

Lake Macquarie Bridge Club
Minutes of Meeting on 1st October 2024

Meeting opened: 12.50 pm.

Attendance: T. Brown, A&A Fletcher, K. Stien, P. Ingham, A. Corcoran, D. Noon, D. Tait, H. Tiller

Apologies: Y. Grant, C. Carey

Minutes of previous meeting: Had been distributed on 30th September and were read. It was moved by H. Tiller and seconded by D. Noon that these minutes be accepted.

Business arising from previous meeting:

- a) D. Tait had provided comment on ABF publication "Investing in the future" and concluded that no further comment was required.
- b) C. Carey has completed a means of finding other members details on the Club website.
- c) Advice was received by Club Macquarie that there is a defibrillator at the Club and all staff have been trained to use it.

Treasurer's report: Balance at previous meeting \$10,626.01. Balance on 30th September \$ 10,593.55

It was moved by P. Ingham and seconded by Anne Fletcher that the financial report be accepted.

Business arising from Treasurer's report: It was decided not to have the financial books audited.

Chief Director's report: K. Stien pointed out that some Directors are not following guidelines to help set up before play and assist in clearing up after play. There is a director's roster on the Club's webpage and Directors will be reminded when it is their turn next.

Welfare Officer's report: Was given, Laurie Elliott and Yvonne Grant were visited in hospital, "Thinking of you" card sent to Heather Ley, past member of the Club, rang Anne Fletcher re Allen visit to hospital.

Correspondence: Invitation of Spring Teams to compete on 28th September in Sydney.

Bank statement from Greater Bank

Note: T. Brown mentioned that from now on, any mail received in the mailbox would be communicated to the secretary so that it could be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

General business:

1. It was decided to have a Bridgemate/Scorebridge/Masterpoint report in future agendas.
2. Due to Toronto changing from Scorebridge, some payment for Lake Macquarie Bridge Club was due to Scorebridge. D. Tait to finalise details.
3. The Secretary to ensure that communication from ABF is changed from Y. Grant to him.
4. The Christmas function is booked for 10th December. Payment per member had not been finalised, members' partners can attend at own cost. K. Stien offered to provide some prizes for activities on the day.
5. It was decided to wait until after the Spring Pairs competition was finished to purchase the Club's trophies. D. Tait will forward winners of trophies to the Vice President.
6. The next meeting will be held on 12th November to organise the procedure for the AGM, finalise Club positions for next year and decide on Club fees for next year. The meeting on 26th November has been cancelled.
7. Two dates for red points are vacant, the first will be held on 29th October, the other on a date to be decided in November. It was the secretary's belief that the club in 2023 had 9 red point days.
8. The Spring Pairs competition will take place during the next 3 weeks. An email will be sent to all members as a reminder. K. Stien to be Director for the 3 weeks. Substitutes can only be used for 1 week; no member can substitute in more than 1 pair.
9. To ensure that all Club positions are filled for next year, all players during the next few weeks will be canvassed to make themselves available for a position. Duties of Club positions are on the Club's website.
10. P. Ingham advised that she will not stand for re-election for both Treasurer and Public Officer. Anne and Alan Fletcher advised they will not seek re-election as committee members.
11. It was pointed out that anyone wishing to move a motion at the AGM must do so in writing at least 2 weeks before the AGM.
12. Club Macquarie has requested that players not arrive to set up before 8.30.
13. With the resignation of C. Carey as a Bridgemate assistant, A. Corcoran has volunteered to learn Bridgemate.
14. With Y. Grant not being able to act as Partner Finder, A. Corcoran volunteered to take over that role. It was also pointed out that there was a "Find a partner section" under the tab "members" on our website which can be used to find a partner.
15. Trophies will be handed out at the Christmas lunch on 10th December. Cash or gift instead of trophies an option
16. It was requested to ensure that the agenda for the next meeting be sent at least 1 week before the next meeting with a reminder a week prior to that for any apologies and items to be added to the agenda for discussion/approval.
17. Melbourne Cup activities were discussed. There will be no table fees that day, with the option of entering a sweep. Lunch at the club would be at own expense.

Meeting closed 2.10 pm