30 AM

1. Welcome

The President, Graham Killoran, welcomed everyone for attending and declared the 66th Annual General Meeting open.

2. Apologies and Attendance

35 apologies were recorded in the Apology Book.

Apologies that were sent in as emails were transferred to the Apology Book.

There were 23 proxies handed in to the secretary.

34 names were recorded in the Attendance Book

3. Confirmation of the 2024 AGM Minutes

The Minutes had been circulated and were taken as read. The Minutes for the Meeting on the 13th April 2024 were CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

Moved by John Bagster Seconded by Robyn Wells Carried

4. The President's Report

Members,

I thank you all for allowing me the privilege to be your President for the past year. I have really enjoyed it.

When I was elected in 2023, I promised to keep this Club friendly and welcoming. Many visitors and new Members from other clubs have commented on the wonderful feeling of welcome they have experienced playing in our sessions. Thank you.

That is not to say there have not been challenges, but with the help of your Management Committee we were able to address most situations.

At the last monthly meeting, I thanked them all and looked forward to working with those Members continuing in the coming year.

I now acknowledge their achievements. Your Vice President, Jacqui, together with Greg Gosney updated the Rules of the Club to be presented later for ratification. Jacqui also documented all the Position Statements for the members of the Committee.

John Bagster, your Secretary, has beavered away recording minutes and being a real support.

The wonderful Andrea Parkins, your Treasurer, has announced her retirement after 8 years in that position. On your behalf, I thank her for her tireless work and she has earned a well earned rest from her constant duties. I thank Tracey Amour for taking on the role and wish her well in the coming year.

Greg has contributed constantly ways to update our policies on competitions and congresses to advance the level of competency of our bridge playing.

Barry Witham has been very active liaising with the gardeners to keep the clubhouse and grounds looking most presentable.

Shena DeJaeger Miles has been an excellent Providore keeping the kitchen well stocked and the tea ladies available to provide sustenance for our breaks.

Daina Geiss is always looking for sources of funding to make our club function better.



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President's report continued

Denise Taylor has taken on the role of Office Manager and made it her own. Her knowledge of the computer and the programs astounds me. She has been a great help.

But the work does not stop there.

Robyn Wells has taken over from Ros Frost managing the provision of the boards for the sessions and the competitions and congresses. Thanks Robyn.

Then there are all the Dealers who prepare the boards. They come in at different times to get the work done on time.

I am really thankful for all our session Directors and Bridgemate operators. Without them there would be no Bridge.

However, when the playing is over, the work of the Masterpoints Secretary, Margaret Plunkett, begins. She has made this her role for the last 8 years. She collates all the Masterpoints from the play and provides monthly updates for your gratification. She and Denise manager the Member register updating details of new Members and removing those resigning or passing away.

There is another job that has evolved to Max Latimer. He took on the role of Convenor for many of the Congresses and competitions. In his spare time he patrolled the premises picking up discarded bottles and cans ready for recycling. His efforts almost pays for the milk we use in the tea breaks.

Every day you see the work of Kerry Barridge as she tenderly looks after all the indoor plants. Many Players comment on the presentation.

Where would our future be without the work of our educators, Andy Slater and Peter Fagan. Over the last year they have taught 36 Beginners on Monday nights and 48 Beginners on Tuesday morning. Our next task is to encourage them all to apply those skills by participating in the weekly sessions. Tom Dunsmuir has added to the program with his Assisted Help With Play sessions. We have now achieved a total membership of 501. Starting get back to pre Covid times.

Then there are the little unsung jobs. Catherine Flowers has taken over the role from Jean Single of sending Sympathy Cards to bereaved relatives and Get Well cards to Members who are unwell.

There are also Members who play with our Senior members who if left alone would sit at home and fade into loneliness. A great thank you.

A big thanks to our Sponsors who provide prize money for our competitions. TBIB, Fixed Income Solutions ,and David and Margaret Clouston.

To bring you up to date, the insurance company has not accepted our claim for damage from the water leak. I have engaged the services of another Engineering firm to refute this decision. I will not let it go.

There have been small repair jobs around the Clubhouse and David Lehmann is not far away to attend to the jobs particularly if it involves timber.

We had a big hiccup when Energex decided to cut the power off recently for maintenance in the street.. Despite all my efforts to have an alternative power source, in the end I had to admit defeat. When the air conditioning plant decided to spit the dummy, the building of the Elizabeth Gibson Centre really showed brilliant forethought.



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President's report continued

With all this work going on, it is disappointing we can only attract 8 members to next year's Management Committee.

I invite some of our newer Members to consider offering their time and experiences to serve your Club. I promise I won't overload you with onerous tasks in the first year.

I look forward to the coming year and wish you all Happy Bridging.

Graham Killoran
President

The President's Report was accepted.

Moved by Graham Killoran Seconded by John Bagster Carried

5. Adoption of the Annual Balance Sheet and Financial Statement

The previous Treasurer, Andrea Parkins, provided a detailed report on the finances of the club.

The Total Gross Revenue was \$170,835.62, down from \$178,425 in 2024.

The expenses for the year were \$187,543.04, down from \$209,609 in 2024 by \$15,906.

The club ran at a loss of \$16,707.42 for the year, down from \$31,183.15 for 2024.

Before the Finances were accepted the treasurer kindly took a few questions from the floor.

Roy Davenport asked about the unpaid insurance last year.

Pat Shine asked several questions about losing money:

Paying kitchen staff \$30 per hour for a minimum of three hours

The payment for the auditor not being in wages

The committee members and others (eg directors, Bridgemate operators, etc) should have one free game a week, not every time they play

\$40 for three hours is too low for leasing the Elizabeth Gibson building, it was reported it is now \$55

Sheena De Jager Miles asked if the \$55 includes tea/coffee – it does not

The previous Treasurer responded comprehensively to all the queries and questions.

The Financial Statements and Balance Sheet had been circulated and were taken as read.

The Annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet were accepted for the year ending 31 January 2025.

Moved by Andrea Parkins Seconded by Robyn Wells Carried

6. Appointment of Auditor for Year ending 31 January, 2026

Andrea Parkins moved a motion requesting consensus from the meeting that it was ok to reappoint Cleave Accounting as our auditor for 2026. Seconded by Roy Davenport, Carried.



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7. Election of Office Bearers

The President declared all Committee positions vacant. Andrea Parkins read the nominations. All office bearers were elected unopposed.

- President: Graham Killoran
Nominated by: Max Latimer Seconded: Ghislaine Green Carried
Vice President: Jason Cooney
Nominated by: Albert Loh Seconded: Ann Roberts Carried
Treasurer: Tracey Armour
Nominated by: Graham Killoran Seconded: Ghislaine Green Carried
Secretary: John Bagster
Nominated by: Graham Killoran Seconded: Nancy Howard Carried
Committee: Daina Geise
Nominated by: Rhonda Robertson Seconded: Graham Killoran Carried
Committee: Greg Gosney
Nominated by: Margaret Plunkett Seconded: Karen Gosney Carried
Committee: Sheena De Jager Miles
Nominated by: Margaret Plunkett Seconded: Graham White Carried
Committee: Denise Taylor
Nominated by: Graham Killoran Seconded: Margaret Plunkett Carried

8. General Business

Greg Gosney explained the changes to the club rules. Robyn Wells asked about a limit on the number of years for a committee member. It was explained and agreed that there was no need in this club

9. Close

There were no further items of business. The President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Signed:

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