

# PARKES BRIDGE CLUB GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 **Venue:** Parkes Lutheran Church **Opened:** 11:20am

**PRESENT:** Tim Baker, Gai Baker, Kevin Robinson, Lee McCabe, Warren Blatch, Nancye Blatch, Dawn Phipps, Gary Somers, Joan Reilly, Margaret Hawken, Wendy Andrews, Laurie Keane, Barbara Hughes

**APOLOGIES:** Peter Dearden, Suzie McNamara, Anita Medcalf, Jill Peterson, Rosemary Morris, Stephen Morris, Greig Ball, Jenny Freeman, Rick Twardy,

**CHAIR:** Tim Baker

Minutes of previous General meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 distributed to members by email prior to meeting and stand as read and approved.

## Business Arising

- Committee was delighted to accept the offer of a memorial trophy from Val's family. With the endorsement of Val's family, the trophy will be known as Val Worthington Novice Trophy.  
Criteria follows;  
Awarded to the Parkes Bridge Club member who, having fewer than 10 masterpoints at the start of the Bridge Club year (ie as at 1 December), accumulates the most masterpoints:
  - points being accumulated over the twelve-month period from 1 December to 30 November the following year
  - it includes masterpoints accumulated at all Parkes Bridge Club sessions run during the year (on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday – specifically excludes weekend events)
  - excludes masterpoints accumulated at sessions or events run by other clubs
  - the same member may be awarded the trophy in different years but may not also be awarded the rising Star Trophy in the same year
- Committee decided on Single winner format for Club Championships.  
Date set 8th and 15th August 2024.  
Run on same day as GNOT so Gold Points

## Business Arising from Communications

- Jill's battle with ATO continues. Last phone call from Tax Office 15<sup>th</sup> July requested we write a letter advising money taken in error as bank hadn't transferred TFN exemption status. Letter signed by Jill & Laurie (Public Officer) mailed 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Murray Paterson, Program Manager, Australian National Championships  
Thank you for participation in Orange Festival of Bridge to Central West Clubs.  
Confirmation Central West Gold Festival will be held in Orange 9-13 April 2025 and the next 3 years  
Request for support and interest in involvement. **To be discussed next committee meeting.**

## Presidents Report – Nil

## Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report -Audited report presented at AGM

### Set Fees for 2025

Increased in NSW Affiliation Fee from \$10 to \$20 per annum

Implemented on November 1, 2023.

Discussion on passing this on?

Motion: Increase annual fees from \$40 to \$50.

Moved Gary Somers Second Dawn Phipps  
 Motion Rejected Vote For 2 Against 9 against – 2 abstained  
 Comments against motion. Club has substantial funds on hand and still making a profit.  
 Substantial funds need to be kept in place in case dealing machine breaks down - \$8k  
 plus to replace  
 Review next General Meeting in November

#### Business on Notice

- 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 – State Wide Pairs. Committee agreed to subsidise additional playing fee of \$5. Specific deal boards need to be organised. See email from Warren Laser 22 June.  
 Rick/Tim to action
- Organising of Parkes Mini Congress Muriel Waddell Trophy  
 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Parkes Services Club  
 Flyer done & distributed.  
 Helen Waddell has been invited to present her mother's trophy  
 Need 8 team minimum.  
 Volunteers needed for Saturday afternoon set up and Sunday pack up.  
 Jobs list created by Jill and shared with committee.
- Club Championships in conjunction with GNOT 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Gold points.  
 Special dealing files not required
- 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Australia Wide Pairs Open. Dealing files due 2<sup>nd</sup> week August and booklets due in post by 18<sup>th</sup> August. Jill check mail for booklets  
 Committee agreed to subsidise additional playing fee of \$5 Dealing files  
 Rick/Tim • 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 Australia Wide Pairs Restricted (< 300 MP)  
 Committee agreed to subsidise additional playing fee Dealing files Rick/Tim
- Request to BridgeNSW for 2025 NSW Bridge endorsed events.  
 Agnes Hewitt Teams Day (Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025) Approval not required from BridgeNSW but will ask Pauline to note in Events Calendar.  
 Parkes Mini Congress Teams Day - Muriel Waddell Trophy (Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025) Jill has emailed Pauline Gumby seeking advise on action required with transition from NSW Bridge Assoc to BridgeNSW. Pauline advised Coffs Harbour Gold Congress on 17<sup>th</sup>. We have been allocated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025. J
- Vouchers now available rather than cash each session. System further explained.  
 Selling in package of 5 by cash or eft. See Kevin.

#### General Business

- Bridgemate handheld machines sticking. Need cleaning. Warren & Nancye have volunteered to do this. Thanks to Warren & Nancye
- Gary & Greig won \$120 voucher from ABF for their success at Orange Festival of Bridge Cowra BC Pairs. They have donated to club for purchase of tablecloths. Thanks to Gary & Greig
- Xmas Party 12th December 2024, same venue and caterer.
- Bridge to recommence Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Meeting Closed 12.01pm

Next Meeting – Committee Meeting Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 11.30am

Next General Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 11.30am