

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the MCC Bridge Club held in the Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 12pm

Present: See attendance records.

Apologies: Morton Browne, Roger Kenna, Doug Bell, 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 9 December 2021 as a true and correct record. Proposed: Nigel Broughton, Seconded: Nell Eddy. Carried unanimously.

1 Chairperson's Report:

1.1 Greg Critchley opened his report by thanking his predecessor, Chris Nixon, for his term as president of the bridge club and for his continuing support and assistance in running the bridge club. This statement was universally acclaimed.

1.2 He then gave a status report on post covid club membership numbers as follows:

Last years number of members	131
Resignations etc.	21
New Members	<u>6</u>
Number of members	116

Greg mentioned that new member applications are continuing at a steady pace and should be encouraged to enable the club to build its membership base after the pandemic.

Greg also mentioned that sadly, Judy McHarg passed away during the year.

1.4 Several ongoing matters were raised as follows:

1.4.1 Club finances: Greg Critchley stated that notwithstanding the effects of Covid, the club finances are still fine as per the treasurer's financial statement detailing a credit balance of \$22,272.01 as at 31 March 2022 but noted that trading results from 1 April to 31 October of this year showed a deficit of approximately \$3,500. This means that it was deemed appropriate to postpone Return of Equity devices e.g., Play Free Days, until post covid trading and membership numbers improve.

1.4.2 Acknowledgments:

Greg Critchley thanked Sue and Laurie Kelso, Elissa Cohen, Anna Fowler, Ben Kingham and all committee members for their valuable contribution and assistance during the year in making the bridge club such an enjoyable place for playing bridge

1.4.3 Election of the Committee:

Greg Critchley noted that 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, Magrett Hardie, Cally Marks and Sue McPhail.

1.5 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: Colin Walker, Seconded: Peter Newstead. 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 2022 as per the accounts tabled.

For the financial year ended on 31 March 2022 there was a net operating surplus of \$3,399.94. Total Funds as at 31 March 2022 were \$22,272.01 [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: Alan Godfrey. Carried unanimously.

3 General Business

3.1 Questions from the floor.

Colin Walker wished to know if there were significant reasons given by the departees from the club that might be of material relevance.

In response Greg Critchley stated that there were a number of reasons why they left e.g. unable to get to the MCC, covid etc. but none mentioned dissatisfaction with the bridge club.

3.2 As there were no other questions, Chris Nixon thanked Greg and the Committee for their efforts of running the bridge club during the course of the year.

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

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DATE: