

NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

held at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club, 2B Carlyle Rd., East Lindfield, NSW 2070

and through Zoom video technology

on Saturday 10th April, 2021

The Meeting was opened at 10:35am by the President of the Club and the Chairman of this year's AGM, David Fryda. David opened the meeting by welcoming all members.

1. **Confirmation of a Quorum.** David Hagley, the Secretary of the Club confirmed that a quorum had been obtained. A list of the members attending the meeting either face-to-face or by Zoom is available to view.
2. **Apologies.** Apologies were: Angela Mayhew, Peter Mayhew, Julie Guthrie, Mark Guthrie, Lynleigh Evens and Fiona Ballard.
3. **Approval of 2020 Minutes.** Approval of the minutes was proposed by Peter Koorey and seconded by David Hudson. All agreed that the 2020 minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.
4. **Approval of the Annual Report of the Committee.** This report was circulated to members prior to this meeting. Approval of the report was proposed by Kevin Davies and seconded by Sue Crompton. All agreed that the Annual Report was adopted and approved.
5. **Approval and adoption of the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31st December, 2020 together with the Auditor's Report thereon.** The 2020 Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement and the Auditors' Report had previously been circulated to members. A question was raised by a member regarding the federal government's JobKeeper program. This was answered by the Treasurer Les Grewcock. Ian McLaren proposed and Leo Goorevich seconded approving the financial reports. All reports were unanimously approved by the members.
6. **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members of the Club for 2021.** All positions ran unopposed, therefore no voting was required. The Chairman congratulated the successful candidates as noted below:

President:	David Fryda
Vice President:	John Mcilrath
Treasurer:	Les Grewcock
Secretary:	Maryann Russett

Committee members: Elana Kohn, Mark Guthrie, Winston Horne

7. **Appointment of Honorary Solicitors.** The Chairman confirmed the Club's current solicitor, Michael Giugni of Austin Giugni Martin Pty Ltd has indicated his willingness to be re-appointed. Leo Goorevich proposed and Maryann Russett seconded this appointment. It was unanimously agreed to by members.
8. **Appointment of Auditors.** Following the agreement of the Club's current Auditors Christopher Coote & Company to continue as auditors, the meeting agreed to the appointment of them as auditors. This was proposed by Les Grewcock and seconded by David Fryda. The appointment of the auditors was unanimously agreed to by members.
9. Other business. Issues raised and discussed included:
 - David Fryda gave special thanks to the departing members of the Committee: David Hudson, David Hagley and Graham Murray. Their contribution to running of the Club during difficult times was greatly appreciated by all.
 - David Fryda also thanked Mike Prescott for his almost five years as General Manager of the Club.
 - Special mention was also made of John Mcilrath's help when Mike Prescott became ill in December 2020. John's deep knowledge of the Club's operations ensured the Club ran smoothly on a moment's notice.
 - Sue Crompton's support at keeping the Club's Face-to-Face operations running for the past six months was also greatly appreciated.
 - Gary Barwick's ability to jump in and take charge of RealBridge online bridge services was extraordinary.
 - Margaret Owen administrative help during all of 2020 and beyond keeping the Club running smoothly was also noted.
 - June Straw has indicated she is no longer going to be a director at the Club. David noted her long service and support of the Club and wished her well in her retirement.
 - Liam Milne and Gary Barwick were recognised as new team members to the Club. Liam is the Manager Face-to-face Operations and Gary is the Manager Online Bridge.
 - A final big thank you to the Club's sponsors was given. They are:
 - Two Men and a Truck
 - Morgans in alliance with CIMB
 - David highlighted that the financial results for the Club could be quite different in 2021. Because of the Club's strong financial results to date, we can afford to invest in premises, new staff, in members (via no increases in table fees). The surpluses built up over the years allows the Club to make such investments in 2021.

- Questions raised by members included the following:
 - Why are there 2 managers now: Face-to-face Manager and Online Bridge Manager. David answered that there are sufficient members wanting to play both types of bridge and that separate managers ensured that both operations will be run optimally.
 - Is North Ryde RSL going to be a permanent location for F2F bridge? Why are we looking at Chatswood? David indicated that the Club is looking for another premise on the lower north shore, capable of housing 30-40 tables, with free parking and also close to public transport. 8 Thomas Street, Chatswood appears to meet these requirements. David explained the issues being worked on for these premises such as the submission of a DA for “change of use” status, traffic and parking analysis to support the DA. A survey to members is about to go out asking members for information about how they would get to Chatswood for F2F bridge play.
 - Why are there no lessons at East Lindfield? In early 2020 pre-COVID, Mike Prescott did give Friday morning lessons at East Lindfield. Emma Barnes is running beginners bridge lessons at East Lindfield soon to be followed with lessons by Liz Wilkinson.
 - What happened to the book library that was at Club Willoughby? The books are in storage but if given enough notice and a specific book request, a book can be retrieved for a member. There is a smaller library onsite in East Lindfield near the director’s desk.
 - New members don’t know what teams and pairs events are all about. Is there a way to teach new members and perhaps others about these events? Five to six years ago there were events where 3 beginners were paired with an expert to assist in their learning. It was agreed that “teams of three” events will be looked at for later in the year.
 - A member suggested we keep talking to North Ryde RSL with an aim to staying longer and getting cheap rent.
 - Why has our recycling efforts stopped after so much work getting it organised? Liam Milne agreed to look at this as part of F2F Manager role.
 - Can we more Restricted sections rather than just Open sections so that less experienced members can earn some Master Points? Liam Milne said it is up to the Director running the section to determine if there is sufficient table numbers to split a session into Open and Restricted.
 - Can anything be done to get more space for the Club at East Lindfield? The Bowling Club continues to keep its membership high through mergers with other clubs. It is up to the Bowling Club to determine how it can provide more space for its members and its tenants like the Bridge Club.
 - A motion was suggested to thank the Club and Committee for the financial and operational soundness of the Club during such difficult times in 2020. Leo Valenski proposed the motion and Peter Khoory seconded. It was passed unanimously.

- David Hagley stated he enjoyed his time as Secretary of the Club and is happy to leave the Club Committee in the hands of the new Committee.
- Gary Barwick acknowledged working with the Club and the Committee has been great.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 11:25am.

Approved by: _____

David Fryda

Date: _____