



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

held at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club, 2B Carlyle Rd., East Lindfield, NSW 2070 and through Zoom video technology on Saturday 2nd April, 2022

The Meeting was opened at 10:30am by Mike Prescott and the Chair of this year's AGM was Maryann Russett. Maryann welcomed all members. Maryann also asked for approval to the modification of the Agenda to allow for counting of the votes for the committee members. Items 11. And 12. Will take place after Item 7. Whilst counting of the votes takes place. All agreed.

1. Confirmation of a Quorum

Maryann Russett, 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

The apologies were:

Mischa Solar

Jenny Barnes

3. Approval of 2021 Minutes

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Kit Meyers and seconded by Les Grewcock. All agreed that the 2021 minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

4. Proposed changes to the Club's Constitution

Proposed changes to the Club's Constitution as per letter from Maryann Russett dated 9th March 2022.

(a) Items 1-5, 7-12, 14-16 was proposed by Carol McMurray and seconded by Ian MacLaren and agreed by all.

(b) Item 6. regarding who can be elected President and Vice President was Proposed by Virginia Cohen and seconded by Gary Barwick and agreed by all.

(c) Item 13. Regarding change to the quorum needed at an AGM was Proposed by David Fryda and seconded by Sharon Thompson and agreed by all.

5. Approval of the Annual Report of the Committee

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 Elana Kohn and seconded by Mark Guthrie. All agreed that the Annual Report was adopted and approved.

6. Approval and adoption of the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31st December 2021 together with the Auditor's Report thereon.

The 2021 Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement and the Auditors' Report had previously been circulated to members. David Hagley asked what the outlook was for 2022, Les Grewcock said that based on the first 2 months – we would still expect another loss for 2022. David Hagley also proposed that there be no increase in table fees because of a surplus in funds that has been built up. Robin Devries proposed, and David Hagley seconded approving the financial reports. All reports were unanimously approved by the members.

7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members of the Club for 2022

The four Office Bearer positions ran unopposed, therefore no voting required. From six nominations the meeting voted to elect three Committee Members.

Following the election, the Chair congratulated and announced the successful candidates of the Committee of the Club are:

President:	Mark Guthrie
Vice President:	Jane Russ
Treasurer:	Rod Owen
Secretary:	Sharon Thompson
Committee Members:	Jake Andrew, Ian MacLaren and Carol McMurray

The Chair thanked all Nominees for putting themselves forward.

8. Appointment of Honorary Solicitors

The President David Fryda confirmed that the Club's current solicitor, Michael Giugni of Austin Giugni Martin Pty Ltd has indicated his willingness to be re-appointed. Mike Prescott proposed and seconded by Marlaine Gahan. The appointment of the Honorary Solicitor was unanimously agreed to be members.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Following the agreement of the Club's current auditors Christopher Coote & Company to continue as auditors. This was proposed by Mark Guthrie and seconded by Elana Kohn. The appointment of the auditors was unanimously agreed to by members.

10. Any other business

The Chair asked for approval to destroy the ballot papers, this was unanimously agreed to by members.

Gwen Cordingley thanked staff for their hard work and made special mention of Margaret Owen.

Mike Prescott said that he had just received numbers from the ABF and whilst ABF members had decreased from 36,000 members in 2019 to 28,000 in 2022 – NSBC has been able to maintain their membership.

Robin Devries asked "What was the reason for the removal of Proxy Voting?" It was noted that with the electronic attendance now offered every member was

given the opportunity to vote. Proxy voting has not been used for the past 3 years.

Virginia Cohen asked whether the 300+ new members was due to the introduction of online bridge. This was most likely, and Mike Prescott said that they were working hard on getting Face to Face bridge numbers to increase. Richard Douglas thanked David and his Committee for a great online offering and suggested that the incoming treasurer separate the income and expenditure for Online and Face to Face bridge.

11. Address by Outgoing President

David Fryda addressed the floor and thanked the outgoing committee members for their enormous contribution to the club this year. He made personal mention of the task that Liam Milne fulfilled in difficult times and thanked all staff for their contribution to the success of the club.

12. Address by Incoming President

Newly elected President Mark Guthrie thanked David Fryda for his tireless effort during and likened his term to that of a “war time” President, dealing with staff changes, premises changes and COVID.

13. Close

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 11:17am.