



MINUTES OF THE 50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON JUNE 20 2015 AT 10.30 A.M.

Welcome: The President welcomed all to the AGM and declared the meeting open. A quorum was established.

1. Attendance: 45 as per attendance book
2. Apologies: 50 as per apologies list and accepted by the meeting
3. Minutes of the previous AGM: The minutes of the 2014 AGM were taken as read.

That the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting of June 14 2014.

Moved: Anne Griffin Seconded: Neil Strutton Carried.

4. Business Arising from the minutes: no business arising from the minutes
5. President's Report: Margaret Prentice spoke to her written report. She thanked Sandra Mulcahy for her work on the education program, Peter Noble for solving the electricity brown outs and Diane Swan for organising the painting of the building. She outlined advantages of the new web-based membership database. She complimented those involved in designing the new club badge and the three librarians for implementing the simplified borrowing book. Margaret warmly thanked Barbara Hunt for 16 years as volunteer dealer. She mentioned that the committee was in the process of revamping the by-laws and announced 50th anniversary celebrations were progressing with a big morning tea to be held on 10th October this year. The committee is glad to have the help of Helen Gregory who was welcomed to the meeting. Margaret gave a special thank you to Sue Eix who helps the club in every way.

Margaret moved that her report be received. Seconded: Janet Lovell Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report: Diane Swan asked that the treasurer's report be taken as read. She commented that the increase in table fee for visitors was made with the intention of encouraging non-members to join and thanked Judy Frazer and Wilhelmina McCartney for their work as bankers.

Di moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded: Tove Roberts Carried.

7. Financial Report: Diane Swan spoke to the financial statement. She explained that her detailed records are summarised by the auditor at the end of the financial year so that the income from congresses is a net figure. She clarified items included in sundry income.

Di moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded: Bill Heath Carried.

8. Appointment of Auditor: Di Swan moved that Marsh Tincknell be appointed auditors. Seconded: Joan Mathias Carried.

9. Motion on Notice:

Gillian McLelland moved that the tenure of the President be limited to three years.

Anne Griffin moved an amendment, that the word “consecutive” be inserted between “three” and “years”.

The amended motion, with approval of the mover and seconder, then became that the tenure of the President be limited to three consecutive years.

Bill Heath seconded the amendment.

Speakers against the motion were Bronwyn Macleod, Neil Strutton, and Larry Moses (who also suggested that the club could make more use of the general membership’s talents).

Speakers for the motion were Justan O’Donnell, Bill Heath, and Jill Kennard.

Discussion on the legalities of changing the constitution at this AGM followed.

The original mover, Gillian McLelland, exercised her right of reply.

Members voted by secret ballot.

Result of the vote was 27 “For” and 17 “Against”. As 75% of members present and entitled to vote are required to vote in favour of the motion, the motion was declared lost. It was suggested that the management committee consider the result of the ballot in reviewing the club by-laws.

10. Election of Management Committee Members: Larry Moses took the chair for the election of President. He announced that Margaret Prentice, as the only nomination, be declared President.

Margaret resumed the chair.

Bill Heath moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee, carried by applause.

Results of the Election of the Committee

Lee Rogers announced the results of the election and told the meeting that the returning officers counted 350 votes.

Vice President: Anne Griffin

Secretary: Lena Darlington

Treasurer: Diane Swan

Members: Chris Garvey

John Gralton

Sandra Mulcahy

Geoff Saxby

Jodie Siganto

Neil Strutton

Bill Heath moved that the voting papers be destroyed. Seconded: Anne Griffin Carried.

Margaret thanked the two nominees who were not elected to the committee for putting their names up. She acknowledged Ross Murtagh for his assistance in the education program and Margaret Willsford for her work in catering for the recent congress. Carried by acclamation.

11. Honoraria: A list of suggested payments to various volunteer positions was circulated to members.

Diane Swan reported that the management committee had decided to follow the recommendations of the 2013 honorarium sub-committee.

Moved: Di Swan that these amounts be approved for the current financial year. Seconded: Justan O'Donnell Carried.

Abstentions from Bill Heath, Anne Griffin and Jill Kennard were noted.

Other Business:

Bill Heath asked that the minutes of the previous year's AGM be included in the mailout pre AGM.

The President thanked Lee Rogers, Brian Hankinson and Peter Noble for acting as returning officers.

Anne Griffin thanked Penny Schmalkuche for stepping in as minutes secretary.

Larry Moses asked that members recognise the good work done by Barry O'Donohue as immediate past President and also recognise the presence at the meeting of Lorraine Fredericks as Life Member and former President of the club.

Mention was made of the booklet to be published on the history of the club. Helen Gregory asked for any photographs of historic interest to be given to her.

Signed by : Margaret Prentice
President

Penny Schmalkuche
Minutes Secretary

Date :