

GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

ABN 75 009 877 749

Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting Held at the Club Room on Saturday 19 September 2020 at 11am.

Attendance: 57 Members

Apologies: 18 Members

Welcome by the Chair:

The President, Julie Wicks, chaired the meeting, and thanked club members for showing their support by attending the 56th AGM and noted a quorum was present.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting:

The Chair noted that the minutes of the 28 September 2019 AGM had been affixed to the notice board for some time.

The minutes of the 2019 were read by the acting secretary, Viv Gillard.

The following motions were proposed by Linda Stanton:

Motion 1:

An error in the minutes as read under the heading “statement of Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2018 reported as “...profit for the year was \$48,863” to be amended in the record to show a profit of \$49,863.

Motion 2:

An error in the minutes as read under the heading “Appointment of the Club’s Auditor’ reported as “Allen & Wolfe Auditors be appointed the club’s auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2019”, be amended in the record to show the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

The motions were moved by Eva Berger and seconded by Norma Cameron.

The Chair declared that the motion carried unanimously on the voices.

Annual Report of the Board

I should have known this would be a challenging year right from day one. On the night before our AGM last year we learned the neighbouring Caltex garage site was up for sale. This kicked off an intense six week period where we looked at options including the club possibly purchasing the site or, more likely, assisting a “friendly party” to do so. Thanks to Jeff Wicks, Paul Brake and Darryl Hennig for their hard work on this project. In the end we believe the property sold to Woolworths. Decontamination of the site may take a couple of years before any construction can commence.

Coinciding with this, Australia was experiencing its worst bushfire season on the back of its worst drought for many years. The club undertook a fund raising appeal to help victims of bushfire and we proudly raised over \$12,000.

Then along came the biggie of 2020 – Covid-19. It was with a heavy heart that we closed the club on 18th March. At the time we thought the closure would be for around four weeks. It turned into four months before we were able to reopen on 11th July. There have been many changes to our usual bridge routine in order for us to be able to return to face-to-face bridge. However, I believe we have offered both a safe and comfortable environment for our members to enjoy their session of bridge.

I wish to personally thank everyone - our members and my fellow board members - for supporting me during this first year of my Presidency. Such a challenging and busy year would not have been survivable without your support. I am hoping for a slightly less turbulent time for my second year!

Of the eleven members on our current board, nine have nominated to stand again. Colin Lewis is stepping down and I wish to thank him for his contribution throughout the year.

Tony Berger has also decided to step down from the Board after many years of service. When the club closed, Tony immediately swung into action and arranged for a major refurbishment of the clubroom. The ceiling was lowered, new lighting installed, some upgrade to the air conditioning, new emergency lighting, and the whole room was repainted and the carpets cleaned. I think we all agree the room now looks fantastic. It was also identified that our solar panels were not working. After confirming it was necessary, Tony arranged for the complete replacement of the panels. Tony has done a myriad of other smaller jobs and his ‘to do’ list never seems to get any smaller. Thank you

Tony from all of us. Although sadly not staying on the Board, Tony has offered to continue to work his magic with maintenance issues.

Margaret Bills is staying on as a board member, but is stepping down from the role of Secretary. Thank you Margaret for your contribution, and most recently in assisting Trevor Fletcher applying for grants.

Our continuing board members are:

* Odette Hall (Vice President) has not had a great year health wise. However, Odette always maintains a positive attitude and is always willing to help where possible. She continues to make a worthwhile contribution to the Board and to the club. Thank you Odette.

* Linda Stanton (Treasurer) has kept a close eye on the club's finances during this period when we had no income but still had innumerable bills to pay, including some large ones following the refurbishment. Thank you Linda.

* Liz Downer is always the first to volunteer to help. Liz keeps our Facebook page updated, looks after marketing and promoting the club, and more recently took on the job of recording all registrations for sessions. Liz also regularly fills our entry foyer with fresh flowers, a welcome sight. Thank you Liz .

* Dot Piddington is the quiet achiever in this group. Dot wears many hats, as a Director, Congress Convener, Board member and, over the past two years, a teacher. Dot has now completed three Beginners' classes and most, if not all, of her students have joined as members on completion of the course. This is an enviable record. Thank you Dot for your contribution and support.

* Charlie Howard was getting set to instigate a mentoring program after he and others returned from Perth after representing Queensland in the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Congress last April. Due to Covid-19 this event was cancelled. Charlie and Kerry Wood recently started a Q&A session following Tuesday's bridge for members who wish to discuss one or more hands from the day's play. This is proving very popular with great feed back. Thank you Charlie and Kerry.

* Neil Raward is an invaluable member of the Board and an invaluable member of the club. His many achievements and contributions are too numerous to list. Thank you Neil for all that you do.

Jan Palm, in the role of Kitchen Co-ordinator, was instrumental in organising our three major celebrations of the year. Jan also ensured the decorators

were fed and watered at least once a month as they made decorations.
Thank you Jan.

Thank you to our teachers Lynley Jenkins, Dot Piddington and Mary Ditton and previously Carolyn Waters. Our Education program is offering lessons for all members from beginners to intermediate level with a dedicated session on Mondays for Rookies having just started.

Even though the kitchen has been closed our kitchen staff, Chris and Carole, have not been forgotten. They have willingly undertaken various duties since we reopened including cleaning, ordering supplies, registering arriving members for a session, receiving health declarations and conducting temperature checks and setting up tea and coffee trays. Thank you Chris and Carole.

I would like to particularly thank Paul Brake for his efforts in setting up and running the BBO sessions that kept some of us from going crazy during the club's closure. Some members have been reluctant to return to face-to-face bridge and these BBO sessions are allowing members to have access, not only to the game, but in a virtual GCBC club atmosphere. Paul did receive help from various people including Sue Robinson, John Glennie and Darryl Hennig. However, there is still a need for more help in this area to ease Paul's heavy workload.

Many members will be unaware that our club could not survive without the volunteers that offer us support behind the scenes. Many thanks to the following:

Accounts: Marlene Dwyer, Pat Beattie

Admin: Marlene Dwyer, Cheryl Hensel and Edith Richardson

Card washing: Mary Dooley, Maggie Reynolds

Chief Scorer: Eva Berger

Club Diary: Dianne Hillman

Congress Convener: Dot Piddington, Eva Berger

Director's Diary Update: Marie Orme, Trish Millar

Dealers: Darryl Hennig, Pat Beattie, Michael Hogan and Charles McLaren

Directors: Paul Brake, Neil Raward, Eva Berger, Jenny Sawyer, Mary Ditton, John Glennie, Dot Piddington, Merle Bogatie, Carolyn Millar, Ruth Young, Margaret Pisko, Sue Robinson

Free tickets: Ruth Tracey

IT Manager: Charlie Dacey

Key register: Jim Moodie
Magazines: Neville de Mestre, Quarterly magazine; Neil Raward, Monthly magazine
Master point Secretary: David Gillard
Membership: Sue Herse and Penny Grace
Partnership Arranging: Jim and Shelley Moodie, Neil Raward
Sponsorship: Neil Raward
Welfare Office: Cheryl Millar
Zone Committee: Margaret Pisko, Di Hodges, Lesley Sutherland, Tom Strong and to others that I have unknowingly omitted...

Despite this impressive list of volunteers, we are always looking for more willing helpers. We have a few vacancies at the moment: Chief Scorer, Librarian. Please contact me if you are interested.

Julie Wicks
President

Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2020

The Audited Accounts for the Gold Coast Bridge Club for the year ending June 2020, as tabled, report that the Net profit for the financial year 2019-2020 was \$10,989. This was in comparison to last year's Net profit of \$49,863.

The Financial Statements were prepared by Allen & Wolfe Auditors.

An Operating Loss of \$55,127 for the business was incurred but when investment income of \$66,116 was added, the result was a Net profit of \$10,989.

The Government has provided assistance to businesses like the GCBC that have closed or incurred significant loss due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and this year's Net profit included income from the Govt Cash Boost scheme of \$10,000.

Changes to reporting and to the accounting practices during the year include Reorganising the P&L to separate operating and investment income. This was done intentionally to clearly identify that making a profit or covering costs in the operation of the business is important so that we preserve the assets built up over time by former and current Club members.

