



Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting

Held at the Club room on Saturday 17 September 2022 at 11-05 am

Attendance: 58 Members

Apologies: 14 Members

The meeting opened at 11-05 am.

Welcome by Chair:

The President, Odette Hall, chaired the meeting, thanked club members for showing their support by attending the 58th AGM, and noted a quorum was present.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:

The Chair noted that the minutes of the 2021 AGM held on 18TH September 2021 had been affixed to the notice board for some time.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2021 AGM was proposed by Liz Linderman and Seconded by Lorraine Twyford. The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

2. Annual Report to the Board from the President

Odette presented her report as President, which report is summarised as follows:

Good morning,

Thank you for attending the 58th AGM of our club.

Attendance this past year has been down on pre Covid years, but we've made big leaps and bounds in attempting to reverse the trend and get the club in a good position.

This in part has been due to the wonderful education team we have. A special thanks is extended to our bridge teachers, mentors and supervisors. The Joan Butts lessons, which the club subsidised, proved to be a popular event.

As I've mentioned on numerous occasions, green points are attained by more attendance. Red points are calculated based on number of green points for the year. We made a concerted effort to increase the number of



competitions held during the year, to have that domino effect. In fact, we have held almost 50 competitions.

We also tried different events, such as a teams event on a Tuesday, to increase attendance. The free sausage sizzle on a Monday is very popular.

Our Monday rookies' session is proving extremely successful. We now have a regular core group attending. Past President Julie Wicks initiated this idea during the Covid period.

Julie has also updated our procedures manual and is the editor of our monthly newsletter. Thank you, Julie.

A very special thank you to our hard working Board. To those members retiring this year, thank you. We appreciate your contribution to the Club to make it successful!

I am honoured to have Chaired this Board in the past year.

Allow me to share with you a few of our achievements during the last 12 months.

- We meet our legal obligations to the ATO
- Our ASIC register is up-to-date
- We have moved from a paper trail to an electronic system
- We increased the number of events for our club
- Our social events, held during and after competitions, are popular
- We installed security gates in the Entry and Exit driveways
- We have set in place selection criteria for Life Membership nominations.
- Whilst the Board is looking after the present period, we are very conscious of ensuring the future of the Club, primarily the Telstra land. The club of course would like to purchase the Telstra land and the Board is in constant contact with Telstra so that we have the first opportunity to do so.

Many thanks to all the Board members for your hard work.

I would like to thank members who have put their name forward for the new Board.

You are aware that our club is maintained totally by volunteers with the exception of Peter. He looks after the sausage sizzle, cleaning, the



beautiful garden and is the “go to” person. This isn’t just a job to Peter. He cares so much. Thanks Peter.

Thank you to all the volunteers, in so many areas: - Dealers, Masterpoint Secretary, Membership Secretary, IT Personnel, Accounting, Partnership Arrangers, the Grants team, our website master, legal advisors and our club decorating team, the team involved in correlating next year’s diary, the members who assist with selling of table tickets, and let’s not forget those who launder our table covers.

I make particular mention of the Directors, non-playing and especially playing Directors. It’s so hard to play and direct at the same time. They sacrifice their own game whilst directing.

Our Club could not run efficiently without your assistance.... thank you all.

There are two people within the Club who need special mention.

- Eva Berger for her knowledge of the game and conducting competitions
- Paul Brake for his law related advice

Also, a big thank you to all of our sponsors. Our club appreciates your donations.

Our members, who raise money for the Orange Sky Christmas Appeal, are to be commended.

Lastly, I want to thank all the members who support our club through your attendance.

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Odette Hall

3. Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022

John Lemarchand, standing in for the outgoing Treasurer Pat Beattie, presented the Treasurer’s report. He referred to some specific items: -

Income: Grant Income \$33,567 relates to the carpark grant less the unused funds that were returned. Tower Income appears less than last year because the income in 2021 was recorded including the GST.

Expenses: Administration costs - Increase due to legal expenses for ASIC register, and gifts for members have been included. Repairs & Maintenance -



increase due to chair upgrade of \$9,000. Director Fees - Back to face-to-face bridge and director fee now paid for Monday session.

Balance Sheet: Current Assets lower due to Capital purchases and share market decline.

He commended the audited financial statements (which are attached to the public notice Board, if anyone wished to examine them in further detail) to the meeting today.

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

“That the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 be received”.

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

4. Voting on Motions proposed by the board;

The following motions (proposed by the board) were proposed at this meeting and put to the vote:

a) *“That Odette Hall be granted Life Membership of the Club”.*

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices (noting that Odette had abstained).

b) *“That the club extends the period for which Odette Hall can hold office as President by one further term.”*

The Chair declared the motion carried as a special resolution (noting that Odette had abstained).

c) *“That this provision applies if at any time in the future a resolution (whether by members, the board or otherwise) is passed appointing (or purporting to appoint) a person to the board when such person does not have, where required, a Director Identification Number at the time their appointment would otherwise take effect. In such case, the resolution is deemed to appoint such person provisionally, with the appointment to only take effect if and when they obtain a Director Identification Number. Furthermore, if*



such person does not obtain a Director Identification Number within two weeks of their provisional appointment, such provisional appointment lapses.”

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

- d) *“That this meeting notes the club’s existing delegates to the Gold Coast Zone established by the Queensland Bridge Association are Margaret Pisko, Odette Hall, Leslie Sutherland and Tom Strong, and endorses the Board decision to continue such appointments”.*

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

5. Election of Club’s officers for the ensuing year

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 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	Odette Hall
Director/Board Member & Treasurer	John Lemarchand
Director/Board Member & Secretary	Vivienne Gillard
Director/Board Member	Tony Berger
Director/Board Member	Cheryl Hensel
Director/Board Member	Deb Roots
Director/Board Member	Brian Pearson
Director/Board Member	Greg Tosh



The chair noted that the proposed appointment of each and every nominee was uncontested, and then (without dissent) declared them so appointed.

6. Appointment of the Club's Auditor

The chair noted that the club's current auditor is Allen & Wolfe Auditors, and it was envisaged that such arrangements continue. The following motion was moved by Margaret Pisko, seconded by Ethne Huddleston and put to the vote:

"That Allen & Wolfe Auditors be appointed the club's auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2022".

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

7. Discussing and voting upon Member Motions – Change of session start times;

The following motion was proposed by Kerry Wood and supported by six members: -

"Motion for change of start times.

a) Option 1: Monday Wednesday Friday to start at 1 pm. No stopping for lunch. The sausage sizzle on the Monday would still be on.

b) Option 2. Just Wednesday and Friday to start at 1 pm. (no stopping for lunch)."

A substantial discussion took place in favour and against any change from a range of members. Of those members expressing an opinion at this meeting, Option 2, for a change on Wednesday and Friday, seemed to be most popular. It was agreed (with no dissent, but without putting the motion to a formal vote) that a survey would be taken from members, including (but not necessary limited to) those currently attending the Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions. It was noted that if a change is adopted, then a 12-45pm start would enable at least 30 boards to be played and still finish at around 4pm. The Chair advised the board will vote on this once the survey has been completed, and then notify the membership. This will occur before the diary is printed later this year.

8. General Discussion and Questions:

- General discussion about tea breaks being held later in the sessions. Members were advised to liaise with director of the day.



- Penny Grace, our Membership Coordinator, will be joining the board shortly.

Close of Meeting

The Chair thanked members for attending, and closed the meeting at 12.00 pm.

Chair of AGM

Odette Hall

Date: