



Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting

Held at the ClubHouse on 18th June 2016 at 10.30am

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

- **Attendance:**
27 as per attendance book.
- **Apologies:**
49 as per apologies list. Margaret Prentice moved that the apologies be accepted.
Seconded: Anne Griffin. Carried
- **Minutes of the previous AGM held on 20th June 2015:**
The minutes of the 2015 AGM were taken as read.
Neil Strutton moved that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting of 20th June 2015. Seconded: Geoff Saxby. Carried.
- **Business Arising from the minutes of the previous AGM:**
No business arising from the minutes.
- **President's Report:**
Margaret Prentice spoke to her written report. She thanked her committee who have supported her and been a pleasure to work with over the past year.

She reported that this year has seen the membership reach 888 and many successful projects and new initiatives have taken place, with a popular extra session on Wednesdays becoming permanent. The walk-in program has been very successful and she thanked Helen Clayton for coordinating the volunteers for this. The education program has continued with two series of beginners' lessons and five workshops throughout the year. The use of the web-based Pianola program continues to be a useful tool for communication with members.

Margaret thanked Peter Noble for his work on the rewiring and the electrical separation of the TBC power from the soccer club to ensure that power outages do not occur.

The solar panels have been installed and are now working and will significantly reduce electricity costs in the future. Margaret thanked John Galton for all his work on this project which included arranging tree lopping and applying for a grant from the Gambling Fund as well. The grant has been received and will cover all costs. Further thanks were expressed to John for organizing the replacement of all lights with LED lighting and for the repainting of the line-marking in the car park.

New computers have been obtained and are being set up in both the office and the dealing room. Margaret thanked Geoff Saxby for his work with Chris Garvey in coordinating this initiative.

Sue Eix and Anne Griffin were thanked for their continuing work on the re-writing of the bylaws. This work is nearing completion. Margaret also acknowledged all Anne's work for the very successful function to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Toowong Bridge Club. Many people attended this event and enjoyed marking this milestone in the club's history.

Margaret concluded that there are so many people who do so much for the club – like June Trudgion who provides lovely flowers, Wilhelmina McCartney and Judy Frazer who bank the money every week.

A final special thanks was extended to Sue Eix for all her support over the past two years and for all that she does for the club.

Margaret moved that her report be received. Seconded: Anne Griffin. Carried.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

In Diane Swan's absence Margaret Prentice read the Treasurer's report. She thanked Karen Sweep for taking over the cash book role.

Margaret moved on behalf of the treasurer that the treasurer's report be adopted. Seconded: John Galton. Carried.

- **Financial Report:**

Margaret Prentice on behalf of the Treasurer spoke to the financial statement. Jill Kennard raised a concern about the cost of photocopying. Directors will be surveyed to determine if fewer hand records can be copied for each session.

Margaret moved on behalf of the treasurer that the financial report be accepted. Seconded: Chris Garvey. Carried.

- **Appointment of Auditor:**

Margaret Prentice moved that Marsh Tincknell again be appointed auditors. Seconded: Jill Kennard. Carried.

- **Approval for Disbursement of Honoraria:**

Margaret Prentice as acting Treasurer reported that the management committee had decided to follow the recommendations of the honorarium sub-committee. She outlined some minor changes from previous years. A list of suggested payments to various volunteer positions was circulated to members. Margaret moved that the schedule be adopted. Seconded: Julie Hankinson. Carried.

- **Election of Management Committee Members:**

Brian Hankinson took the chair. He thanked Margaret Prentice and the outgoing Committee for their excellent work over the past year.

He announced that all positions are uncontested and the new Management Committee to be:

President: Geoff Saxby; Vice President: Anne Griffin; Secretary: Lena Darlington; Treasurer: Diane Swan; Committee Members: Sheena Daly, Chris Garvey, John Gralton, Bernice Shaw, Neil Strutton, Karen Sweep.

Brian moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee, carried by acclamation. He offered his congratulations to the new president and the new Committee members.

Geoff Saxby took the chair. He warmly thanked Margaret for what she has contributed in her role as president. She has been a quiet achiever working day by day with club members to achieve the best for the club. He knows he has a big job ahead of him and thanked those who encouraged him to take it on. This is an excellent club with a very large membership, one of the biggest in the country, and its greatest asset is the volunteer culture with which it approaches all that needs to be done. He hopes that all members will support the new Management Committee.

Geoff thanked Margaret again and Anne Griffin presented her with an orchid as an expression of thanks from the club for all Margaret has done over the past two years.

- **Other Business:**

- Gordon Plant raised the issue of the display of the result history on the bridgemates. There was some discussion of this. Geoff Saxby explained that the trial process had been shorter than anticipated because of the large majority of members indicating their preference for maintaining the current situation. Directors will be asked to remind all players to keep the time spent in discussion and reviewal of results to a minimum.
- Trudy Kerstens raised the need to have a shelter erected over the entrance door so that there is protection for those arriving in wet weather. This issue will be considered by the committee.
- Jill Kennard expressed thanks, on behalf of the membership, for all that is done by Sue Eix. Carried by acclamation.

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

Signed by:

Geoff Saxby

President

Lena Darlington

Secretary

Date: