



WEST AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 MINUTES

DATE: 13 October 2020 commencing 4.35pm

VENUE: West Australian Bridge Club – Swanbourne, WA

PRESENT: Sheenagh Young, Dee Sinton, Richard Basham, Helen George, Michael George, Heather Bannerman, Ros Varkevisser, Jacqui Eccleston, Prue Hart, Mira Erskine, Sheryl Every, Judy McGuinness, Alison Rigg, Bernard Yates, Deborah Greenway, Nerilyn Mack, Jane Henderson, Jocelyn Parry, Corinne Monteath, Brian Embleton, Jan McNab, Kate Nadebaum, Rhona Barton, Andrea Hopkins, Bea McCarthy, Kitty George, Margaret King, Val Fleay, Melanie Sheffield, Helene Kolozs, Patricia Rosser, Sue Evans, Jane Grove, Ursula Maitland, Vanessa Starcevich, Leith Fenbury, Helen King, Dymphna Elsey, Kate North, Helen Kemp, Margaret Shaw, Sue Broad, David Williams, John Rigg, John Bell, Robin Paterson, Anne-Marie Marias, Peggy Hogan, John Hogan, Peter Smith, Sylvia Bray, Ray Flanagan, Janine Hughes.

APOLOGIES: 101 Apologies recorded in the Attendance Record Book

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 15 October 2019 were accepted.

Moved: Jan McNab **Seconded:** Patricia Rosser **All in favour**

MATTERS ARISING: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020

Good afternoon all and thank you for taking the time to attend this AGM.

During this second year of my term as President all seemed to be running smoothly with a successful Christmas Congress, Christmas party and prize presentation. This happy period carried on into 2020 with the finalisation of the Club's lease from the Nedlands Council being extended and renewed until 2046. Also we were able to raise a considerable donation for the NSW Rural Fire Service for relief for the bushfire victims and to have an enjoyable New Members party.

Then things took a turn for the worse, initially with a second theft in February after only five months from the previous theft of the copper cabling to our building. This resulted in the need to upgrade our security system with extra cameras and surveillance monitoring. Negotiations were also undertaken with the Nedlands Council for the supply of a new secure meter box. These resulted in their agreement to do this with WABC paying 30% of the cost. A very expensive exercise as you will appreciate.

As of course you will all be aware that shortly afterwards came the onset of Covid-19, resulting in the closure of the club from 19 March to 1 July on medical advice and due to government restrictions. This also meant no Winter Congress, no Charity day or any other events during that period.

There was although a positive side to this closure. The time was put to good use with major repairs and refurbishment being undertaken while the building was not in use by our players. Things accomplished during that time included complete painting of the playing area, toilets, entrance ways etc, total replacement of the flooring in the social area, cleaning of the carpet and all chairs in both playing and social areas, sterilising of boards and cleaning and replenishing bidding boxes. Even the old storage shed in the back courtyard had its first real clean out in twelve years. In addition all requirements for hand sanitisation and the like were purchased and put in place in readiness for the reopening of the Club. Again a very expensive but necessary process.

Since reopening on 1 July restrictions have been gradually eased in line with government requirements. We are now permitted to allow 200 people to attend the premises at one time and we await any further developments regarding such restrictions.

One other achievement which has gained the approval of the majority of members is the long awaited establishment of a token system for the prepayment of table monies.

We of course are delighted that Andy Hung survived two weeks' isolation to enable him to return to Western Australia and to recommence his teaching program which once again has taken off with good attendances.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to so many people whose contributions have been so important in making this wonderful club of ours function so smoothly.

We have so many volunteers giving their time in the library, book exchange, garden, duty partners, bar roster, Saturday cheese roster, tea station duty, food donations and preparation – too many to name individually, but thank you all.

We have the Directors so important in their role of supervision of play, the Recorders with their skill and diplomacy with complaints, our mentors guiding new players, our patrons Helen George and Peter Smith and our Honorary Auditor Bill Chambers.

Our thanks go to the Tournament Committee who work so efficiently and quietly behind the scenes organising our tournaments and events and who are currently in the throes of planning our Christmas Congress in the anticipation that we will be permitted to proceed as usual.

The Finance Committee and Marketing Subcommittee have also worked steadily throughout this Year.

Our Executive Officer, Sheenagh Young, deserves a very special thank you for her diligence at all times and for her amazing efforts particularly in organising and supervising the work done during the time of our closure. On a personal level Sheenagh has been my 'rock' during my two years as President, so supportive and helpful in every way possible. Thank you so much my friend.

Last but not least my thanks to the Management Committee who have proven to be such a great team. I believe the greatest strength which has enabled this team to deal with decisions and

problems which may have arisen has been their diversity of skills, personalities and opinions. I thank you all so much for your support.

I must say I have enjoyed my term as President and retire from that position confident that the club will be in good hands with the incoming President and committees.

Dee Sinton
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020:

Ladies and Gentlemen

I table the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Like most organisations we were affected by Covid. Up to the end of February 2020 our income was slightly above last year and budget. Expenses had been contained. Post February we received virtually no income but had a number of standing costs. The Club ended the year with an overall loss of \$27,308.

The cost of amortisation of our Clubhouse decreased this year from approx \$84,000 pa to \$53,000 pa. With the extension of our lease arrangements we took the opportunity to review the remaining useful life of the Clubhouse and increased that by 6 years to 13 years from 1 July 2019.

At 30 June 2020 the market value of our investments was \$12,076 less than cost. Since then the position has improved and as of yesterday the market value is \$29,404 better than cost.

The challenge for this year is to bring members back to the Club. Table income for the three months ended 30 September 2020 is down 33% on the previous year. I am afraid savings on biscuits doesn't cover the loss in revenue.

I am sorry that Bill has decided to retire as auditor. He has been of great help over a number of years. Not only on the audit but also in providing assistance in tax and other administration areas.

Do any members have any queries on the Financial Statements?

There were no questions.

Richard Basham
Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT 2020:

Our Auditor, Bill Chambers, reported that the accounts for 2020 had been examined and were a true and correct record.

NOTICES OF MOTION: No notices were registered

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITOR:

Steve Ledger, practising Chartered Accountant has accepted to take on the audit for the coming year.

All Agreed

CONFIRMATION OF LIFE MEMBER

The President announced that she had great pleasure in awarding a Life Membership to Kitty George, as a very deserving recipient, and outlined her outstanding involvement and generous contribution of her time and expertise to the Club, over many years.

Kitty thanked members for the honour and reflected on her long involvement, and her love of the game of bridge, and of the W.A. Bridge Club.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

- President: Kate North
- Secretary: Sylvia Bray
- Treasurer: Richard Basham
- Committee: Gloria Carlson
Heather Bannerman
Jacqui Ecclestone
Prue Hart
Janine Hughes
John Rigg
Brian Embleton

Retiring members from the Management Committee are Jan McNab, Kate Nadebaum and David Burn.

Dee Sinton, now as past President, and retiring members were presented with a gift of appreciation for their services, and were unanimously applauded by members.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rhona Barton addressed the meeting and asked members to acknowledge and thank Kate North for the mammoth task she carried out in the sourcing of fabric, cutting and sewing of all the replacement tablecloths, during the year.

All Agreed

At this point Kate North took over presiding in the Chair as the new President.

Kate thanked Dee for her work as President over the past two years.

PRESENTATION OF PATRON’S CUP: The Mabs McCulloch Trophy – 2020 winner

Peter Smith, and Helen George as Patron, presented the winner, Kate North with the trophy. Kate thanked the Committee, and offered her thanks to her partners over the year who contributed to her winning this award again.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
President