

# Caloundra Contract Bridge Club

## MINUTES

**Meeting Opened : Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**8.30am**

**Present** : Bob Davies, Siobhán Davies, Steve Hughes, Kerry Thorp, Angie Robinson, Joanne Scott, Janie Brennan, Greg Dobson, Bev O'Hara

**Apologies** : n/a

**Approval of Minutes from last meeting** :

*"It was moved that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and accurate record."*

*Moved: Kerry Thorp*

*Seconded: Siobhán Davies*

*CARRIED*

**Business arising from Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024** :

- One remaining downpipe to be connected at the back, to follow up with contractor.

**Correspondence** :

**Inward** :

- Sunshine Coast – requesting Congress dates for 2025
- Maleny ladies asking to play at the Friday session.
- Annual Pest Spray due – arranged for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October when club closed
- Email from Council regarding testing of fire equipment etc..
- The Oaks Group – acknowledge thank you letter. Happy to help with future events.
- Thank you letter from Kyabra for the donation
- Jean Coffey inquiring about Membership
- Noosa BC – dates for our Pairs and Teams Congress

**Outward** :

- Sunshine Coast – dates sent and copy of QBA Calendar which confirms all the QBA Congresses for next year
- Maleny Ladies – advised they would be very welcome
- Kim Ellaway – thanking her for all her hard work at the Gold Coast Congress and saying how disappointed we are with the news
- Thank you letters and relevant slides with their logo sent to all Sponsors of the Charity Day
- Jean Coffey – membership fees and session times
- Noosa BC – dates for all our Congresses next year
- Honour Boards names for 2024 ordered

*"It was moved that the inward correspondence be accepted, and the outward endorsed".*

*Moved: Siobhán Davies*

*Seconded: Jo Scott*

*CARRIED*

## **Members :**

- Current 255, Away 48 and Life Members 2 = **305**

New Members Proposed:

Kate Courts (Away) Robert Ford (Home)

*"It was moved that the above members be approved for membership".*

*Moved: Angie Robinson*

*Seconded: Kerry Thorp*

*CARRIED*

## **Treasurer's Report :**

- Spreadsheet of all Financial transactions presented to the Meeting.
- Balance in the Current Account is \$16,798 and balance in the Investment Account is \$59,291.
- Investigate opening a short-term deposit account to hold membership levies, which are not paid to the QBA or ABF until early April.
- A comparison website was checked to investigate our electricity charges. To check reviews on other companies and discuss at next meeting.

*"It was moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved".*

*Moved: Steve Hughes*

*Seconded: Siobhán Davies*

*CARRIED*

## **General Business :**

- Update from Graded Pairs Congress
  - 36 Pairs. 3 Grades. All went well. Plenty of volunteers to help in the kitchen, which was great to see.
- Update from Zone AGM
  - 6 Clubs in Sunshine Coast. Zone Graded Pairs on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Dates agreed for GNOTs. Moreton Bribie historically had two GNOT's this has changed to 1 per annum. From 2026 Noosa will hold their GNOT's over a weekend.
- Update from QBA Zoom Meeting
  - Proserpine BC closing. Members going to Bowen
  - Cleveland merging with Townsville BC
  - 2025 last year of GC Congress, filling up fast, enter early. Nothing in 2026. Planning for 2027 possibly smaller.
  - Profit from GC Congress \$38k without this QBA would make approx. \$10k loss
  - Jan Peach successful Director's seminar. Next one 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025
  - Sponsorship – Fixed Income very generous. 12 clubs made contact and all received support
  - MyABF – membership admin ready to launch. Masterpoints priority next year
  - GNOT's – to discuss format for 2025

- Update Melbourne Cup
  - 17.5 tables. Very successful day. Plenty of food. Not many people dressed up. Photos will be put on the website.
- Calendar 2025 in Progress – New Caloundra Shield > 50 PMs – 8<sup>th</sup> July. The onus is on Members to inform the Club when their contact details change.
- Red Point Days in 2025 – increased to 28 from 26
- Sponsorship – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Pairs and Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Teams. July 8<sup>th</sup> Caloundra Shield. TBIB very professional, focused on sponsorship. Meeting arranged for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Fixed Income interested, offer \$750. They request a table set up on the day and do presentation. Propelled Financial Solutions offer \$750. Meeting to be set up.
- Membership 2025 – My ABF facility to collect money via Bridge Credits. Home \$66.60. Away \$20. Home Club outside QLD \$43.30. The Committee has agreed to use MyABF to collect membership fees on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Individual exceptions to be considered. Emails to be sent to all members in advance.
- Tables Fees – last increased 2021. Planning for the financial viability of the Club into the future, the Committee have agreed to increase the table fees to \$7 and \$9 for visitors with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. Proposed by Kerry Thorp. Seconded by Janie Brennan. Carried. Local Bridge Clubs have expressed concern about their financial situation and have increased their table fees, also many Clubs have a higher annual membership fee than Caloundra.
- Director's Computer – network issues becoming a regular problem. An issue on Melbourne Cup Day connecting to the screen. New computer in the region of \$1,500-\$2,000. Proposed by Kerry Thorp. Seconded by Greg Dobson. Carried.
- MasterPoints – restricted promotions. It is the responsibility of the player to check their MP's at the end of each month and ensure eligibility to play in restricted sessions. If players reach 50 MP's during the month they can play until the end of that month.
- Operation of Fans in warm weather – the fans will be turned on at all sessions. The operation and adjustment of fans is the sole responsibility of the Director on the day.
- Christmas Party – Judy Leathley has volunteered to organise the event this year. Two outside ladies will assist in the kitchen. It is essential for catering purposes when members put their name on the list to bring something – that's what they bring. We are looking for players to provide entertainment. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- Teams of 3 – disappointingly very little interest so far. Bob Davies to speak to Tuesday session and send out email.
- AOB

Siobhán Davies  
Secretary

**Meeting closed at 10.10 am**

**Next Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 8.30am**