

**Central Coast Bridge Club**  
**Minutes for the Special General Meeting**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**415 The Entrance Road, Long Jetty**

Meeting Opened: 4:32 pm

1. Agenda distributed to attendees
2. Apologies: Jan Perring
3. Scrutineers: Peter Fitzgerald (Head) & Allan Raward (Assistant)
4. David Purkiss (President of the Committee) as Chairperson welcomed members and provided a general background of the Constitution review process.
5. David Purkiss proposed that the voting be by way of Secret Ballot. Moved by John Redfearn, seconded by Brian Richarson. Approved by a show of hands.
6. David Purkiss reads the resolution: -  
**Resolution:** *"That CCBC adopt the 2025 Amended Constitution to replace the Constitution currently in effect"*  
Moved: David Purkiss, Seconded: John Aldridge
7. Explanation of proposed changes:
  - Lawrie Ransom: The Discipline Review Panel hearing to be replaced by General Meeting of members to make decisions on appeals by a disciplined member.
  - Norm Berger:
    - Decrease the number of members on general committee members from a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 11 to a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 9
    - Remove the prohibition on associate members being able to win club championship and trophy events.
    - Removal of 3-year fixed term for office bearers
8. Questions from members
  - John Redfearn: Why can't associate members have the same rights, such as voting, as full members. Response by Norm Berger: The restriction is in line with other Bridge clubs. All associate members have voting rights with their home club.
  - Brian Millanta: It's not unusual for associate members in organisations, other than bridge clubs, to have voting rights, etc.
  - Berenice Air: Associate members who play regularly should have the same rights.
  - Comments from the membership both in agreement and disagreement.
  - Norm Berger: This is something that we could look at in the future.
9. Chairperson, David Purkiss, calls for a vote on the resolution by Secret Ballot.
10. Home club members were marked off membership listing and given a voting paper by Kerrie Ransom and Lyn Paton.
11. Voting was cast by secret ballot. eighty-seven (87) members were in attendance. Seventy-seven (77) voted in favour of the resolution (88.5%). Ten (10) members voted against it (11.5%). The motion, therefore, was carried by a significant majority.

Meeting Closed: 5:32 pm

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Lyn Paton (Secretary)

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David Purkiss (President)