

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 11 December 2013

1 Opening

A quorum of members being present, Chairman of Council Julian Foster took the chair and declared the meeting open at 6.31 pm.

2 Apologies

Apologies were noted from Colin Mitchell, George Finikiotis, Fraser Rew and David Reddel.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting (19 December 2012)

Motion (Rakesh Kumar/Bruce Neill) *That the minutes of the previous AGM be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Motion carried.

4 Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5 Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Annual Report had been circulated. The report included separate statements from the Chairman, Treasurer and Tournament Committee.

The Chairman highlighted the strategic review which had been instituted, culminating in initiatives such as a review of the Goulburn Street club operations.

The Treasurer noted that the profit for the year ended 30 September 2012 was \$3469, which was broadly in line with budget, although lower than the prior year due mainly to timing issues.

6 Election of Council office-bearers

6.1 Chairman

A nomination had been received from Julian Foster. There were no other nominations and he was declared elected.

6.2 Secretary

A nomination had been received from Richard Douglas. There were no other nominations and he was declared elected.

6.3 Treasurer

A nomination had been received from Helena Dawson. There were no other nominations and she was declared elected.

6.4 Five Ordinary Councillors

Nominations had been received from Lynn Kalmin, Bruce Neill, Warren Lazer, John McIlrath and John Scudder. They were declared elected.

6.5 Four Special Councillors

Nominations had been received from Graeme Payne (Northern zone), David Reddel (Southern & Western zone), , Louis Koolen (Outer Metropolitan zone) and Bruce Minchinton (Metropolitan zone). They were declared elected.

The Chairman thanked outgoing Councillor Fraser Rew for his work over a number of years.

He also thanked John McIlrath, now an Ordinary Councillor, for his efforts in representing the Metropolitan zone as its Special Councillor.

7 Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Motion (Julian Foster/John Scudder) *That Warren Robinson be appointed Honorary Solicitor of the New South Wales Bridge Association.*

Motion carried.

8 Appointment of Auditor

Motion (Helena Dawson/Julian Foster) *That CBC Partners be appointed Auditor of New South Wales Bridge Association Limited for 2013-14.*

Motion carried.

9 General Business

9.1 Chairs

A member asked that the type of chair used within the Goulburn Street premises be reviewed with a view to obtaining some chairs with more ergonomic varieties, particular chairs with better spinal support.

9.2 Club facilities

Enquiries were made as to any plans or initiatives underway to improve the Goulburn Street premises. The Chairman spoke further on the review underway. Members were invited to forward to John Scudder any suggestions for improving or refurbishing the club premises. Rakesh Kumar expressed strong support for the continuation of the Goulburn Street premises as an operating club and asked about the distinction between finances of the club and finances of the state body. The Chairman noted the comments and outlined the work underway directed towards gaining a better understanding of the respective financial positions.

9.3 Newsletters, bulletins and publicity

Rakesh also raised the issue of the NSWBA bulletin and the e-newsletter and expressed some uncertainty as to the target audience of each. The Chairman explained that it was blurred to some extent but broadly the e-newsletter has focused on congresses. He agreed that some greater clarity was needed and that further work would be done to achieve this. Strong support was suggested for the idea of electronic newsletters, with the e-congress bulletin receiving strong praise. It was pointed out that a number of older people really only look at printed material, which does however need to be attractively presented.

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 7.02 pm.