

Dalby Bridge AGM Tuesday 27 September 2016 held in the Dalby Bridge Club Rooms at 6:25pm

PRESENT: D. Wenham, Margaret Keating, York. Atkinson, Mangold, B. Woollett, P. Trenerry, J. Clark, V. Black, E. Mahoney, J. Speziali, J. McAins (visitor), R. Knight, R. Groom, A. Griffiths, D. Stack, P. Atkinson, J. Gill, H. Bradley, P. Trenerry, D. Smith, R. Routley, L. Seng, B. Wirth, B. McKay

APOLOGIES: C. Hartmann, A. Taylor, E. Allen, E. Edgar, H. Gall, C. Callow, J. Tresillian, R. Sargent, G. Ireland, B. Hamilton

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM – moved by H. Bradley. Seconded by R. Knight

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NIL

TREASURER'S REPORT – Copies of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June, 2016 were handed out at the meeting and the Treasurer, A. Griffiths asked for questions.

Margaret Atkinson enquired about GST. She thought we should be eligible for it. She offered to look into the matter. Her offer was accepted.

The Treasurer, A. Griffiths, moved her audited financial report be adopted. Seconded J. Clark
CARRIED.

AUDITOR – A. Griffiths moved that if an Auditor is required next year that we obtain the services of Carrick Aland Pty. Ltd. again. Seconded M. Atkinson. CARRIED.

PRESIDENT REPORT –

Good Evening Everyone.

Firstly I would like to welcome everyone and send a big thank you to each and every one of you for your generosity and help when it comes to our congress and at other times when your help is needed. We are now a very small club so it seems we are asking for help all the time so a big thank you, we couldn't do it without you. I would also like to thank the committee who work tirelessly behind the scenes, making decisions for the good of our club and its members. We probably don't get it right every time but we do try.

During the year we have several projects done, firstly with Margaret's help we received a grant on the second attempt so that was fantastic, we could then pay for the dealing-machine, cards and boards we had purchased. Also the front steps were repaired and non-slip tape put on to stop slipping by our members when it's wet. The sensor lights above the ramp was also repaired and all other sensor lights checked and working making it safe for Margaret and others to use.

The clock has been used now for a while and working really well, we all get to play 30 boards but the noise is still an issue in this club so our directors will have to be more vigilant with stopping the noise before it gets out of hand.

Most of you will know we had a letter written from a member of the Toowoomba bridge club after the March congress regarding the noise in our club and also about Alan Gibson as a director and not being to control noise in our club.

The letter has been addressed and we lost a few of the Toowoomba members which is really quite sad as we do need those members to make up our congress numbers.

Since March we held a 2 day congress in Sept resulting in 12 tables each day which was wonderful. Our raffles were really successful raising a lot of money thanks to Beryl's selling skills and to members for making up our lovely raffles. If we could all take one small thing away from the criticism we had of our congress, it would be to keep the noise down further so we can all enjoy our bridge especially when we are trying to play those hard

hands.

During the year Heather resigned from trainee director and Welfare officer so we would like to thank you Heather for what you have done for the club,

- also thank you to Rita who has been babysitting that role till someone is appointed tonight and for also making our birthday cakes which are yummy. I want to thank everyone who has helped with the cooking, kitchen, setting up the room, cleaning when we are finished, there is always so much that has to be done before and after congress so this is a personal thank you to every one of you in this club. Teamwork plays a major part in any club or workplace and unless you have members that are willing to all come together as one and help each other when needed you will find a club in turmoil but, I think we have an awesome club with members that only too willing to help each other, we care deeply about how each other is feeling that day and only want the best for them.
- There is something we can all do and that is not argue with the director when called to the table, she is doing the best she can but finds it hard when everyone is telling her what has happened and then raising their voices to be heard just leave it to the person who calls her, the director also brings the rule book to the table and reads the decision out. Del is going to print up a few of the most frequent rules we use when she has time, we are using Reg Buschs rules off his website.
- Lastly,
- I truly believe each one of us care deeply about our club mates and everything that is in the best interest of our club.
- You all should be so proud of yourselves and the club you have made here as it is known is bridge circles for being a great place to come for friendship, good food and to have a lovely game of bridge.
- Not many clubs have this said about them, normally all you hear is about their internal arguing and this is quite uncomfortable when you are friends with both sides.
- As you can see my letter is more a thank you letter to each and every one of you for making our club an awesome place to play bridge and invite visitors.

