Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club

Management Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting held on Thursday 28 August 2025 at Club House.

Meeting opened by President: 16.05

Present: John Youngman (Chair) Tony Hall (Vice President) Lewis Adams (Secretary) Alex Hood (Treasurer) Keith Bowman

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous committee meeting (10 Feb 2025). These were approved by the previous committee and circulated to the present committee for their information. There were no matters arising.

Approval of future management committee minutes: To be circulated by the Secretary. Any amendments to be dealt with via electronic communication before being signed by the President and lodged at the club house.

Treasurer's report: A summary of income/expenditure since June 2025 (end of financial year) was tabled by LA (previous treasurer) and it was agreed that such summaries were adequate to keep committee members informed on club finances. The treasurer reported that the club's current bank balance was healthy.

Review of Bridge Sessions: It was agreed that there be no changes in the timing of bridge sessions at this stage. However, further consideration will be given to running a social bridge session at which players would not be required to join ABF and would not receive masterpoints. JY indicated that this would require a change in the constitution to include a "Social Member" category. JY suggested that such a session might replace the current Wednesday afternoon session. KB pointed out that this would clash with the existing social bridge session at Creative Arts and thus potentially limit participation from that group – a potential source of new members.

Increasing membership/bridge lessons: It was agreed that the club should aim to increase membership and that best approach would be to raise community awareness of the club's activities coupled with a more structured approach to offering lessons. JY advised that Helen Staffsmith (Media and Communications rep) was keen to assist in promoting the club and TH agreed to liaise with her about re-instituting the publication of weekly bridge results in local media.

It was agreed that all club members would be encouraged to help in the running of structured bridge lessons and assisting in supervised bridge sessions. Consideration to be given to running such sessions at additional times to the current Friday slot.

Social events: It was agreed that the current practice of providing wine on the last Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of each month (supplemented with a barbecue on alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays) should continue. However, members are to be advised that on Mondays wine should be consumed during the break and not taken back to the table on resumption of play.

It was accepted that the usual mid-year "party" had not been able take place this year. It was agreed that an end-of-year event be scheduled to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the opening of our club and this has been scheduled for Friday 14 November. There was

general agreement that Trivia Nights were popular with members and that professional catering should continue. In light of the club's finances it was decided that in future, members would be asked to make a small contribution to the cost of these events.

Bridge session rewards: These are to be re-instituted for dealing (6 free games per dealing session) and for monthly eclectic winners for Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (2 free games per member). This practice will be monitored to ensure that handicap winners are not unduly disadvantaged. Session Directors will no longer be awarded a free game.

Clubhouse hire: LA summarised the groups currently hiring the club house on a regular basis and the amounts charged. He advised that the rates had been increased recently for some users to achieve consistency and that the income was important to the club's financial viability. It was acknowledged that our rates were too generous to users and that increases at the end of the next financial year were warranted.

IT issues: A summary of the changes in internet provision and web hosting was provided.

LA reported that he and Keith Foreman were becoming more skilled in the use of Compscore but currently would probably struggle to run a Teams or Pairs competition. It was noted that Kevin Hamilton-Reen had kindly offered to help with such sessions when needed. He further reported that Team Reach was now being used by a large majority of the membership and that members phone numbers had been added to this secure site.

Thanks were expressed to Peter Zaremba and Sheri Foreman for their respective management of ABFMembership/Masterpoints and MyABF Table Fees

Director issues: JY advised that there had been 6 (out of max 9) Red Point sessions this year and that further sessions (although not required) could run at short notice when there were sufficient numbers (minimum of 6 full tables). In future, sessions where there are fewer than 12 pairs booked on Team Reach an hour before the start will not run.

Club championships: It was agreed would not take place in 2025 due to the unavailability of an adequate number of members (due to vacations) with a reasonable level of matchpoints.

Interclub events: LA to contact President of Broadwater Bridge Club with a view to inviting them to an event at TMBC later this year. Maximum of 12 tables, 12 pairs per club with a late morning start on a Thursday.

AED replacement: LA reported that a grant application for an AED (St John Ambulance model) had been submitted to Scenic Rim council with an outcome expected in October. It was agreed that existing non-functional device be removed from club premises.

Cleaning services: In the absence of our regular cleaner (member Kate Head) it was agreed that she could "sub-contact" the services to another club member to be organised between them. A problem with excessive waste accumulation between scheduled cleaning was identified and non-bridge users of the club will be asked to take their rubbish with them.

Any other business: None

Date of next committee meeting: late November/early December 2025 (to be confirmed)

Meeting closed by President: 17.00

Signed: _____ Date: _____

John Youngman (President)