The value of each investment, including the Shares and Hybrid Bonds in our portfolio, is provided monthly by Gamma and entered into MYOB so that the balances shown are actual as at the end of the month in each of the EOM Reports.

The Govt Job Keeper scheme has funded the two staff who the Club has retained during the COVID-19 period from March to September 2020. The scheme is expected to continue into 2021.

Capital Purchases this financial year including new Ceiling and Solar Panel replacement has increased Depreciation Expense for the year to \$30,484. (2018-2019 year it was \$16,000).

The Balance Sheet showed a slight increase of \$5,885 in the overall Equity of the GCBC financial position. However, this includes the previously mentioned Govt Cash Boost of \$10,000.

My thanks to our President, Julie Wicks, for her support and leadership which she has given us through this very difficult year. Her attention to detail is to be commended.

Marlene Dwyer has diligently worked with me throughout the year, (mostly) willingly taking on new MYOB challenges with enthusiasm and drive to get it right. We talk almost daily and she has done a marvellous job. Thank you Marlene.

Thank you also to Pat Beatie for her sage advice and helicopter view of the business and to Cheryl Hensel and all the others who contribute quietly but meaningfully.

The following motion was moved by Phillip Roberts and seconded by Di Hodges and put to the vote: *“That the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2020 be received”*.

The Chair declared the motion is carried unanimously by the voices.

Discussing and voting upon motions proposed by the Board

Motion a

The Chair commented that, as well as setting up BBO, Paul is also Chair of the Tournament Committee, A Director and in the past has been a Board Member and Treasurer. He is on the board of QBA as their Youth Coordina-

tor and is a committed advocate of youth bridge, especially during the annual Gold Coast Congress. He has conducted a Director's course alongside John Glennie and has offered to run another one. Paul's nomination for Life Membership is well deserved.

The following motion was moved by Odette Hall and seconded by Marlene Dwyer *“that Paul Brake be granted Life Membership of the Club”*

The Chair declared the motion is carried unanimously by the voices.

Motion b

The following motion was moved by Dale Wells and seconded by Jeff Wicks *“That this meeting notes the club’s existing delegates to the Gold Coast Zone established by the Queensland Bridge Association are Margaret Pisko, Di Hodges, Lesley Sutherland and Tom Strong, and endorses the Board’s decision to continue such appointments.”*

The Chair declared the motion is carried unanimously by the voices.

Appointment of the Club’s Auditor

The treasurer 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 Liz Downer and seconded by Odette Hall and put to the vote: *“That Allen & Wolfe Auditors be appointed the club’s auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2021”.*

The Chair declared the motion is carried unanimously by 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	Julie Wicks
Director/Board Member & Vice-President	Odette Hall
Director/Board Member & Treasurer	Linda Stanton
Director/Board Member & Secretary	Vivienne Gillard
Director/Board Member	Margaret Bills
Director/Board Member	Elizabeth Downer
Director/Board Member	Charles Howard
Director/Board Member	Diana McAuliffe
Director/Board Member	Janice Palm
Director/Board Member	Dot Piddington
Director/Board Member	Neil Raward
Director/Board Member	Greg Tosh

As the appointment of the new board was uncontested, a vote was not required.

Discussing and voting upon members' motions

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

General Discussion

The Chair opened the floor to questions:

1. Philip Roberts asked for clarification from the Treasurer on whether the club holds any investments in shares. The Treasurer responded that a donation had been received from The Stan Pogacic Trust fund in the amount of \$10,000. In accordance with the terms of that donation, these funds were invested in Westpac shares. Further to those directions, should the club become insolvent, the shares must be sold and the proceeds returned to the donors' estate.
 2. Dale Wells proposed that at least one GNOT session be held during the weekend.
 3. Eva Berger proposed that the club purchase a new sound system.
- There was no further general business from the floor.

Closing statement by the Chair

In closing, let's hope the coming year will see our lives regaining some form of normalcy, whatever that may mean for each of us. My hope is that we all maintain good health, continue to look out for one another and continue to play and enjoy this highly addictive pastime of Bridge. It is not 'just a card game'!

Thank you

Julie Wicks

Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.35am.

Chair of AGM

Julie Wicks

Date: