

DALBY BRIDGE CLUB INC

Minutes of annual general meeting held at the Bridge Club rooms on 15th November 2024

- OPEN President, Rebecca Knight, welcomed members to the meeting at 9am.
- PRESENT Rebecca Knight, Anna Doneley, Bronwyn Hamilton, Clair Callow, Janice Clark, heather Gall, Naureen Gearon, Paul Gearon, Annette Griffiths, Rita Groom, Lyn Hall, Margaret Keating, Beryl McKay, John Marshall, Ruth Sargent, Peter Schettler, Del Smith, Annette Taylor, Diane Wenham, Bev Wirth and Bunty Woollett.
- APOLOGIES Margaret Atkinson, Philip Atkinson, Heather Bradley, Carmel Hartmann, Grace Ireland, Yvonne Perry & Judy Tresillian.
- MINUTES of the annual general meeting held on 17th November 2023 and the special general meeting held on 26th April 2024 had been sent to all members.
Moved J Clark, seconded P Schettler, that both sets of minutes be taken as read. CARRIED
Moved R Groom, seconded B Hamilton, that the 17th November 2023 minutes be confirmed as a correct record. CARRIED
Moved A Griffiths, seconded C Callow, that the 26th April 2024 minutes be confirmed as a correct record. CARRIED
- BUSINESS ARISING The constitution adopted at the special general meeting 26th April 2024 was registered by the Office of Fair Trading.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT Rebecca Knight presented her report:
Good morning everyone and welcome to our AGM. It is lovely to see you all here.
I would just like to say how much I love being in our bridge club. You are the most wonderful group of people.
This year we held 2 very successful 2 day congresses and this only happens because of us coming together generously donating food, prizes, donations and time to ensure the events go well.
Our great showcase this year was hosting the Interclub Bridge Weekend. Again we all came together with everything needed to make such an event happen. We certainly impressed our visitors from the Roma and Kenmore bridge clubs.
Sadly this year we said our final goodbye to our beautiful Penny Trenerry and former member Eileen Allen. We also had Margaret Mangold leave Dalby to be with family in Newcastle.
It has been very hard to get new people interested in joining bridge so it is lovely to welcome Paul Gearon as a new member.
I would like to thank Bronwyn Hamilton for stepping in as Treasurer when Margaret left and am pleased to see Bronwyn has accepted the treasurer position for the coming year. Together we have set up internet banking and are paying all bills online.
I would like to thank my fellow committee members for all your help during the year. To our club as a whole group I am looking forward to being your President again next year and thank you all for your support, Love Bec.
Members thanked Bec for her report and year of service by acclamation.
- TREASURER'S REPORT Bronwyn Hamilton presented the 2024 financial statements which had been prepared by Margaret Mangold and reviewed by Findex. Bronwyn paid tribute to Margaret for her stewardship of the Club's finances.
Following the inter-club weekend, the committee had set aside \$3000 in a new term deposit to assist with hosting the event in 3 years' time. Currently the Club has 3 term deposits totalling \$19234.72.
Moved B Hamilton, seconded M Keating, that the treasurer's report be received & adopted. CARRIED
- BUSINESS ARISING Members had been notified of affiliation fee increases in the next 3 years and that the Club had last increased membership fees \$20 to \$70 on 1/1/17 and table fees by \$1 to \$6 on 10/11/19.
It was moved B Hamilton, seconded J Marshall, that increased fees take effect from 1/1/25: membership fees \$90 and table fees \$7. CARRIED
Moved B Hamilton, seconded J Clark, that accountants, Findex, be appointed reviewer of the Club's financial records for the current financial year. CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS The president asked Annette Griffiths to take the chair. Annette declared all office bearers' positions vacant and announced that there was one nomination for president: Rebecca Knight, nominated by N Gearon, seconded J Clark. Annette declared Rebecca president and asked her to resume chairing the meeting.

President, Bec, announced the other office bearers:

Vice-President:	Diane Wenham	nominated	R Knight	seconded	B Hamilton
Secretary:	Anna Doneley		A Griffiths		C Callow
Treasurer:	Bronwyn Hamilton		R Knight		J Clark
Committee:	Janice Clark		B Hamilton		J Marshall
Committee:	Margaret Keating		A Doneley		R Knight
Committee:	John Marshall		R Knight		P Schettler
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APPOINTMENTS

Masterpoints secretary:	Diane Wenham
Congress secretary:	Margaret Keating
Welfare officer:	Diane Wenham
Providore:	Bronwyn Hamilton assisted by Janice Clark
Publicity officer:	John Marshall
Partnership arranger:	Rebecca Knight
Directors:	Rebecca Knight, Diane Wenham & Margaret Keating.

GENERAL BUSINESS Janice asked if the starting time on Wednesdays could be 7pm all year, not just winter months, due to the occasional very late finish. Other Wednesday players weren't keen to change. Directors will have to adjust the number boards and be more strict on the time per round to avoid late finishes.

Bronwyn suggested that when competitions are been conducted that the table spacing be increased due to the possibility of overhearing discussion of boards. This again is something that directors need to be stricter about: less chatter during play.

On behalf of members, Annette Griffiths 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 9.17am and thanked all members for attending.