Thank you.

Diane Wenham, President

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – The President then declared all positions vacant and asked R. Groom to take the Chair. The following people were elected to the Committee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT -	Diane Wenham nominated by Rita Groom	seconded Heather Bradley
V/PRESIDENT –	Annette Taylor Annette Taylor (accepted by proxy) nominated by Ruth Routley nominated by Val Black nominated by Janice Clark nominated by Annette Griffiths	seconded Annette Griffiths seconded Annette Griffiths seconded Val Black seconded Janice Clark
	Rebecca Knight nominated by Carmel Hartmann nominated by Lorna Seng nominated by Elisabeth Mahoney	seconded Margaret Atkinson seconded Elisabeth Mahoney seconded Clair Callow

As there were two nominees a Secret Ballot was conducted.
Rebecca Knight gave a short speech and Margaret Keating (Proxy)
spoke on behalf of Annette Taylor.

Two scrutineers were nominated. – Del Smith and Bunty Woollett.
The result was 13 nominations for Annette Taylor and 11
nominations for Rebecca Knight. A. Taylor was duly elected.

SECRETARY –	Beryl McKay nominated by Rita Groom	seconded Janice Clark
TREASURER –	Annette Griffiths nominated by Janice Clark	seconded Beryl McKay

COMMITTEE

Philip Atkinson	nominated by Margaret Atkinson	seconded Beryl McKay
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Ruth Routley	nominated by Margaret Keating	seconded Margaret York
Rebecca Knight	nominated by Margaret Atkinson	seconded Jenny Speziali
Elisabeth Mahoney	nominated by Diane Wenham	seconded Rebecca Knight
Margaret Mangold	nominated by Daphne Stack	seconded Beryl McKay

CONGRESS SECRETARY

Margaret Keating.	nominated by Diane Wenham	seconded Heather Bradley
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MASTER POINTS SECRETARY

Diane Wenham	nominated by Beryl McKay	seconded Annette Griffiths
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PROVIDORE

Margaret Keating	nominated by Diane Wenham	seconded Beryl McKay
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ASST PROVIDORE

Janice Clark	nominated by Penny Trenerry	seconded Rita Groom
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PUBLICITY OFFICER

Del smith	nominated by Diane Wenham	seconded Rita Groom
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PARTNERSHIP ARRANGER

Ruth Routley.	nominated by Bunty Woollett	seconded Margaret Mangold
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WELFARE OFFICER

Margaret York	nominated by Rita Groom	seconded Del smith
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DIRECTORS –

Diane Wenham - Rebecca Knight Tuesday Night
Margaret Keating - Del Smith Friday morning
Jenny Speziali - Relief - Would like to relieve on other occasions too.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP FEES – Owing to rising costs, extra funds needed to be sourced. Some ways could be Membership fees needed to go up, raise the table fees or conduct a small raffle, members to take turns bringing a prize, on a Friday as well.

After much discussion, it was decided by a show of hands, to raise the Membership Fees to \$70.00 per year.

CONGRESSES – Alan Gibson had at our September Congress suggested that instead of having our two day Congress in September we may be better to hold our two day Congress in March and have our one day one in September instead. He thought that September was a very busy month and March didn't seem to be as busy.

The President, Diane Wenham, to contact the Manager, Kim Ellaway, Queensland Bridge Association Incorporated, to get her views.

BRIDGE FOR BRAINS, AUSTRALIA WIDE PAIRS AND QUEENSLAND WIDE PAIRS - It was suggested that some members of the Club were not still interested in these competitions.

A show of hands was taken and the majority of the members were still interested. The competitions will still continue.

NEW PLAYING CARDS FOR THE CONGRESS - Val Black suggested that perhaps Alan Gibson, our Director for our Congresses could provide some new playing cards.

COMMENTS AROUND THE MEMBERS

Margaret Mangold can do the cards on the Dealing Machine.

Bunty Woollett enquired about the state of the ramp.

Margaret Atkinson thanked all the members for their help.

Del Smith asked about Bridge classes. Margaret Keating offered to teach two people at a time, who would play together, at her home and with the help of another person.

PRESIDENT

