

**REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC**  
**Management Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Welcome:** At 1330 Nigel Cleminson declared a quorum to be present and the meeting was duly constituted. Nigel thanked all for their attendance. He declared that the Redlands Bridge club was solvent. He determined that there were no conflicts of interest in any item on today's agenda.

**Present:** Nigel Cleminson (Chair), Michael Souter, Colin Gorton, Max Latimer, Avra Bowler, Turgut Manli, Tala Badie, & Jane Whelan

**Apologies:** Gabriel Ruhland & Tom France

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD**

The minutes were tabled and accepted as a correct record of proceedings. Moved: Nigel Cleminson. Seconded: Max Latimore  
CARRIED. Minutes signed as a correct record by Nigel Cleminson.

**Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

1. Gambling Fund Grant: Jane. Jane has reversed decision to apply for grant. Now in progress. Jane
2. Electronic Timing System: Colin. a) Three-minute warning still not implemented. Directors to set up. b) Linking Bridgemates to Timing System: In progress. Directors/Colin
3. Office Tidy Up: Nigel. Now completed. File
4. Memorial Tree: Now completed. File
5. Tablecloths: Turgut. Various coloured material purchased, making in progress. Old tablecloths to be kept/disposed of/recycled. Max to check with Stanis Davey re recycling. Turgut/Max
6. Melbourne Cup/Xmas Parties: Avra. Melbourne Cup arrangements nearly finalised. Michael assisting. Catering booked. Nigel to purchase wine and invite Birkdale members. Gabriel to purchase prizes. Xmas Party in progress. Avra/Michael/Nigel/Gabriel
7. Chalk Board: Tom. Tom absent. Chalk has faded because of rain. Tom to f/u Tom
8. Bull Fighting: Max. No issues with parking File

9. Honour Board Events: Nigel. In progress by Nigel and Carradine. Nigel/Carradine.
10. Reinvesting in Club Members: Nigel/Jane/Gabriel. Wednesday 22 September was a free day. Next free day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Directors to announce. Pauline Curtis to receive vouchers for her contribution of free cards. As Gabriel was absent item to be further discussed. Gabriel/Nigel/Jane
11. Wall Safe: Nigel/Turgut. New Safe with Digital Touchpad will be purchased. Nigel

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The correspondence list from 5 September to 11 October 2025 was tabled. Motion that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted was moved by Jane Whelan, seconded by Michael Souter and CARRIED.

## **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1. Use of Defibrillator at Wynnum/Manly BC: Robyn Esdale. Robyn forwarded information regarding CPR process and members' roles at Wynnum/Manly BC. RBC has trained members present on each day of play except Thursday and Saturday. Max Latimore will do a refresher course. Club to pay. Max
2. Interclub Teams: Nigel. A & C Grades finalised. Difficulties in finalising B Grade. Teams will be registered when Grade B finalised Nigel
3. Seating: Chris Niemand. Chris Niemand requesting clarification re N/S seating being reserved by early E/W arrivals and/or director. Committee affirmed the club's policy that seats cannot be reserved by early arrivals. Players who require N/S seating to ring director before coming. Also, players can ring director and request Table 1 be reserved due to difficulties going to toilet. Jane to advise. Jane
4. Congress Raffle: Kay Justice. Kay requesting club hold a raffle at next congress. As the club's finances are very healthy, raffle considered currently considered unnecessary. Jane to advise. Jane

## **3. Treasurer's Report: Colin**

The treasurer's report and invoices were tabled. Profit from September Congress just under \$1500

Colin Gorton moved that the report and invoices be accepted, seconded by Jane Whelan and CARRIED

**4. Directors Report:** Michael. Turgut would like to direct a club session on his own. Will do so on Friday. Jane did recent online director's workshop. Jane plans to sit Directors Exam in 2026.

**5. Dealers & Masterpoint Secretary's Report:** Carradine. Red points do not need approval. Club has maintained number of red point sessions in 2026.

**6. Education Report:** Nigel. Supervised play to commence tomorrow. Players will be given 8 free games. Hoping for 3 tables.

**7. Workplace, Health & Safety:** Tom. Absent

**8. Maintenance Report:** Max. Turgut concerned about cleanliness of drawer which stores coffee/sugar etc. Directors will request the sit out pairs to clean.

**9. Congress/Convenors' Report:** Jane. Entries have slowed for December Congress. Process for opening February's congress will commence late October/early November.

**10. Social Group:** Gabriel. Absent

**11. New Members:** Robina. Jill Patterson. Moved by Nigel Cleminson, seconded by Jane Whelan. CARRIED

## **12. New Business:**

1. Second Monitor: Avra. Avra advised it can be difficult for some players to see timing monitor. A second monitor will assist in alleviating this problem. Second monitor to be purchased and installed. Colin

2. 2026 Membership Invoices: Robina Cooper. Robina wanting to know when 2026 invoices will be sent. Will be issued early November. Jane to advise Robina Jane

3. 2026 Membership Application Approval: Robina Cooper. Robina has drafted 2026 Membership Application Form to reflect increase ABF & QBA fees. Colin will check and advise Robina. Colin

4. Redland Community Centre Xmas Appeal: Jane. Box for donations of children's presents will be available immediately after Melbourne Cup. Nigel to ascertain cut off date. Nigel

5. 2026 Calendar & Membership Booklet: Jane. Cost for designing and printing 250 2026 Membership Booklets by QPrint presented.

Jane suggested that calendar be dated from March 2026 to February 2027. To proceed with suggestion. Jane will apply for sponsorship from KM Smith. Jane

6. Proposal to amend Voting Bylaws (2&2.1): Jane Current wording states that Secretary must sign, record and give an absentee vote to a member. Secretary not always available. Clause needs to be amended to reflect this situation. Jane will propose motion at 2026 AGM. Jane

**13. Late/Urgent Business:**

1. Trumpit: Robina Cooper. Robina has been editor of the Trumpit for many years and is keen to step aside. Committee noted Robina's long-term, highly valued contributions and dedicated commitment to the club. Jane will ask Robina to put a notice in the Trumpit re a replacement. Jane

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 11 November 2025 at 1330

**Close:** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1540

**Confirmed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_