

**REDLAND BRIDGE CLUB INC**  
**Management Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 10 March 2026**

**Welcome:** At 1335 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, Avra Bowler, Tom France, Turgut Manli, Tala Badie, Gabriel Ruhland & Jane Whelan

**Apologies:**

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD**

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

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

1. Gambling Fund Grant: Jane. Still awaiting outcome of application.  
Jane
2. Honour Board Events: Nigel. Unable to secure a non-playing director for the Championship Teams. Michael will arrange a non-playing director for the Championship Pairs in September. Michael
3. Second Monitor: Colin. In progress
4. 2026 Membership Booklet: Completed File
5. Social Activities Survey: Forms are available for members. Submit by 15 March. Gabriel will report results in April. Gabriel
6. 2026 AGM: Jane. Colin reported the auditor is unwell and the Auditor's Report will be delayed until April. The Committee will schedule a General Meeting for approval once the report is ready.  
Colin/Jane
7. Foreign Residents' Gradings: Nigel/Carradine. In progress.  
Nigel/Carradine
8. Facebook Advertising: Jane. Completed. File
9. CPR Course: Tala. Completed. File

10. Return of Max's Key: Nigel. Key has not been returned to date. Alarm pin to be changed. Nigel
11. Allocation of Max's Duties: Jane/Avra/Tala. Tala will be responsible for purchases. Gabriel requested Tala to also purchase biscuits. The Debit Card will be registered in Tala's name. Additional discussions about roles will take place after the AGM. Jane/Michael
12. Fee Refunds Barbara Richards'/Neil Neimand's Estates: Nigel. Chris Niemand happy to donate said monies to club. Derek Richards to be contacted. Nigel
13. Key Register & Control: Avra. In progress Avra
14. Howell Movements: Avra. Avra will sort movement sheets and file them in a concertina folder. She will also organise a brief tutorial for committee directors, scheduled for a Tuesday, and contact Molly O'Donohue to find a convenient time. Avra
15. Resilience Readiness Workshop: Nigel. A representative from the Redland Community Centre carried out a disaster readiness survey with several committee members. The group discussed various issues, and all were invited to attend a session on 18th March. Jane will confirm her availability for this meeting, while Nigel will reach out to Redland City Council regarding the Club's responsibilities and the support available, since the clubhouse serves as a designated evacuation centre during disasters. Jane/Nigel

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The correspondence list from 9 February to 8 March 2026 was tabled. Motion that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted was moved by Jane Whelan, seconded by Colin Gorton and CARRIED.

### **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

1. Complaint re Member's Behaviour. Dealt with according to club's protocol.
2. Redland Community Centre: Resilience Readiness Session (See 15. Business Arising)
3. Kim Ellaway: 2027 Congress Calendar (See Convenor's Report)

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

The treasurer's report and invoices were tabled. Approx \$500 earned from Under 500 Teams Congress

Colin Gorton moved that the report and invoices be accepted, seconded by Tom France and CARRIED

(Also see 6 Business Arising)

**4. Directors Report:** Michael. Turgut now directing on Wednesdays

**5. Dealers & Masterpoint Secretary's Report:** Carradine. Robina Cooper (Membership Secretary) and Carradine will complete the Annual Membership Return for ABF by deadline.

**6. Education Report:** Nigel. New classes (5 students) now commenced. Copies of bidding and pre-set 1NT boards given to Dan Maher for Wednesday night's sessions.

**7. Workplace, Health & Safety:** Tom. Fire safety drills to be organised by Richard Wiginton.

**8. Maintenance Report:** Turgut. Will be two working bees per year. Turgut will organise first on 17 May

**9. Congress/Convenors' Report:** Jane. Positive feedback was received for the Under 500 Teams Congress, which had 12 teams compete. The committee agreed to hold the event again next year. Kim Ellaway asked clubs to submit preferred dates for the 2027 Congress Calendar; Jane will follow up.

**10. Social Group:** Gabriel. Gabriel suggested having dinner at the Heart of Europe Restaurant on a Tuesday night to take advantage of their two-for-one offer.

**11. New Members:** Robina. Bradley Mulligan. Moved Nigel Cleminson, seconded Turgut Manli. CARRIED

**12. New Business:**

1. Regular Working Bees: Tom (See Maintenance Report)

2. Role/Duties Safety Officer: Gabriel (See OH&S Report)

3. High-Fives: Jane. A pair high fiving when making their contracts. Nigel will talk to couple. Nigel

4. 2027 Congress Calendar (Feasibility 2026 <500 Graded Teams): Jane (See Convenor's Report).

5. Maintenance Follow Through: Jane. Withdrawn from Agenda

**13. Late/Urgent Business:**

1. Date for future AGMs: Jane. Jane suggested that future AGMs be moved back a week as incoming Committee do not meet for four weeks after AGM. Hence, Committee tasks held in abeyance for a significant time. Agreed. Jane (2027)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 14 April 2026 at 1330

**Close:** There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1445.

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