

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the MCC Bridge Club held in the Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG on Thursday 16 November 2023 at 12pm

Present: See attendance records.

Apologies: Doug Bell, Greg Baker, Andy Lee, Morton Browne, Margrett Hardie, Alistair Minson, Tim Burke and Andrew Guy.

Proxies: As filed, if any.

Chairperson: Greg Critchley

A quorum being present, Greg Critchley welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.

Approval of Minutes of previous AGM: The Chairperson submitted a motion approving the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2022 as a true and correct record. Proposed: Ronella Stuart , Seconded: Nell Eddy. Carried unanimously.

1 Chairperson's Report:

1.1 Greg Critchley opened his report by providing a status report on recent club membership as follows:

Members who did not renew	6
New Members	17

Even though covid is still present, Greg mentioned that new member applications are continuing at a steady pace.

Greg also mentioned that sadly, Chris Hosking passed away during the year.

1.2 Greg then reported on several ongoing matters as follows:

1.2.1 Lord's Tour: This year the tour was a combined tour comprising RSY and MCC members organized by Helen Fitzpatrick and Jane Hanlon and was regarded as a success. However, there will be no return tour in Australia.

1.2.2 Inter-Club events: In recent times, MCC played three inter-club events winning against RACV and RSY but losing against Williamstown.

Williamstown suggested it should be an annual event which will be put to the committee for discussion.

Greg commented that more members should attend Ben's lessons to upgrade skills.

1.2.3 Club Finances: Greg mentioned that even though the club finances are in good shape there will be no return of equity to members via free play days until the finances have fully recovered from the covid years.

1.2.4 Acknowledgments: Greg Critchley thanked Sue and Laurie Kelso, Elissa Cohen, Anna Fowler, Ben Kingham and all committee members for their valuable

contributions and assistance during the year in making the bridge club such an enjoyable place for playing bridge

1.2.5 Questions from the members: Greg Critchley then called for any questions concerning the Chairperson's Report: As there were none, it was moved that his Report be accepted. Proposed: Judy Tolson, Seconded: David McKenzie. Carried unanimously.

2 Treasurer's Report:

2.1 The Treasurer reported the Club's finances are sound and the accounts have been audited for the year ended 31 March 2023 as per the accounts tabled.

For the financial year ended on 31 March 2023 there was a net operating surplus of \$360.83. Total Funds as at 31 March 2023 were \$22,632.84 [including the Term Deposit of \$11,377.50].

The Treasurer then called for any questions and as there were none it was moved that the Report be accepted. Proposed: Linda Willersdorf, Seconded: Petille Von Bibra. Carried unanimously.

3.0 Election of the Committee:

Greg Critchley noted that Magrett Hardie is retiring from the Committee and that the only nomination received for the vacant position was from Petille Von Bibra who was elected unanimously. As there were no other nominations for election to the Committee, pursuant to clause 4(g) of the Constitution, the existing members of the Committee are deemed to be re-elected and so the new Committee will comprise Greg Critchley, Andy Lee, Alistair Minson, Rick Gaylard, Cally Marks, Sue McPhail and Petille Von Bibra.

As Margrett was unable to attend the AGM, Greg will have the Flowers delivered to her home and will thank her for her services at another time.

Greg also noted that Petille would be in charge of the Data base of the club with everyone else continuing their existing roles.

4 General Business

4.1 Greg mentioned hosting, say, inter- matches at home is becoming very expensive especially when additional staff e.g. Cash Bar or serving of wine on the lunch tables is involved. He indicated that both the costs, location and style of lunch are under review by the Committee.

4.2 Greg then called for any questions and as there were none, Chris Nixon thanked Greg and the Committee for their efforts in running the bridge club during the course of the year which was unanimously acclaimed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.15 pm

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