



NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB

Hendra, Brisbane

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN SUBURBS BRIDGE CLUB INC

held in the Jill Wilson Building

SATURDAY 9th APRIL 2022 AT 11.30 AM

1. **Welcome**

The President, Andrew Slater, welcomed everyone for attending and declared the 63rd Annual General Meeting open.

2. **Apologies**

26 apologies were recorded in the Apology Book.

Apologies that were sent in as emails were transferred to the Apology Book.

3. **Attendance**

35 names were recorded in the Attendance Book

4. **Confirmation of the 2021 AGM Minutes**

The Minutes had been circulated and were taken as read. The Minutes for that Meeting on the 10th April 2021 were CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

MOVED; Helen Baran

SECONDED; Graham Killoran

CARRIED

5. **The President's Report**

The President commented that the past year has had its own set of challenges and rewards. COVID continues to be a major issue and the President urged everyone to be vigilant. NSBC is the second largest bridge club in Queensland but like all clubs our membership has declined.

Our club is financially sound thanks to our increase in table fees last year. The club has been able to upgrade our technology, with Compscore 3, replace old bathroom equipment, upgrade signage and organise new tablecloths for easy wipe down.

The highlight of this past year has been getting back to some normality. In October we celebrated Senior's Month with a wide range of activities and of course the Christmas Teams were a great success. Thanks Pat Clouston for your sponsorship.

2022 will have plenty of challenges with the upgrading of the club's by-laws and a new communication platform for all members. The biggest change will be the introduction of MyABF, an initiative of the Australian Bridge Federation. All members will be online and all table fees and congress fees will go through MyABF.

He once again thanked all the volunteers who help keep the club running every day, Committee Members, kitchen staff, Directors and their Bridgemate operators, Jeanette Wyman, our capable newsletter editor, Ros Frost for organising our team of card dealers, our Membership Secretary, Sheena De Jager Miles, our Masterpoint Secretary Margaret Plunkett and especially to our Treasurer, Andrea Parkins, Secretary, Kate O'Donnell and the hard working Office Administrator, Jacqui Dudurovic. He especially mentioned that Helen Bryant in charge of our kitchen is retiring and moving to Beachmere. Her helpful and friendly presence will be greatly missed.

Thanks to our sponsors for their continuing support.

2022 saw the passing of Neil Gibson, husband and pillar of support for our ex-president, Elizabeth. We treasure the memory of all our members who have passed away this year.

Andy finished by saying that this will be his last year as President and if he continues to receive the support he has received over the past four years, he will retire as a very happy and contented ex-President.

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

MOVED; Andy Slater **SECONDED;** Eugene Kaiser

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

The Treasurer provided a detailed report on the finances of the club.

Andrea took this opportunity to thank Club President, Andy Slater, and Office Administrator, Jacqui Dudurovic, for all their hard work during the year. Also thanking all the many and varied volunteers who gave enthusiastically of their time to keep the club kicking over.

Revenue came from table fees, competitions, congresses and subscriptions with further income coming from grants, sponsorships and an insurance payout of \$7500 for solar panels.

There was only one major capital expense of \$4895 for a new dealing machine.

This past year has seen significant changes to the way we collect revenue. We are now basically cashless with the introduction of an eptpos machine and a coupon system for table fees.

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 2022.

MOVED: Andrea Parkins **SECONDED;** Sheena De Jager Miles
CARRIED

7. **Appointment of Auditor for Year ending 31 January, 2023**

It was approved that Cleave Accounting be appointed as auditor for the year ending 31 January, 2023.

MOVED: Andrea Parkins **SECONDED:** Graham White **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: Graham White **Seconded:** Frank Killbey **Carried**

Vice President:

Nominated by: **Seconded:**

Treasurer: Andrea Parkins

Nominated by : Frank Killbey **Seconded:** Graham White **Carried**

Secretary: Kate O'Donnell

Nominated by: Frank Killbey Seconded: Graham White Carried

Committee: Bert Luchjenbroers

Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell Seconded: Bruce Stephens Carried

Committee: Jacqui Dudurovic

Nominated by: Janet Cook Seconded: Jeannette Wyman Carried

Committee: Daina Geise

Nominated by: Jane Farquhar Seconded: Kay Peachey Carried

Committee: Helen Baran

Nominated by: Frank Killbey Seconded: Rhonda Robinson Carried

Committee: David Baru

Nominated by: Jacqui Dudurovic Seconded: Andrea Parkins Carried

Committee: Warren Brown

Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell Seconded: Helen Bryant Carried

Committee: Sheena De Jager Miles

Nominated: Frank Killbey Seconded: Kate O'Donnell Carried

9. **General Business:**

There were several issues members wanted addressed

- Graham Killoran raised safety issues concerning the urinal in the men's toilet. He had drawn up plans for the modifications and offered to organise the work himself. He urged the committee to attend to this.
- Molly Jean was concerned that the Vice President's role had not been filled. Andy assured her that the committee would attend to this.
- Graham Killoran also voiced concerns about a succession plan since the President, Andy Slater, planned to stand down at the next AGM.
- Jane Kavanagh voiced concerns that the Ladies toilet door needs to be fixed as soon as possible.
- Joan Mills reminded the committee that it is a requirement of our lease to have regular fire drills.
- Jane Kavanagh said that it was very important that the phone be answered during session times in case there was an emergency.
- Greg Gosney said that the answering machine cuts in too quickly and would like the phone to ring longer
- Mary Louise Kennedy would like In Memoriums to be included in the Newsletter.
- Joan Mills also felt that the club doesn't do much for its members. Social activities such as bus trips aren't organised also there is no longer prize money for each session. The President addressed each of these issues comprehensively.
- Eugene Kaiser and various other members voiced concerns about the new MyABF to be implemented in the club later in the year. People who don't want to go online would like an alternative. At the moment there seems no other option. Sheena De Jager Miles suggested that the club hold an information session. Plans are underway to have

computers available at the club for members to be talked through the process of joining MyABF with an expert.

- Eugene Kaiser mentioned that there have been some issues with Bridgemate and could members be reimbursed for sessions where there are no scores. The President explained that bridge is more than the scores. It provides a social outing, morning/afternoon tea plus there is the ongoing costs of the club...staff, tea/coffee/milk/biscuits costs, lights, air-con, insurances, maintenance, cleaners and so on.
- Joan Mills put forward a proposal that GNOT heats and Club Championship Pairs and Teams to be catered for with no increase in entry fee. After discussion a motion was put to the meeting.

Motion: That all NSBC One Day events and GNOTS Heats have lunch provided without any increase in entry fee.

Proposed : Joan Mills

Seconded : Graham White

Carried

10. **Presentation of Trophies: NSBC Competition Winners 2021**

The presentation did not take place due to time constraints.

1. **Mixed Pairs**- Annette Hyland and Peter Stride
2. **Monday Shield**- Jane Farquhar and Liz Litzow
3. **Friday Rosebowl**- Sunil Mukherjee and Dennis Sullivan
4. **NSBC Teams Championships**- Helen and Richard McLauchlan, Bert Luchjenbroers and David Lehmann
5. **Jill Wilson Pairs Championship**- Vesna and Voyko Markovic
6. **President's Tray**- Geoff Toon and Bert Luchjenbroers
7. **Thursday Pairs**- Natalie Block and Richard McLauchlan
8. **Leita Leiper Award**- Jason Cooney
9. **Newstead Novice Shield**- Daina Geise and Margaret Mitchell
10. **Tuesday Pairs**- Annette Hyland and Peter Stride

11. **Close**

There were no further items of business. The President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 12.35pm.

Signed:

Date: