

DALBY BRIDGE CLUB INC

Minutes of annual general meeting held at the Bridge Club rooms on 17th November 2023

- OPEN President, Rebecca Knight, welcomed members to the meeting at 9.02am.
- PRESENT Rebecca Knight, Anna Doneley, Margaret Mangold, Beryl McKay, Penny Trenerry, Bronwyn Hamilton, Rita Groom, Peter Schettler, Chris Parvin, Lyn Hall, John Marshall, Bev Wirth, Heather Gall, Naureen Gearon, Ruth Sargent, Grace Ireland, Bunty Woollett, Del Smith, Diane Wenham & Janice Clark
- APOLOGIES Annette Griffiths, Brian Wharton, Carmel Hartmann, Heather Bradley, Philip Atkinson, Margaret Atkinson, Margaret Keating, Annette Taylor, Clair Callow & Judy Tresillian.
- MINUTES of the annual general meeting held on 11th November 2022 had been sent to all members.
Moved J Clark, seconded N Gearon, that the minutes be taken as read. CARRIED
Moved B McKay, seconded B Hamilton, that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record. CARRIED
- TREASURER'S REPORT Margaret Mangold presented her report on the Club's 2023 financial statements which had been reviewed by Findex. Margaret stated that if we are careful, we will be able to manage without having to raise our membership or table fees. The term deposit of \$15205.98 at 30/6/23 was now \$15504.93 and had recently been rolled over: \$3000.00 due on 6/2/24 and the balance on 4/5/24. Margaret expressed her great appreciation of members' generosity is contributing to the financial success of the congresses.
Moved M Mangold, seconded B Hamilton, that the treasurer's report be accepted. CARRIED
Treasurer M Mangold moved that accountants, Findex, be appointed reviewer of the Club's financial records for the current financial year. The motion was seconded by D Wenham. CARRIED
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT Rebecca Knight presented her report: Good morning, everyone and thank you for attending our AGM. This year has certainly gone by very quickly. I would like to thank our committee for everything they do throughout the year. Peter started the year as treasurer but stepped down in March due to insufficient time to devote to this role. Margaret Mangold took on the role again and has done a wonderful job especially with major health problems.
Thank you, Di, for doing welfare and dealing with our never-ending computer problems as well as many other roles in the club. Thank you, Marg Keating, for being our providore for many years, a role I am still getting used to. Our beautiful gardens are a credit to John Marshall. I would like to acknowledge Del Smith who stepped down as director this year after many years and she still does a wonderful job as our publicity officer.
Thank you to all of our members for your generosity with donations, prizes, cooking etc whenever we need these things. It is because of this that we can hold successful congresses even with lower table numbers. Next year we are looking forward to hosting 2 two-day congresses.
A highlight this year was when 10 of us travelled to Kenmore for the interclub bridge event. We will be the hosts next year for Roma and Kenmore to come to our country hospitality and show what Dalby has to offer. We have a small committee formed to work out all the planning.
I would like to thank you all for your support this year and am looking forward to next year as your president. Happy bridging to you all, Love Bec
Bronwyn thanked Bec for her commitment and efforts in leading and promoting the club. Her thanks were carried by acclamation.
- ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS The president asked Beryl McKay to take the chair. Beryl declared all office bearers' positions vacant and announced that there was one nomination for president: R Knight, nominated by N Gearon, seconded B Hamilton. Beryl declared Rebecca president and asked her to resume chairing the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS CONT'D	President, Bec, announced the other office bearers:			
	Vice-President:	D Wenham	nominated	G Ireland seconded R Sargent
	Secretary:	A Doneley		R Knight N Gearon
	Treasurer:	M Mangold		A Doneley D Wenham
	Committee:	J Clark		B Hamilton N Gearon
		B Hamilton		J Clark L Hall
		M Keating		A Doneley J Marshall
		J Marshall		B Woollett P Atkinson
		P Schettler		B McKay H Nielsen

APPOINTMENTS

Masterpoints secretary:	D Wenham
Congress secretary:	M Keating
Welfare officer:	D Wenham
Providore:	B Hamilton
Publicity officer:	J Marshall (D Smith advisor)
Partnership arranger	to be confirmed with A Taylor
Directors:	night: D Wenham & M Mangold
	Fridays: R Knight & M Keating.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Christmas party – Bec asked for a show of hands for night/day/either, with most voting in favour of daytime. It was agreed that this year's party will be held at lunchtime on Friday 15th December, and in future, the party will alternate between day and night.

Anna, on behalf of Heather Bradley, asked whether a morning tea break could be normal routine on Fridays. With our zip boiler back in action, this is easier to accommodate. Whether there are full or half tables, a break will be scheduled.

Di raised the trouble of the noise level due to chatter during bridge play. Of particular concern is the discussion of boards, which can be overheard by others who have yet to play those cards. Several members supported Di's remarks explaining how difficult it is to concentrate when the noise is such a distraction. It is the responsibility of all members to ensure their behaviour does not impact adversely on other players.

Penny asked why championship events were played at night rather than day when numbers were greater. There are championship events scheduled for both night and day sessions.

Rita asked about Christmas gifts: for our party - a gift up to \$10 for Secret Santa and for Dalby Family Support's Christmas hampers - non-perishable grocery items. Rita also asked at what point doubling of the newer players is allowed. The answer: when they become graduate ABF members at 2 masterpoints.

Heather Gall congratulated the president for her dedication to the welfare of the club.

Del suggested replacing night play with a weekend session to improve attendance. Unfortunately, this is not practical due to members' family and other commitments.

Naureen broached the issue of incorrect bidding which is contrary to the usual conventions and which disadvantages opponents. Standard practice is that unusual bids should be alerted. Would the obligation that players have their system cards at the table help overcome this problem? Six other members, including 3 directors, also voiced their concerns. From the start of 2024, all members will be obliged to bring their system cards to bridge sessions. The directors will confer on other measures which they regard necessary to deal with this matter.

Margaret Mangold thanked Anna and other committee members who had assisted with her duties when she was unwell.

Bec reminded members that each pair at the table must count and agree on the number of tricks before cards are placed back in the board.

On behalf of members, Rita thanked the outgoing committee and wished the incoming committee best of luck for the forthcoming year. This was endorsed by acclamation.

CLOSE

President Rebecca closed the meeting at 9.45am and thanked all members for attending.