

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB INC.
Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
held at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club, 2B Carlyle Rd., East Lindfield.
and through Zoom video technology
on Saturday 15th August, 2020.

As background, the holding of the club's 2020 AGM had been delayed from April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the exceptional circumstances of the Coronavirus NSW Fair Trading had instituted temporary changes to the Associations Incorporation Act which permitted the club's AGM to be delayed up but prior to 30th September 2020. The regulatory relief also allowed the use of electronic technology to permit members the opportunity to reasonably participate in the meeting. Additionally the use of an electronic ballot to determine any issue or proposal was within the Determination. Thus the meeting was held both physically, at the Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club, and through Zoom video technology.

Following confirmation of a quorum, the Meeting was opened at 10:00am by the President of the Club and Chairman of this year's AGM, John Mottram. He opened the meeting by bidding all members a warm welcome.

- 1. Present & Apologies.** As per the attached attendance and apologies records.
- 2. Approval of 2019 Minutes.** Proposed by Peter Koorey and seconded by David Fryda all agreed that the 2019 minutes was a true and accurate record of proceedings of that meeting.
- 3. Adopt the Annual Report of the Committee.** This report, having been circulated to members prior to this meeting, was adopted unanimously. Proposed by Peter Koorey, seconded by David Hudson.
- 4. Approval of the 2019 Annual Financial Reports.** The 2019 Balance Sheet, the Income & Expenditure Statement and the Auditor's Report had previously been circulated to members. Proposed by Sue Crompton and seconded by Leo Goorevich, all Reports were unanimously approved by the membership.
- 5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members of the club for 2020.** The only voting required was for the position of Vice President (others were elected unopposed) and this had been completed electronically during the week before this AGM. The Chairman congratulated and announced that the successful candidates and 2020/21 committee of the club are:
President: David Fryda
Vice President: David Hudson
Hon Treasurer: Les Grewcock
Hon Secretary: David Hagley
Committee Members: Elana Kohn. Graham Murray & Maryann Russett.
- 6. Appointment of Auditors.** Following the agreement of the club's current Auditors, Christopher Coote & Company, to continue, the meeting agreed to their appointment. Proposed by Les Grewcock, seconded by David Fryda.
- 7. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor.** The Chairman confirmed that the club's current solicitor, Michael Giugni, had indicated his willingness to be re-appointed and following John Mottram's proposal, seconded by Peter Koorey, it was agreed by the membership to appoint him to the role.

8. Changes to the Club's Constitution. With the experience of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Dept of NSW Fair Trading, our Hon Solicitor and the club's committee all agreed to put to this Meeting suggested changes to the Club's Constitution. These are to permit future meetings to be held at two or more venues using technology and to also allow electronic ballots. The four recommended Constitutional changes were proposed by John Mottram, seconded by David Fryda and agreed by the Meeting without dissent.

9. Other Business. Issues raised and discussed included:

- Return to face to face sessions – to be monitored by the club manager and the committee. The health and wellbeing of both members and staff will be foremost in the decision. Other club resumptions were discussed, no early resumption is expected by NSBC and member communication will be maintained.
- BBO sessions – currently satisfying player demand and free sessions to be continued.
- A member highlighted a query re the legal responsibility of both the club and the individual committee members should coronavirus problems eventuate when the club returns to face to face sessions.
- Property – John Mottram, David Fryda and Leo Goorevich all provided a thorough briefing of the club's current position in the ongoing search for a suitable venue in lieu of the shortly to be redeveloped Club Willoughby. Many possible options have been reviewed in the search, with a site in Help St Chatswood currently believed to be most suitable. Approvals are still to be sought and obtained and the committee will be enlisting the help of professional consultants to finalise these issues. Parking clarity was provided and it was confirmed that no changes to the club's EL venue or evening sessions are anticipated.
- Incoming President comment – David Fryda highlighted and thanked John Mottram for his contribution and commitment to the club for the past 16 months. It is greatly appreciated. He also thanked all club staff for adapting and helping with the changed COVID-19 environment and spoke in glowing terms about club's Manager Mike Prescott's performance. He indicated how Mike has successfully managed and engineered the mammoth effort to satisfy members during the current situation. Following these comments David presented Mike with a token of the club's appreciation. In closing, David indicated that the incoming committee's number one priorities will be both the property issue and to prepare for the "new normal"
- Club Manager response – in response, Mike Prescott advised of the great help that he has received from many members, all of who helped him to achieve such success in managing the club and the introduction of the BBO sessions.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 11:06am.

Approved by:

Date: