



# NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB

*Hendra, Brisbane*

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC  
HELD in the Jill Wilson Building  
SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2021 AT 11.30 AM**

The President, Andrew Slater, apologised for any procedural irregularities, that may have occurred, concerning the convening of the 2021 AGM with regards the giving of formal notice for the meeting.

Andrew proposed to the members present that by a show of hands, they could decide to continue with the meeting or reprogram the meeting to a future date. The show of hands indicated overwhelming support for the meeting to proceed in accordance with the previously published agenda.

**1. Welcome**

The President, Andrew Slater, welcomed everyone for attending and declared the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting open.

**2. Apologies**

91 apologies were recorded in the Apology Book.

Apologies that were sent in as emails were transferred to the book.

**3. Attendance**

34 names were recorded in the Attendance Book

**4. Confirmation of the 2020 AGM Minutes that were conducted via Zoom**

The Minutes had been circulated and were taken as read. The Minutes for that Meeting of 18th April 2020 were CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

MOVED; Kate O'Donnell

SECONDED; Warren Brown CARRIED

**5. The President's Report**

The President commented that the past year has been most challenging with the COVID crisis. The spirit of cooperation, tolerance and a willingness to do what had to be done, has kept us all safe.

Membership has fallen, which was not unexpected but the Beginner's Classes were busy. As the President said, "Teaching them is the easy part, keeping them is the hard part". Several initiatives are in place to encourage this.

During the lockdown a "Daily Cheer" was sent out to keep member's spirits up. Since the recommencement of play, a mentoring programme for advancing players has been organised, an updated beginner's book has been written and a sponsored Ron Klinger Column is sent out each week to members.

He once again thanked all the volunteers who help keep the club running every day, Committee Members, kitchen staff, Directors and their helpers, Jeanette Wyman, our capable newsletter editor and especially to our Treasurer, Andrea Parkins, and the hard working Office Administrator, Jacqui Dudurovic.

A special thankyou to our sponsors, The Clayfield Aveo, TBIB Insurance, Bernborough Ascot and Guy Horsley of Ray White. We are very grateful for their continuing support.

2020 saw the passing of one of the luminaries of our club, Diana Dick. Diana was posthumously awarded an Order of Australia in the New Year's Honours list for her services to bridge.

Andy finished by thanking all the members who have come back to the club and been prepared to follow all the protocols to ensure that our club stays safe.

The President's Report had been circulated and was taken as read. The President's Report was ACCEPTED.

**MOVED;** Andy Slater    **SECONDED;** Warren Brown

## 6. Adoption of the Annual Balance Sheet and Financial Statement

The Treasurer provided a detailed report on the finances of the club, noting that the three month lockdown and reduced table numbers, due to COVID, has had a significant impact upon the club's finances. The income this year has been further reduced by the cessation of congresses and competitions.

During this time the Management did their best to reduce expenses by cancelling cleaning contractors, reducing gardening call outs and ceasing catering. However as the Treasurer pointed out our ongoing expenses such as rates, water, electricity, phones, computer maintenance, audit fees and the printing of our Membership Booklet were still incurred.

The Treasurer reminded members that the FUND of \$212,430 was required as part of the prerequisite for our lease agreement with the BCC. It exists to meet the needs of repairs and maintenance of our buildings when required.

**It is not for general administrative costs.**

Merv Eastaughffe rightly pointed out that The Fund was not to be called a "sinking fund."

Eugene Kaiser asked about the consultancy fee to Grants Guru, David O'Leary who helped the club to put in for a grant.

Andrea took this opportunity to thank Club President, Andy Slater, and Office Administrator, Jacqui Dudurovic, for all their hard work during the difficult Covid lockdowns.

The Financial Statements and Balance Sheet had been circulated and were taken as read.

The Annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet were accepted for the year ending 31 January 2021.

**MOVED:** Andrea Parkins

**SECONDED;** Trish Hume

**CARRIED**

## 7. Appointment of Auditor for Year ending 31 January, 2021

It was approved that Cleave Accounting be appointed as auditor for the year ending 31 January, 2022.

**MOVED:** Andrea Parkins

**SECONDED:** Ghislaine Green    **CARRIED**

## 8. Election of Office Bearers

The President declared all Committee positions vacant and the Secretary read the nominations. All office bearers were elected unopposed.

**President:** Andrew Slater

Nominated by: Helen Bryant

Seconded: Carol McKinnon

**CARRIED**

**Vice President:**

Nominated by:	Seconded:	CARRIED
<b>Treasurer:</b> Andrea Parkins		
Nominated by: :Peter Macdonald	Seconded: Kate O'Donnell	CARRIED
<b>Secretary:</b> Kate O'Donnell		
Nominated by: Jacqui Dudurovic	Seconded: Frank Killbey	CARRIED
<b>Committee:</b> Jason Cooney		
Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell	Seconded: Jacqui Dudurovic	CARRIED
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Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell	Seconded: Frank Killbey	CARRIED
<b>Committee:</b> Daina Geise		
Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell	Seconded: Jacqui Dudurovic	CARRIED
<b>Committee:</b> Helen Baran		
Nominated by: Andy Slater	Seconded: Jacqui Dudurovic	CARRIED
<b>Committee:</b> Helen Bryant		
Nominated by: Andrea Parkins	Seconded: Andy Slater	CARRIED
<b>Committee:</b> Warren Brown		
Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell	Seconded: Jacqui Dudurovic	CARRIED

**9. General Business:**

There was one motion put to the membership:

**Motion 1:**

“That tables fees be increased from \$6 to \$8 per session starting 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.”  
 Moved by Andrew Slater, seconded by Graham Killoran.

This motion was put forward due to the financial difficulties faced by the club during the Covid lockdown and the decreasing number of members to carry the cost of running the club.  
 After much spirited discussion the motion was approved by a majority vote of hands raised, and also 61-14 for the motion by proxies.

**10. Presentation of Trophies:  
 NSBC Competition Winners 2020**

The presentation did not take place this year due to COVID issues with some of the competitions not being held.

**11. Close**

There were no further items of business. The President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 12.40pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

