

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the North Shore Bridge Club
Held at the club premises, Club Willoughby, 26 Crabbes Ave, Willoughby
on Saturday 7th April 2018.**

The Meeting was opened at 11:30am by the President of the Club and Chairman of the AGM, Mr John Brownie. He bid all present a warm welcome.

1 Present & Apologies: As per the attached attendance & apologies records.

2 Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 8th April, 2017:

It was resolved that the minutes of last year's AGM be accepted.

Proposed by Peter Koorey and Seconded by Misha Solar.

3 Adopt the Annual Report of the Committee: The President's and Committee's Annual Report was adopted and approved by the Meeting.

Proposed by Peter Koorey and Seconded by Fiona Ballard.

4 Approval of the 2017 Financial Reports: Following a brief explanation by the Treasurer Les Grewcock of the audited Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 2017, the 2017 audited Income and Expenditure Statement and the Auditor's Report, the Meeting adopted all three reports.

5 Life Membership Approval: Following the Committee's support and in recognition of their past services to the Club, John Brownie, Margaret Owen and June Straw were offered to the Meeting for approval for Life Membership to the Club. The Club's Manager, Michael Prescott spoke about these three individuals going "above and beyond" in helping support the Club's daily activities. The Meeting agreed with the proposal and all were granted Life Membership.

6 Election of Office Bearers of the Club for 2018: As only single nominations were received for the positions of President, Vice President and Hon Treasurer, these three individuals (see below) were elected unopposed. Following a brief presentation by each candidate, elections were then held for the positions of Hon Secretary (one from candidates David Hagley & Marie Harvey) and Committee Members (three from David Hudson, Elana Kohn, John McIlrath, Peter Koorey, Misha Solar & Ray Walsh).

Following the elections, the Chairman announced the successful candidates and 2018/19 Committee:

President: John Brownie

Vice president: Graham Murray

Hon Treasurer: Les Grewcock

Hon Secretary: David Hagley

Committee Members: David Hudson, Elana Kohn and John McIlrath.

The Chairman thanked all candidates for standing for election and also highlighted the great enthusiasm and involvement in the Club that previous members of the Committee had shown.

7 Appointment of Auditors: The Chairman indicated the willingness of our current auditors Christopher Coote & Co to continue for the ensuring year and it was resolved that their appointment be approved.

8 To appoint Honorary Solicitor: After confirmation that the current Solicitor, Michael Giugni, had indicated his willingness to continue it was agreed to appoint him for the ensuring year.

9 Other Business:

- Richard Douglas, President of NSW Bridge Association and Club Member, spoke in glowing terms about the running of the Club, its financial position, membership satisfaction and ongoing operations. He also thanked the President and Committee for allowing Michael Prescott to manage the recent Spring Nationals.
- Much discussion took place about the issue of the Club Willoughby redevelopment plans and the impact that this will have on the NSBC's future accommodation needs. The property development is expected to take a minimum of three years and the NSBC at this point in time has been given no guarantees about any future playing and office space within it. Nor has NSBC given any ongoing assurances. Briefings were provided by Steven Abolokian, Hycorp Property Group, Matt Verzonis, Vice President Club Willoughby and by John Brownie. A number of members also provided comment, input and thoughts. In summary, John Brownie confirmed that there are a number of future alternatives under review and that the incoming Committee will be continuing to give this important facet of the Club's operation serious and ongoing consideration in the immediate future.
- Matt Verzonis also provided an update on a number of marketing initiatives being introduced by Club Willoughby and thanked NSBC Members for their past and future continued support and relationship.

The Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 12:16pm.