



Gold Coast Bridge Club

ABN 75 009 877 749

Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

Held at the Club Room on Saturday 16th September 2017 at 11.00am

Welcome by the Chair

The President Dianne Hodges chaired the meeting, thanked club members for showing their support and interest in our club by attending the 53rd AGM and noted a quorum was present.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;

The Chair noted the minutes of the 2016 AGM had been affixed to the notice board for some time. The following motion was moved by Valerie Reuter-Buck and seconded by Bernie Nightingale and put to the vote:

“That the Minutes of the 2016 AGM be confirmed”.

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

Annual Report of the Board

The President Dianne Hodges thanked everyone very much for attending our 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Gold Coast Bridge Club. The President’s report is attached.

Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 2017

Paul Brake presented the audited accounts, and reported that the club had made an accounting profit of \$24,000 for the year. He noted this was not high but not low. At the moment the Board did not consider it necessary to raise playing fees again. However, the position would continue to be monitored and there was always a possibility that the incoming Board would need to increase playing fees.

Odette Hall commented that the only reason the club was showing a profit was due to the rental from the Telco Tower. If the rental were to cease, there would be no profit. Recent fee increases were introduced to keep in line with Surfers Paradise Bridge Club.

Paul Brake stated that the tower leases were long term, 10-15 year contracts. However, these could be terminated in certain circumstances. There is no indication at present that this is going to happen.

Valerie Reuter Buck asked for the amount of income from the tower leases.

Paul replied \$48,000 +GST pa. He also stated that, while this income should not be taken for granted, the club does have substantial cash at bank and is currently looking to invest in stocks and shares.

Odette said that members often comment that the club is wealthy and question why we can’t do this or that. The Board is proactive in constantly looking at ways to improve the club and its facilities for its members while protecting and growing what cash it has in order to be prepared for the future.

The following motion was moved by Philip Roberts, seconded by Tony Berger and put to the vote:

“That the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2017 be received”.

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

Election of Directors/Board Members

The Chair

- noted that the club was, in law, a Corporation under the Corporations Act, and Board Members were Directors of the Corporation
- noted all existing Directors/Board Members retire at this AGM, but were, subject to the Corporations Act, eligible for re-election
- noted that the number of candidates standing for election did not exceed the number of positions available.
- thanked all Members who were standing for election and introduced the proposed incoming Directors/Board Members.

Director/Board Member & President	Philip Roberts
Director/Board Member & Vice-President	Odette Hall
Director/Board Member & Treasurer	Paul Brake
Director/Board Member & Secretary	Julie Wicks
Director/Board Member	Neil Raward
Director/Board Member	Tony Berger
Director/Board Member	Lynley Jenkins
Director/Board Member	Lance Workman
Director/Board Member	Lesley Sutherland
Director/Board Member	Julian Egerton-Vernon

The Chair noted it seemed simpler that one resolution be put to the meeting to elect all candidates. The following motion was moved by Philip Roberts, seconded by Tony Berger and put to the vote: *“That the appointments or confirmations of Board Members may be voted on together”*. The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices. For the sake of completeness it was noted no votes were cast against such motion.

The following motion was moved by Philip Roberts, seconded by Tony Berger and put to the vote: *“That each of the candidates to the Board be elected”*. The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

Competition Winner

The newly elected President, Philip Roberts, had previously encouraged members to enter a competition called “Why Do I Love Bridge”. The winning entry in the form of a poem came from Margaret Day and she won an Endota Spa massage voucher. Congratulations to Margaret. All entries will be uploaded onto the website.

Discussing and voting upon motions proposed by the Board

Motion 1

The following motion was moved by Paul Brake, seconded by Odette Hall and put to the vote: *“That, with immediate effect, the existing constitution of the Gold Coast Bridge Club be repealed and the club adopt a replacement constitution. The replacement constitution shall be in the terms of the document (a) set out on the Club’s website as from the 18th August 2017, and (b) tabled at this meeting and marked with the letter “A” for identification purposes by the Chair of this meeting”*. The Chair declared the motion carried as a special resolution. For the sake of completeness, it was noted that no votes were cast against such motion.

Motion 2

The following motion was moved by Philip Roberts, seconded by Bernie Nightingale and put to the vote:

“That Tom Strong be granted Life Membership of the Club”.

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

Motion 3

The following motion was moved by Philip Roberts, seconded by Julie Wicks and put to the vote:

“That Marlene Dwyer be granted Life Membership of the Club”

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

Motion 4

The following motion was moved by Philip Roberts, seconded by Tony Berger and put to the vote:

“That this meeting affirms the appointment of Dianne Hodges as a delegate, and notes existing delegates Margaret Pisko and Tom Strong of the Gold Coast Zone established by the Queensland Bridge Association and endorses the Board’s decision to continue such appointments.”

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

Appointment of the Club’s Auditor

The Treasurer noted that the club’s current auditor is Teefy Wolfe Auditors (formerly Paul Teefy Accountants Pty Ltd), and it was envisaged that such arrangements continue.

The following motion was moved by Paul Brake, seconded by Sue Herse and put to the vote:

“That Teefy Wolfe Auditors be appointed the club’s auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.”

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

Discussing and voting upon members’ motions

The Chair advised that no motions had been received from members.

General discussion

Items of general interest were discussed including:

- The need for a cleaning day to clean the playing cards. Anyone willing to help is to contact either John Glennie or Julie Wicks.
- Dale Wells queried the Board’s decision to remove the visible scoring from the Bridgemates without putting this to the members first. Philip Roberts replied that all decisions by the Board are not taken lightly and this particular matter was done on a trial basis initially. As it proved very successful it was left to stand.
- The Chair noted that there are 331 financial members as at 14th September 2017.

Close of meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.55 am.

Chair of AGM 2016

Date

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