



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 15th APRIL 2023 AT 11.30 AM

1. **Welcome**

The President, Andrew Slater, welcomed everyone for attending and declared the 64th Annual General Meeting open.

2. **Apologies and Attendance**

81 apologies were recorded in the Apology Book.

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

48 names were recorded in the Attendance Book

3. **Confirmation of the 2022 AGM Minutes**

The Minutes had been circulated and were taken as read. The Minutes for that Meeting on the 9th April 2022 were CONFIRMED as a true and correct record with a slight change.

In General Business, Joan Mills had put forward a proposal. In the minutes it had been paraphrased and she requested that it be in the original format.

- So instead of “Joan Mills put forward a proposal that GNOT heats and Club Championship Pairs and Teams to be catered for at no extra expense.” It was changed to “It is proposed that free sandwich lunches be provided for competitors in the club GNOT heats and Club Championships Pairs and Teams with no increase in the entry fee.”

MOVED; Andy Slater

SECONDED; Graham Killoran

CARRIED

4. **The President's Report**

The President, Andy Slater was pleased to say that there have been some amazing developments for the club over the past year.

Despite the Covid years, members are now returning to the tables. Many initiatives have been introduced to encourage members back, such as “Walk In” Tuesdays and Wednesday. An online “Partnership Request” has also been introduced and an earlier start and toasties along with a handicapping system and even sponsored prize money for one of the sessions.

To keep costs down the committee decided that if the average number of tables fell below 10, that session unfortunately would forego a tea person.

The best initiative for the year has been the implementation of the groundbreaking MyABF Administration and Payment for Sessions system. It makes it much easier for the payment of table fees, congresses and tournaments for the members and for the admin staff. Jacqui Dudurovic, our Office Administrator, was the driving force behind the new system. Andy thanked her for her professionalism, expertise and noted how lucky the club was to benefit from her good nature especially in helping to solve member's problems that came her way.

Andy thanked Kevin O'Donnell for his help in getting the solar panels installed and now up and running. He also thanked Graham Killoran for organising the upgrade of the men's toilets. The President also took the opportunity to thank the many and varied volunteers in the club, such as our hard working Masterpoint Secretary, Margaret Plunkett, Jeannette Wyman for her wonderful work for five years as editor of the club Newsletter and Daina Geise for her work chasing after grants for the benefit of the club, to name just a few.

Ros Frost was singled out for her work as Dealer Extraordinaire, not only regularly dealing boards for everyday use and for our competitions but also training a generation of new dealers.

He thanked our treasurer, Andrea Parkins for rising to the challenges that have come her way, especially with the new MyABF, going cashless and the new accounting system Xero.

Andy commented how much he appreciated the advice of long time member, Warren Brown.

Andy finished his report by saying how much he values the friendships and positivity of our wonderful members. He looks forward to a well earned holiday followed by perhaps playing many more sessions of bridge knowing that the club is in capable hands.

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

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

5. 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.

Andrea reminded the members that NSBC was first and foremost a Community Club and is only as strong or as weak as the involvement of our members.

The Total Gross Revenue was \$189,836 which was a decrease of \$4,828 from the previous year.

Revenue came from table fees, competitions, congresses and subscriptions with further income coming from, sponsorships and grants. Andrea thanked Daina Geise for her hard work in securing grants to the value of \$11,183, which will go towards the new solar panels.

Several capital assets purchased by the club this year included a Laser projector, new car park floodlights, new signage, a new photocopier, security cameras and the deposit for the solar panels.

Everyday expenses such as catering, cleaning, repairs and maintenance have increased by \$17,086.

Andrea informed the members present that under the new Incorporations Act the club will be required to disclose any remuneration received by committee members from July 2023.

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

Joan Mills queried remunerations received by Committee Members.

Eugene Kaiser was interested in knowing how much money was raised by the beginner classes, the course book and Help with Play fees.

Margaret Plunkett was concerned about the average weekly cost of wages being \$1200.

Joan Mills wondered whether the Office Administrator was wasting time at her job.

Barbara Jefferies promptly put forward a Vote Of Confidence in the Office Administrator. It was seconded by Warren Brown and was enthusiastically carried by the members.

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 2022.

MOVED: Andrea Parkins SECONDED; Joan Ironside CARRIED

6. **Appointment of Auditor for Year ending 31 January, 2024**

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

MOVED: Andrea Parkins SECONDED: Maria Hewson CARRIED

7. **Election of Office Bearers**

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

President: Graham Killoran

Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell Seconded: Rosemary Nosovich Carried

Vice President: Position unfilled at the moment.

Treasurer: Andrea Parkins

Nominated by : Sheena De Jager Miles Seconded: Kate O'Donnell Carried

Secretary: Kate O'Donnell

Nominated by: Sheena De Jager Miles Seconded: Andrea Parkins Carried

Committee: Andy Slater

Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell Seconded: Rex Meadowcroft Carried

Committee: Jacqui Dudurovic

Nominated by: Kate O'Donnell Seconded: Barry Witham Carried

Committee: Karen Gosney

Nominated by: Lee Horner Seconded: Graham Killoran Carried

Committee: Helen Baran

Nominated by: Andrea Parkins Seconded: Sheena De Jager Miles Carried

Committee: Warren Brown

Nominated by: Andy Slater Seconded: Kate O'Donnell Carried

Committee: Sheena De Jager Miles

Nominated: Andrea Parkins

Seconded: Kate O'Donnell

Carried

8. General Business

1. **Motion:** For Ros Frost to be admitted as an Honorary Life Member of Northern Suburbs Bridge Club.

Proposed: Elizabeth Gibson

Seconder: John Scrivens

The motion was unanimously carried.

2. Any other business – None

9. Presentation of Trophies:

NSBC Competition Winners 2022

The presentation did not take place due to time constraints.

1. **Mixed Pairs-** Yolande Coroneo & Peter Nilsson
2. **Monday Shield-** Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett
3. **Friday Rosebowl-** Yolande Coroneo & Bert Luchjenbroers
4. **NSBC Championships Teams** - Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett, John Scrivens & Dennis Sullivan
5. **Jill Wilson Pairs Championship-** Andy Slater & Jacqui Dudurovic
6. **President's Tray-** Sunil Makherjee & Bert Luchjenbroers
7. **Thursday Pairs-** Greg Gosney & Margaret Plunkett
8. **Leita Leiper Award-** Kerry Barridge
9. **Newstead Novice Shield-** Jason Cooney & Kerry Dean
10. **Tuesday Pairs-** Elizabeth Gibson & John Scrivens
11. **Hoffman Tray-** Annette Hyland & Fay Jeppesen

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: