



Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting

Held at the Club House on 10th June 2023 at 11:30am

The President Neil Strutton welcomed all to the AGM, especially our Life Members Sue Eix and Margaret Prentice and declared the meeting open.

He accepted the apology of another Life member Lorraine Fredericks who was unable to attend.

A quorum was established.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance:

17 as per the attendance list.

Apologies:

61 as per the apologies list.

Proxies:

3 as per the Proxies list

2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 12th June 2022:

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were taken as read.

Motion that the Minutes be received as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting of 12th June 2022.

Moved: Jo Neary; **Seconded;** Kay Blackford; **Carried.**

3. Business Arising from the minutes of the previous AGM:

None.

4. President's Report:

The President's Report had previously been circulated and President Neil Sutton mentioned some of the significant events of 2022/2023

- TBC has returned to normal modus operandi with sessions every day except Sunday. Numbers are increasing and TBC remains the largest of the QLD Clubs.

- TBC has successfully hosted Congresses including the recent River City Gold Mixed Pairs which was well attended and lauded by Richard Ward in the Courier Mail.
- Beginner Classes are run twice yearly with day and evening classes offered each time. Thanks to Sue Eix, Robyn Stevens and Janice Little for their great work. The Supervised Play sessions are popular and Larry Moses's mentoring sessions are well supported.
- TVs have been installed to facilitate the use of AV equipment for Education, Messaging and Competitions.
- We are awaiting a Scope of Work Plan from Council after they commissioned a Structural Engineering Report outlining a range of maintenance problems that must be addressed.
- Several grants have been received to help deal with expenses.
- The important contribution of our amazing volunteers and the work they do in making the Club function so well, was stressed. The Directors, Scorers, Dealers, Convenors, Caddies, Kitchen Assistants, Caterers, Traffic Coordinators, Providores, Office Assistants, Librarians, Standby players, Inside and Outside Maintenance workers are all mentioned in the President's report which also includes a thank you to the Management Committee and the others who undertake tasks like keeping the tablecloths clean, ensuring Masterpoints are recorded and getting Club badges ordered. Every little bit helps.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted

Moved: Neil Strutton; **Seconded:** Bill Heath; **Carried.**

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Report:

The Treasurer's Report and Financial Report have been circulated to all members.

The Treasurer, David Sydes made some additional comments. He said that there was nothing of concern in Toowong Bridge Club's financial position. There was a profit of \$35,000 partly due to grants applied for and obtained to assist in the flood recovery. Some of this has not been spent because the money allocated to fix the stumps under the building cannot be spent until the Scope of Work Plan is finalized. There are significant expenses coming up. Currently the Air Conditioning system is being investigated. It is over 20 years old and may need replacement. The Cashless System is working well.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report and Financial Report be accepted

Moved: David Sydes; **Seconded:** Ingrid Hartel; **Carried.**

6. Appointment of Auditor:

The Financial Report was audited without qualification again this year.

Motion: That the Auditor's Report be accepted

Moved: David Sydes; **Seconded:** Bill Heath; **Carried.**

Motion: That Super Funds Audit Pty Ltd, of which Barry Williams is principal, be appointed auditor.

Moved: David Sydes; **Seconded:** Jim Porter. **Carried.**

7. Election of Management Committee Members:

Jo Neary took the chair for election of President. Neil Strutton accepted his nomination and resumed the Chair. He announced that the position of Vice President was uncontested and Jo Neary was appointed. He then announced that the remainder of the of the 2022-2023 Committee were uncontested.

Motion: that the nominations be accepted

Moved: Neil Sutton. **Seconded:** Ingrid Hartel; **Carried.**

The **2023/24 Management Committee** is: President: Neil Strutton; Vice President: Jo Neary; Secretary: Caroline Nelson; Treasurer: David Sydes; Committee Members: George Cummings, Sue English, Irene Komen, Marsha Knoll, Janet Lovell and Margaret Prentice.

8. Approval for Disbursement of Honoraria:

The schedule prepared by the honorarium sub-committee was circulated.

Motion: That the schedule be adopted moved. Carried.

Moved: David Sydes; **Seconded:** John Cremona; **Carried**

9. General Business:

Bill Heath suggested the Committee could consider a paid Assistant to help with the management of the Clubs activities. QCBC and Northern Suburbs both have employed a part time Manager. As we seem to be a rapidly aging population it would be useful to look at ways to attract younger people into the Club.

These matters will be for consideration in 2023/2024.

Pam Tranberg suggested that it would be beneficial to have a thorough cleaning of the kitchen. Margaret Prentice and Pam Tranberg will advance this issue.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

Signed by:

Neil Strutton
President

Caroline Nelson
Secretary

Date: