



NORTH SHORE BRIDGE CLUB INC

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

held at Lindfield Rollers Bowling Club, 2B Carlyle Rd., East Lindfield, NSW 2070 on
Saturday 13th April, 2024

The Meeting was opened at 11am by Mike Prescott and the Chair of this year's AGM was Mark Guthrie. Mark welcomed all members.

1. Confirmation of a Quorum

Sharon Thompson, the Secretary of the Club confirmed that a quorum had been obtained. A [list of the members attending available to view on the website](#).

2. Apologies

The apologies were:

John Hill
Richard Ames
Jo Ampherlaw
Jake Andrew
Helen Stewart
Jill Hagley
Gail Clark

3. Approval of 2023 Minutes

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Peter Koorey and seconded by Jane Russ. All agreed that the 2023 minutes were a true and accurate record of proceedings at that meeting.

4. 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 Kit Meyers and seconded Gary Barwick. 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 2023 together with the Auditor's Report.

The 2023 Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement and the Auditors' Report had previously been circulated to members. Verity Furness proposed, and Julia Connor 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 2024

The six Office Bearer positions ran unopposed, therefore no voting required. The Chair congratulated and announced that the Committee of the Club are:

President:	Sharon Thompson
Vice President:	Ian MacLaren
Treasurer:	Jo Ampherlaw
Secretary:	Terry Dunne
Committee Members:	Robyn Rogers and Jake Andrew

The Chair thanked all Committee Members for putting themselves forward.

7. Appointment of Honorary Solicitors

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

8. Appointment of Auditors

Following the agreement of the Club's current auditors Christopher Coote & Company to continue as auditors. This was proposed by Michael Prescott and seconded by Gwen Cordingley. The appointment of the auditors was unanimously agreed to by members.

9. Motion to elect Honorary Life Members

- a. Motion to elect Kevin Davies – member number 1443 as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Proposed by Ian MacLaren and seconded by Robyn Rogers. The motion was unanimously agreed to be members.
- b. Motion to elect Leo Goorevich – member number 23183 as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Proposed by Peter Koorey and seconded by Helen Milward. The motion was unanimously agreed to be members.
- c. Motion to elect Angie Boulton – member number 250872 as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Proposed by Helen Milward and seconded by Virginia Cohen. The motion was unanimously agreed to be members.
- d. Motion to elect Richard Kuipers – member number 231851 as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Proposed by Carol McMurray and seconded by Ian MacLaren. The motion was unanimously agreed to be members.

10. Address by President

Mark Guthrie thanked the outgoing Committee, all staff, Directors and Teaching Team for the brilliant job they had done. He also made special mention of those transitioning roles, being Rod Owen – outgoing Treasurer, Kevin Davies – retired

Newsletter Editor and welcomed in Caz Forbes. Angie Boulton, retired from Directing. Helen Stewart, outgoing Committee Member and Sharon Thompson – outgoing Secretary and incoming President.

11. Any other business

Carol McMurray thanked outgoing Treasurer Rod Owen for the job he had done over the past 2 years.

Ashleigh Gallagher requested that if there were less than 6 tables in an online session that it was merged with another online session that may be taking place at the same time. Club Manager Mike Prescott responded, sometimes this does happen if there are less than 2 tables, however, restricted players got upset when it was done for more than 2 tables. So, the rule is less than 2 tables the players are invited to join the other session, 2 tables or more – the session will go ahead.

Winston Horne enquired as to what the role of the Welfare Officer was. Manager Mike Prescott told the floor that the Welfare Officer sent cards, sometimes flowers if it was a long-standing member, when people were sick, had lost a loved one. Welfare Officers only know when someone is sick or needs help if they are told. Mike impressed on members to let the Welfare Officers know if someone was ill or needed help. David Hagley also responded saying his wife Jill who is also a Welfare Officer had sent 3 x cards in the last week. David also requested the members let the Welfare Officers know if anyone needed care.

David Hagley asked what and if there were any plans for the \$1.6m retained earnings. Mark Guthrie responded to say that this fund was often discussed and currently there was no immediate plan to spend or distribute the funds. It was agreed that it was a healthy reserve in case anything like COVID occurred, in case there was an opportunity to buy land or any other opportunity that may arise. David Hagley asked that the new Committee take on to consider what to do with the funds.

12. Address of the incoming President

Incoming President Sharon Thompson thanked Mark Guthrie for his leadership and thanked outgoing committee members Rod Owen and Helen Stewart. She congratulated new Life Members Kevin Davies, Leo Goorevich, Angie Boulton and Richard Kuipers. Sharon committed to building on the stable foundation left by the last committee.

13. Unveiling of the John Mottram Trophy

Unfortunately, John Mottram had not arrived, so the unveiling of the trophy was delayed until after the meeting. The John Mottram Trophy is for the new category of Club Champion, the best performer in certain events for all members under 300 masterpoints.

14. Close

There being no further business the meeting was closed by the Chair at 11:33am