MINUTES

SUNNYBANK BRIDGE CLUB INC

Committee Meeting at 69 Nathan Road Runcorn
Opened at 1:30pm 8th May 2026 by President Doug Matthew

Present: Doug Matthew (Chair), Suzanne Irwin, Alice Edwards (Secretary), Kenneth Clem, Robyn Chippindall, Mary Langler, Michele Thorne

Apologies:
Andrew McKee, Sue Holburt

Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the previous Committee Meeting on 10th April 2026 are a correct record of the meeting.

Moved by Alice Edwards, seconded Suzanne Irwin CARRIED

Business arising from Previous Minutes

MyABF

- Treasurer to co-ordinate plan to changeover to MyABF

Safety and Maintenance

SAFETY

A fire & evacuation training leaflet has been emailed to members and members will be asked to sign the associated register.

MAINTENANCE

Outstanding

Item	Action	Who
Damage to wall behind female toilet door	Repair damage & Paint	Sue Holburt
Weeds in gardens close to front door	Remove	Doug Matthew
All pit covers clogged	Clean	Working Bee
Vegetation in front of kitchen window obscuring visual termite inspection	Clear all except hedge	Sue Holburt / Gardener
Drain - BBQ area	Clear	Working Bee
Telstra conduit damaged	Partially fixed	
Garden Bed edging	Repair / Replace	
Faulty/dirty bridgemates	Check/Clean	Sue Holburt

Help for new players

Standard system cards are available for new players.

Calling the Director

Work to put together a list of issues that can be used as educational reminders to players via the Directors notices.

- Put together a list of issues that are worth highlighting – Alice Edwards
- Update Directors notices

First Aid/CPR

Unfortunately, there were no responses to the request for members with first aid / CPR training to add their names to the club register.

Bridgemate Update

Robyn Chippindall confirmed that the bridgemate firmware was up to date.

Bins

Doug Matthew advised the committee that the BCC bins did not need replacing however it was noted that plastic bags were being used in the disposal of recycling.

- Michele Thorne to ask Loretta Lovett to check with cleaners that they are not responsible for including plastic bags when disposing of recycling.

Air-conditioning

Doug Matthew advised the committee that the club had been successful in their grant application for $35,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The grant must be used within 12 months.

- Doug Matthew to obtain quotes

Advertising

Sue Holburt asked the Committee to consider whether the club should consider including advertising in the club's publications like Club Booklet, Newsletter etc

Grants Available

Sue Holburt advised that Club Southside had grants available to Community Clubs and asked the Committee to compile a list of possible projects to take advantage of them.

Correspondence In

17-04-2026	ABF	Australia Wide Novice Pairs Flyer
23-04-2026	QBA	Director Training Flyer – Sept 26
27-04-2026	Caloundra Bridge Club	Congress Flyer
20-04-2026	QBA	AGM Minutes & Reports
29-04-2026	QBA	Nationwide Pairs
04-05-2026	Noosa Bridge Club	Congress Flyer
06-05-2026	Brisbane Bridge Club	GNOT Heat Flyer
07-05-2026	QBA	Director Training – June 2026
07-05-2026	QBA	2027 Draft Calendar

Correspondence Out

29-04-2026	Sue Holburt	QBA	Nationwide Pairs
07-05-2026	Suzanne Irwin	Make-a-wish	Nationwide Pirs

Motion that Inwards and Outwards Correspondence be accepted was moved by Alice Edwards, seconded Robyn Chippindall . CARRIED

Business arising from Correspondence

QBA AGM Minutes & Reports

There were 3 major points of interest

- Directors Proficiency exam must now be successfully completed before sitting the Club Directors' exam.
- ABF & QBA capitation fees for 2027 will each be $29.90
- Entries open for the Brisbane Gold Congress (January 2027) on 1st July 2026

Nationwide Pairs

Suzanne Irwin advised the committee that the ABF no longer runs Nationwide Pairs. Instead, a private company has taken over with part of the proceeds going to Make-a-Wish Foundation. Suzanne said that she had been in contact with the Make-a-Wish Foundation and that they had requested that no payments are made to the new organiser until the new format are finalised. The Committee decided to continue to participate while seeking more clarity.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

The Profit & Loss statement for the Month of April shows a net loss of $8,996.31 with a YTD profit of $5,707.65. This is comprised mainly of $14,870 in table fees and in $11,031 membership fees partly offset by QBA/ABF Affiliation Fees and various maintenance costs.

Month	Income	Interest	Expenses	FY26 Net Profit	Prior Yr Comparison
January	$14,501.90	$7.14	($3,692.62)	$10,816.42	$13,967.80
February	$5,147.60	$11.35	($2,241.78)	$2,917.17	$1,901.53
March	$5,011.80	$2,013.93	($6,055.36)	$970.37	$5,083.92
April	$4,812.00	$16.64	($13,824.84)	($8,996.31)	($8,609.85)
YTD				$5,707.65	$12,343.40

No new membership fees were received in April 2026. YTD members' subscriptions are $11,116 ($680 higher than the prior year) for 154 home members, compared to 159 home members last year (incl life members). Income from the Qld Novice Pairs will be received May this year compared to April in the prior year.
YTD expenses are slightly lower than the prior year mainly due to a delay in the receipt of Feb-Apr 2026 electricity bills and lower cleaning and gardening expenses, together with the deferral of costs for the Qld Novice Pairs. March expenses included $450 of Capital Expenditure incurred for the replacement of the whiteboard. Capital expenditure will be transferred to the Balance Sheet at year-end.
Other Income items are $7,215 less than this time last year due to interest income deferred on one of the term deposits which is to be paid at maturity, and a water rebate received in the prior year of $2,852.

Suzanne Irwin moved that the expenditure for the month of April 2026 be approved and Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Robyn Chippindall. CARRIED.

Teacher's Report

Michele Thorne reported that approximately 8 new players were continuing to participate in supervised play on Wednesday afternoons.

Convenor's Report

The club hosted a successful Queensland Novice Pairs Congress on 3rd May 2026. A suggestion was made that the club should charge an extra $5 and include lunch when hosting congresses. The Committee decided that the club should consider this before details of the next congress are announced.

Robyn Chippindall moved that the Convenor's report be accepted. Seconded by Michele Thorne. CARRIED.

General Business

New Memberships

Mary Langler reported that no new membership applications had been received since the last meeting.

Inter-club Teams

Robyn Chippindall advised that it was likely that Sunnybank would be asked to host the Inter-club Teams event this year.

Marketing

Thank you to Andrew McKee for submitting a written report regarding marketing for the club which was circulated. The Committee agreed to discuss the report at the next meeting when Andrew will be present.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday 12th June 2026.

The meeting concluded at 3:00pm.

President ……..

Secretary…….