

NEW SOUTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 21 December 2016

1. Opening

The Secretary of the NSWBA declared that a quorum was present. It was noted that the Chairman of Council was not present and that in accordance with Article 16 of the Articles of Association it was necessary to appoint another member to chair the meeting.

Motion (Richard Douglas/John McIlrath) *That John Scudder take the chair.*

Motion carried.

John Scudder took the chair and declared the meeting open at 6.35 pm.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Julian Foster, Helena Dawson, Inez Glanger, Bob Sebesfi and Terry Brown.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting of 2015 Annual General Meeting

Motion (John Scudder/David Beauchamp) *That the circulated minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9 December 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.*

Motion carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

6. Annual Report and Financial Statements

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

The Chairman read a brief report from the Treasurer.

A video prepared by the Chairman of Council was shown. He drew attention to the work that had been done on segmenting financial information between the activities of the premises, events, the Sydney Bridge Centre sessions, and activities in relation to the role of the NSWBA in administering bridge in NSW.

He also drew attention to the proposal to adopt a new constitution. He pointed out the need for a number of technical changes to bring the constitution up to date.

Motion (John Scudder/Bruce Neill) *That the reports be accepted.*

Motion carried.

7. Special Business—motion to amend constitution

Notice had been given of a motion to adopt a new constitution.

Motion (John Scudder/Richard Douglas): *That the Company's current constitution (being the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the New South Wales Bridge Association Limited both dated 18 October 1963, and as amended) be replaced in its entirety by a new form of Constitution as circulated.*

Motion carried with a 75% majority.

8. Election of Council office-bearers

8.1 Chairman

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

8.2 Secretary

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

8.3 Treasurer

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

8.4 Five Ordinary Councillors

Five nominations had been received for the five positions.

The nominees were John Scudder, Warren Lazer, Rakesh Kumar, John McIlrath and Liz Sylvester and they were declared elected.

It was noted that two Councillors were retiring at this meeting. Cath Whiddon has contributed significantly to the Association's activities in promoting teaching and education. Sophie Ashton has helped to revitalise Monday evening sessions by extra promotion and by arranging for our top players to give talks prior to some sessions.

Cath and Sophie were thanked for their efforts.

8.5 Four Special (now Zonal) Councillors

Nominations had been received as follows:

Northern zone	Bruce Tier
Southern & Western zone	Kaye Hart
Metropolitan zone	Carol Sheldrake

Bruce Tier, Kaye Hart and Carol Sheldrake were declared elected.

One nomination had been received from the Outer Metropolitan zone, that of Helen Milward. However this nomination had not been received within the appropriate time.

This position will remain vacant until the new Council has the opportunity to appoint a nominee to this position at its first meeting.

9. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

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

Motion carried.

10. Appointment of Auditor

Motion (John Scudder/John McIlrath) *That CBC Partners be appointed Auditor of New South Wales Bridge Association Limited for 2016-17.*

Motion carried.

11. General Business

11.1 Volunteers

Bruce Neill on behalf of the meeting thanked Council and its volunteers for their efforts without whom the functions of the NSWBA could not be performed

11.2 Wing Roberts

Rakesh Kumar placed on record his appreciation of the work Wing was doing on marketing and publicity.

12. Closure

The meeting closed at 6.57 p.m.