



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

held in the Jill Wilson Building
SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2024 AT 11.30 AM

1. Welcome

The President, Graham Killoran, welcomed everyone for attending and declared the 65th Annual General Meeting open.

2. Apologies and Attendance

61 apologies were recorded in the Apology Book.
Apologies that were sent in as emails were transferred to the Apology Book.
There were 50 proxies handed in to the secretary.
48 names were recorded in the Attendance Book

3. Confirmation of the 2023 AGM Minutes

The Minutes had been circulated and were taken as read. The Minutes for the Meeting on the 15th April 2023 were CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

MOVED; Warren Brown SECONDED; Maria Hewson CARRIED

4. The President's Report

The President, Graham Killoran, explained to the members that he came to the position as President with a wealth of experience behind him. He was pleased to find that he had an experience committee to work with.

After the Office Administrator's unexpected resignation, he was determined to spread the workload as much as possible. Paula Hall volunteered to assist our Treasurer, Andrea Parkins while Margaret Plunkett helps Denise Taylor with Membership as well as continuing with Masterpoints. Tracey Amour has ably taken over the Newsletter and Sheena De Jager Miles ensures the smooth running of the kitchen. Max Latimer, as Congress Convenor, has run all the various competitions successfully while Rex Meadowcroft has become the Fire Warden.

Our numbers are down slightly due to natural attrition and members not coming back after Covid so Andy Slater, Karen Gosney and Peter Fagan do a vital job with the Beginner's Classes ensuring that there are plenty of new players coming through. Graham thanked them for their work.

There have been a few maintenance issues with leaking roofs and recently a very expensive water leak. New locks were installed on the power boxes and David Lehmann has repainted the disabled bays.

The President would like to set up a Register of Trades and Professions to be able to tap into a wealth of experience and connections if the occasion should arise. This would be voluntary of course.

Also, he would like to investigate the possibility of the club buying the freehold. One letter has already been sent to the Brisbane City Council.

Graham thanked Kate O'Donnell who has retired as Secretary along with the other Management Committee also stepping down, Andy Slater, Helen Baran, Warren Brown and Karen Gosney. He thanked them for their service and support.

The President's Report was ACCEPTED.

MOVED; Graham Killoran

SECONDED; John Bagster

5. Adoption of the Annual Balance Sheet and Financial Statement

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

Andrea took this opportunity to thank the outgoing Management Committee members for all their hard work during the year and all the many and varied volunteers who gave enthusiastically of their time.

Andrea reminded the members that NSBC was first and foremost a Community Club and owes its survival to the willingness of so many of our members who are prepared to help where they can with the skills that they possess.

The Treasurer went on to report that the Total Gross Revenue was \$178,425 which was a decrease of \$11,401 from the previous year. Revenue came from table fees, competitions, congresses and subscriptions with further income coming from a small grant of \$240.

The expenses for the year were \$209,609 which were higher than last year by \$15,906. The club ran at a loss of \$31,424 for the year.

Increases were observed across the board but especially with our cleaning, electricity, ground maintenance, playing equipment and repairs and maintenance.

In compliance with the Incorporations Act, our club is obliged to disclose all remunerations and other benefits received by the Management Committee, which the Treasurer duly did.

The club has had a very costly water leak recently which has resulted in a huge water bill and a hefty repair bill.

Financially it has been a tough year and unfortunately not likely to improve in the short term. Andrea recommended that the table fees be increased to \$8 which were agreed to at the 2021 AGM, from May 1st.

Before the Finances were accepted the treasurer kindly took a few questions from the floor.

Maria Hewson asked about the high electricity bill even though we have solar panels. Andrea reported that the bill was based on the reading of our bill January 2023, which was before the solar panels had been installed. Also the timing for the air conditioner was programmed for times when the club wasn't being used. The timer has now been reprogrammed. Also the cost of electricity has risen.

Merv Eastaugh queried the increase of table fee from \$7.50 to \$8 come 1st May. Andrea explained that the price of table fees was decided in 2021 to increase to \$8 but members were discounted to \$7.50 if they used coupons.

Lee Horner asked about the cost of MyABF to the club. Jacqui Dudurovic explained that the small fee charged by Stripe who handle the money transfer is standard.

Warren Brown mentioned that in our modern society most transactions are on card and there is a small fee in some format. John Bagster also agreed that financial institutions and banks charge their clients "bank charges".

Joan Mill was interested to know where the free games that the President, Secretary and Treasurer receive are recorded in the finances. The Treasurer informed the gathering that they are subtracted from the table fees.

Jenny Wardley suggested that to save money on electricity, the smaller sessions could play in the Elizabeth Gibson Centre.

The Treasurer responded comprehensively to all the queries and questions.

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 2024.

MOVED: Andrea Parkins SECONDED; Joan Mills CARRIED

6. Appointment of Auditor for Year ending 31 January, 2025

The Treasurer, Andrea Parkins suggested that the Appointment of Auditor for the January 2025, be put out to tender. This will be discussed at the next Management Committee Meeting.

7. Election of Office Bearers

The President declared all Committee positions vacant and the retiring Secretary, Kate O'Donnell, read the nominations.
All office bearers were elected unopposed.

President: Graham Killoran
Nominated by: Ghislaine Green Seconded: Max Latimer Carried

Vice President: Jacqui Dudurovic
Nominated: Andy Slater Seconded: George McKennariey Carried

Treasurer: Andrea Parkins
Nominated by: Andrea Parkins Seconded: Graham Killoran Carried

Secretary: John Bagster
Nominated by: Graham Killoran Seconded: Denise Taylor Carried

Committee: Barry Witham
Nominated by: Graham Killoran Seconded: Pip Witham Carried

Committee: Daina Geise
Nominated by: Kay Elliot Seconded: Graham Killoran Carried

Committee: Greg Gosney
Nominated by: Margaret Plunkett Seconded: Graham Killoran Carried

Committee: Lee Horner
Nominated by: Graham Killoran Seconded: Max Latimer Carried

Committee: Denise Taylor
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8. General Business

- **Motion:** For Andrew Slater to be admitted as an Honorary Life Member of Northern Suburbs Bridge Club.

Proposed: Jacqui Dudurovic

Seconder: Andrea Parkins

The motion was unanimously carried.

Any other business

- Kate O'Donnell expressed her gratitude at being able to serve as Secretary for the past 4 years and that it had been an honour and a privilege. Kate mentioned that the opportunity enabled her to meet and get to know so many of our wonderful members and being able to put faces to names. She said that she had found the experience very rewarding and satisfying, if not challenging at times. She wished the club every success.

**9. Presentation of Trophies:
NSBC Competition Winners 2023**

The presentation did not take place due to time constraints.

1. **Mixed Pairs**- David Lehmann & Gayle McCarthy
2. **Monday Shield**- Sunil Makherjee & Eugene Pereira
3. **Friday Rosebowl**- Sunil Makherjee & Bert Luchjenbroers
4. **NSBC Championships Teams** - Cancelled
5. **Jill Wilson Pairs Championship**- Cancelled
6. **President's Tray**- Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett
7. **Thursday Pairs**- Bert Luchjenbroers & Yolande Coroneo
8. **Leita Leiper Award**- Jacqui Dudurovic
9. **Newstead Novice Shield**- Kerry Barridge & Peter Fagan
10. **Tuesday Pairs**- Annette Hyland & Peter Stride
11. **Hoffman Tray**- Andrea Parkins & Helen Baran

10. Close

There were no further items of business. The President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 12.20pm.

Signed:

Date: