

Redland Bridge Club Inc
AGM Minutes - Provisional

Saturday 5th March at 10:30am

APOLOGIES: Graham Applegate, Ian Argent, Jan Argent, Ria Bijker, Lyn Brown, Daniel Chua, Di Costin, Pauline Curtis, Sandra Devine, Leigh Dominikovich, David Earnshaw, Robyn Elsdale, Barb Flynn, Kevin Gilbert, Sue Gilbert, Steve Gillard, John Goodwin, Jenny Gorton, Robyn Green, Neal Healy, Gil Holmes, Myles Hourn, Clive Humphries, Marg Hunt, Bruce Johnman, Jene Jones, Di Laybutt, Myrna Levick, Barb Luxton, Barb Mackay, Dan Maher, Turgut Manli, Peter Marlborough, Jenny Mason, Cathy Mathieson, Chris Maw, Lisa Miller, Warren Moore, Donna Noble, Su O'Mahony, Anne Ormerod, Keith Ormerod, Heather Pollock, Phyllis Rankin, Barb Richards, Derek Richards, Sherrille Russell, Ronnie Tollemache, Wendy Tollemache, Lydia Tsamuras, Val Watkins, Di Whimp, Trevor White, Jan Whiteside, Brenda Wilson, Helen Zerphey, Sammy Ziada and Wilmy Ziada as per the Absentee Ballot register.

Moved by Betty Bowdler, seconded Bev Brecknell, that those apologies be accepted. Carried

PRESENT: Ros Putland (Chair), Janet Aldridge, Christina Bell, June Benson, Judy Blomfield, Fran Bourke, Betty Bowdler, Jenny Boxer, Bev Brecknell, Colleen Briggs, Shirley Burgess, Pat Carroll, Nigel Cleminson, Robina Cooper, Judith Corney, Graham Craven, Jan Deaville, Di Elliott, John Florence, Eric Geise, Deirdre Giles, Colin Gorton, Glynis Hendricks, Jane Horvath, Gary Jenkins, Kay Justice, Maureen Kelso, Ada Krawczyk, Max Latimer, Ross Laybutt, Dawn Lepinath, Daryl Lock, Glenda Lock, Carradine Lucas, Barb McGorman, Lois Mawter, Chris Mayfield, Greg Nolan, Molly O'Donohue, Sebastian Raciti, Trevor Rayfield, Gill Ross, Michael Souter, Deborah Thomas, Philip Thompson, Bev Tucker, Cec Tucker, Ben Whitehouse, Jim Williamson and Janelle Williamson as per the Attendance book.

The President, Ros Putland, advised that a quorum was present; the meeting was duly constituted and therefore declared open at 10:30am. Ros welcomed all Club members and thanked them all for their time in attending.

MINUTES OF 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held 6th March 2021

The minutes of the previous AGM were displayed on the notice board for one month after the meeting. Moved Mick Souter seconded Sebastian Raciti that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of meeting.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Nil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Ros Putland presented her report (attached) on the activities and operation of the Club for the twelve (12) month period since the previous AGM. There were no questions. Moved Jan Deaville seconded Robina Cooper that the President's Report be accepted.

Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Colin Gorton presented his report along with a statement from Daniel Chua, the Club's internal consultant (attached).

Moved Colin Gorton seconded Greg Nolan that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried

RECEIPT AND ADOPTION OF AUDITOR'S REPORT AND AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Moved Bev Brecknell, seconded Judy Blomfield, that the Auditor's Report and Annual Financial Statement for 2021 be received and adopted.

Carried

CONFIRMATION OF 2023 FEES:

The QBA holds its AGM in May so no decision on its levy will be available until afterwards. The Club has been advised there is no current QBA intention to increase its levy. The committee recommends that the Club subscription for 2023 remains at \$52.

The President advised that the committee recommends that the table fees remain at \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

Moved Ben Whitehouse, seconded Christina Bell, that the Committee's recommended fee schedule be accepted. Carried

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The President thanked the past committee members for their work and support throughout the year and paid tribute to the outgoing committee members, Robina Cooper (3 years) and Donna Noble (2 years). A presentation was made to Robina. The retiring committee members were acknowledged by acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE:

All executive and committee positions had been declared vacant on 4th March 2022 and nominations called for to fill those positions.

The four (4) executive positions each received one (1) nomination and declared filled. At the time nominations closed, there were eight (8) nominees for the six (6) committee positions available. Absentee ballot papers were made available for Club members for the two (2) weeks leading up to the AGM.

We received a total of sixty three (63) absentee votes and forty seven (47) votes from AGM attendees for the committee positions.

