

PARKES BRIDGE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 4th April 2025 **Venue:** Parkes Lutheran Church **Opened:** 11:37am

PRESENT: Tim Baker, Suzie McNamara, Jill Peterson, Gai Baker, Kevin Robinson, Lee McCabe, Wendy Andrews

APOLOGIES: Peter Dearden, Barbara Hughes

CHAIR: Tim Baker

Acceptance of minutes of previous Committee meeting
Business Arising

- We had to cancel Agnes Hewett Teams Day as unable to replace David Reddel.
- We had great support for Agnes Hewett Teams Day so leaving date as 3rd Sunday March annually
- Red Points for Agnes Hewett Teams Day played on Thursday 13th March 2025.
- Orange Valentine's Day 16th February 2025 – No attendees from Parkes
- Wellington Annual Congress – no one from Parkes. No attendees from Parkes
- Flowers and Letter of Appreciation to be sent to Jan Freeman – Jill still to organise
- Incoming Committee July 2025 (we have one more Committee meeting and then AGM)
Wendy Andrews and Peter Dearden still happy to have committee role
Chris ten Cate happy to take on Committee Member role
Have approached Anita Medcalf, Rick Twardy, Gary Somers and declined on this occasion
Need to confirm Warren and Dawn as auditors
- Pastor James is back in action

Comms

- see attachment A (6th February 2025 2nd April 2025)

We have lost all our emails as storage full in gmail account. Emails accidentally deleted in trying to rectify storage situation. Storage problem resolved.

- Business Arising from Communications
- Setting of our GNOT days to work in with Regional Final Sunday 31st August
Set with Club Championships – format to be decided
Round 1 - 3rd July 2025
Round 2 – 10th July 2025
Jill to revise Calendar

President report

- Attached

Treasurer's reports – Nov 2024 to 28th Feb 2025 Tabled

- Moved Kevin, Second Wendy
- Chasing refund of \$260 overpayment to NSWBA on 24th November.
Jill has sent email to accounts@sydneybridgecentre.com.au - Julian Foster requesting payment to our account
- Talk to Dawn/Warren on how to show Month Prize Free ticket on records

Business on Notice

- Orange Central West Festival of Bridge
- Attending
Restricted Swiss Pairs - Greig Ball, Gary Somers
Restricted Swiss Teams - Tim Baker, Gai Baker, Greig Ball, Beryl Twardy
Congress is full except for 1 team vacancy Restricted Swiss Teams
- Update from Suzie on beginners lessons. Article has just been submitted to Champion Post.
Possibles - Marg Robinson, Charlene Usher, Judy Chambers, Graeme Hunter
- Members Contact list is near completion. Jill will print off some copies and email final document to all members on email. **Jill to action**
- Parkes Mini Congress Sunday 10th August 2025
Report from Tim. Ronnie Ng booked as Director.
He charges \$418 per day, plus @\$220 travel (all GST inclusive). These fees don't include provision of equipment (eg boards, printer, paper, Bridgemates etc).
He will provide the hand records and score booklets for us to print in advance.
Tim to catch up with Ronnie at Orange Central West Festival of Bridge.
Jill has offered her Bnb as accommodation for Ronnie at reduced rate of \$100pn
Look at using Cooke Park Pavilion to reduce costs. Jill has emailed Tania Iffland at PSC to see if available.
Kevin suggested fee of \$40 per person
Jill to start Event Document
- Pastor James is leaving. Kevin has invited him and his wife to our next monthly social drinks 24th April 2025. **Tim to follow up with David Schultz on security for our continued use of hall**
- Monthly Medal format –Add clause cannot win 2 consecutive months. **Peter Dearden**
- Purchase Portable coolers – leave until discussion with David Schultz. Maybe could look at repairing existing air con fully. Cooling ok just leaks water. Seems to not leak if operated on low.
- New Member – Bruce Wiggins transferred from Mollymook. Welcome Bruce
- Jill has revised Membership Application Form
- Library needs setting up with pricing on Books for Sale

Meeting Closed 12.19pm

Next Committee Meeting Thursday 5th June 2025 11.30am

Comms**Inward Electronic**

Date	From	Distribution
17/03/2025	Pam Bradford GNOT Regional Final Date Sunday 31st August at the Orange Bridge Club	Committee meeting 3 March 2025

Outward Electronic

Date	To	Distribution
31/03/2025	Tania Iffland Parkes Shire Council – Availability Cooke Park Pavilion for Parkes Mini Congress 10 th August 2025	
31/03/2025	Sydney Bridge Centre - Justin Foster Requesting Refund of \$260 paid to them in error 24 th November 2024 to PBC account	

Inward Postal

Date	From	Distributed
9/02/2025	ABF Magazine	Bookcase
9/02/2025	Australia Post – P O Box Renewal \$	Treasurer

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President report April 2025

It was unfortunate that we needed to cancel the Angus Hewitt day as we did have a good number of entries. As soon as we settle on a venue we will start promoting the mini congress.

I'm still, not sure about the air conditioning but I feel it may be best to discuss with David Shultz about our long term, as James is leaving, before we purchase any mobile coolers.

Gary and Greig played in a dubbo comp some time ago and came 3rd out of 14 tables, a great result. I know we have members play away at other times but as I have missed several playing days I'm not sure whom or where.

I hope to get back into playing away when I have a little more free time.

Numbers have been good, both Tuesday and Thursday numbers are up. Thank you Suzie.

Players seem to be calling the director correctly but often more than one person speaks. The other players should only speak if the director asks for more information

I thanks all those who help in the kitchen at afternoon tea and for the drink sessions, also those members who set up the tables.

Players are also nearly arriving on time, 10 minutes before the start of play would be better.

Members of the committee need to approach other members about a role on the committee.