

FRANKSTON BRIDGE CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Date: 17th September 2026

Time: 3..45 PM

Place: Clubrooms 200 Beach Street

Facilitator: Interim President Anita Spurling

Apologies:	Attendance
Steve Colling	Patricia Bellamy
Mary Colling	Karyn Pert
Kerry Hosking;	Gwen Branton
Kenneth MacGowan	Anita Spurling
Barbara Crawford	Sue Beckman
Beryl BeaneyAllan Hardie	Nigel Phillips
Libby Shaw	Kerry McManus
Maggie Callandar	Kitty Penfold
Lynn Moodie	Terry Cranch
Greg Wayman	Wendy Zantvoort
Frances Hung	Lynn Clough
Honor Middleton	Denise Donald
Colin Shugg	Mary Box
Ali Perry	Elizabeth Chapple
Michael Tuke	Bill McGlaulin
Karen Thompson	Lindsay Young
Wojciech Sieredzinski	Andrew Fenlon
Christine Smith	Dean Winkle
Audrey Ingham	Nigel Phillips
Jens Norling	
Eunice Payne	
Gerry Fordyce – Burke	

1. Reading & Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM

Proposer: Karyn Pert

Seconder: Sue Beckman

Carried.

2. Reading of the Presidents Report and correspondence relating to the AGM.

No correspondence to be read and Anita Spurling spoke on behalf of Paul Corry who had passed away August 13th

3. Presentation of Balance sheet and statement of accounts

Denise Donald spoke to the report highlighting that we had made a profit of \$5912.00 the year due to extra Congress attendees, the sponsorship revenue, extra members and the reduced costs of our rent. The 2025 Congress had a profit of \$2700, however, of that profit, \$2500 must be deducted due to expenses paid in the 2026 financial year which had incurred in the previous financial year.

Questions from the floor

Q. What accounting system are we using now

A. Xero

Q. Is Denise concerned about the small loss

A. No she isn't as these are expenses that had been accounted for

Q. As a Not for Profit organisation, is there a strategy to invest these funds

A. Our Constitution stipulates that all monies in the account are for the benefit of growing Bridge, either via ABF or VBA, not for the members. We are looking at ways to purchase new equipment & this will be an agenda item for the new committee

Acceptance of Financial Report

Proposer: Sue Beckman

Seconder: Dean Winkle

carried

4. Election of new committee

7 nominations were received, and the new committee is as follows

President – Anita Spurling

Vice – President – Karyn Pert

Treasurer – Denise Donald

Secretary – Vacant

Members – Wojciech Sierdzinski, Kerry McManus, Dean Winkle & Karen Thompson

Acceptance of new committee

Proposer: Lindsay Young

Seconder: Gwen Branton

carried

5. Committee decision on September 3rd – Working with Children check

New event proposed – Grandparents/Family Day. All future committee members to have a Working with Children form before nominating for committee

Unanimously accepted

6. Beginner Lessons – should they be restarted and charged to cover Teachers Costs?

We currently pay Barbara \$100 per session for the lessons. With that, handouts are distributed and notes given out

Questions from the floor

Q, are the attendees given “homework to complete to ensure the information stays with them?

A. Not currently

Q. Can we distribute hand records for the Supervised Bridge?

A. Sue Beckman to assist when Barbara Crawford returns

Q. can the new players earn masterpoints

A. looking into this now, ½ points (blue points)

Q. have we looked at the conversion rate of new members

A. No we have not calculated this

Q, should we charge for lessons?

A. Barbara returns October 10th and suggestion to carry this conversation over when she returns

7. Nomination of Life Member

Due to the time spent on Committee- Nigel Phillips to be nominated as a Life member.

All accepted.

8. Proposal to go cashless for table fees and membership fees

Denise pointed out that dealing with cash results in extra administration work for her but is also aware that a few of our members prefer that payment option.

Sue Beckman agreed with proposal to go cashless whilst maintaining the use of the square for online payments.

Members encouraged to use MyABF and ask for help and instruction if needed.

Real Bridge can also use MyABF to register players. The aim is to reduce the huge workload on treasurer and provide more accountability.

Sue Beckman proposed

Andrew Fenlon seconded

Caried

Anita & Karyn to assist members with registering MyABF.

9. Any other business

Develop calendar of events for the year as we now must use the 8 red point events between now & December.

Format of Club Championship to be changed from the event in 2025.

Meeting closed at 4.45pm.