John Florence was appointed as Returning Officer. He had two scrutineers, Carradine Lucas and Barb McGorman to assist in the tallying process.

INSURANCE:

The President advised that Insurances for **Public Liability, Association Liability, Voluntary Workers and Building and Contents** are all current. The Certificates of Currency are available to be viewed on request.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

The President advised that the committee recommends Julie Pettit of JPA Tax as our auditor for 2022. Moved by Colin Gorton and seconded by Michael Souter that the committee's recommendation for 2022 auditor be accepted. Carried

MOTIONS ON NOTICE:

Greg Nolan moved:

Anybody who has not paid their fees by the end of January is to be charged table fees at the non-members rate of \$7/game until such time as they become paid up members.

Seconded Gil Holmes Carried unanimously

Ros Putland moved:

Any items of interest/concern, suggestions or comments that a member wants to bring to the attention of the committee must be in writing and given to the Secretary for consideration by the committee.

Seconded Deborah Thomas Carried unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The new President, Molly O'Donohue, commended the committee's performance throughout the past year stating they had faced problems and resolved them seamlessly as the member body wasn't always aware that any problems had arisen.

Ross Laybutt raised a question re a list of assets to be included in the Treasurer's Report. Colin (Treasurer) said he would be happy to provide a list of the Club's assets. Ros (retiring President) said a synopsis of the year's capital expenditure items was included in her President's Report. [The costs were: computers \$3,100; Treasurer's laptop \$741; the air conditioning and UV scrubbers \$63,000; Birko hot water unit \$898] Ros stated that the Secretary had put a great deal of effort into sourcing the best possible prices for the Club.

Redland City Council Lease -

Ben Whitehouse was asked to address the meeting regarding the proposed Redland City Council lease. Ben prefaced his delivery with a statement that as a retired solicitor with no current practising certificate or

legal indemnity he couldn't offer legal advice to the Club. He informed the meeting that the Club had approached four (4) law firms in Brisbane city requesting a quote from them to act on our behalf in reviewing the lease document and providing advice to the Club on the lease provisions. One (1) firm rejected our request outright. A second firm had provided a quote of \$15-20,000 for their services. No other responses have been received to date.

Ben voiced his concern over some clauses in the proposed lease and the fact that we have been offered a 10-year rather than 20-year lease.

Janelle Williamson asked if we should be looking at proceeding with the bathroom renovations in the face of the reduced lease term.

Carradine Lucas asked if there was a holding over clause in the lease. Ben said Katie Woodrow, a Council rep, had told him there is no holding over clause in our lease. The Council could change the locks on the clubhouse door if we don't have a valid, agreed lease by 30th June 2022. This is just one (1) reason, Ben said, for having legal representation.

With regard to our insurance, Ben stated that the building insurance has to be in the name of the RCC as owner with the Redland Bridge Club Inc as tenant. Questions arise then re who would be paid any insurance payout in the event of the building being destroyed by vandals, fire etc ... the RCC or our Club? Is the RCC compelled to replace the building?

Past President Bev Tucker informed the meeting that it took seven (7) years for the Club to repay the loans received from members to build the clubhouse. Ben stated that a 10-year lease could prove insufficient in the event that the Club incurs more capital cost in extending the current clubhouse and needs time to repay any loans incurred.

Michael Souter asked if we needed to pay solicitors as protection against hypothetical events.

Ben concluded with a statement that whether we engage a city-based or local law firm we definitely need help in understanding the implications of the proposed lease provisions and in negotiating the lease with the Redland City Council.

Committee election -

The returning officer, John Florence, reported that the ballots had been counted, cross checked and counted again. He said he was pleased to be able to present his statement that the following had been elected as members of the Redland Bridge Club Inc Management Committee for the 2022-2023 year:

Jenny Boxer
Nigel Cleminson
Jan Deaville
Glynis Hendricks
Michael Souter
Ben Whitehouse

The Elected Committee of Management for 2022 is:

President	Molly O'Donohue	Vice President	Sebastian Raciti
Secretary	Deborah Thomas	Treasurer	Colin Gorton
Ordinary Committee	Jenny Boxer	Nigel Cleminson	Jan Deaville
Members	Glynis Hendricks	Michael Souter	Ben Whitehouse

The new committee members were acknowledged by acclamation.

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The President asked for a motion for a date for the next AGM. Moved Cec Tucker, seconded Jenny Boxer, that our next AGM be held on Saturday 4th March 2023 at 10:30am in the Clubhouse. Carried

CLOSE: 11:30am

Confirmed: _____ Date: _____