

# **OLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB**

ABN 75 009 877 749

## **Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting Held at the Club Room on Saturday 28 September 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Attendance** – 44 members

**Apologies** – 54 members

### **Welcome by the Chair**

The President Eva Berger chaired the meeting, and thanked club members for showing their support by attending the 55<sup>th</sup> AGM and noted a quorum was present.

### **Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting;**

The Chair noted the minutes of the 2018 AGM had been affixed to the notice board for some time. The following motion was moved by Norma Cameron, and seconded by Grace Henry, and put to the vote: *“That the Minutes of the 2018 AGM be confirmed”*. The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

### **Annual Report of the Board**

It's that time of the year where we have the changing of the guard and the current board are all very excited to hand over to the new board, many of whom are here for the first time.

I value the advice and suggestions of the outgoing board and am pleased that some will remain on the new board to provide continuity.

This year for our congresses we introduced BYO lunches and it has proved very successful and has relieved the pressure off Jan Palm our kitchen coordinator and the kitchen staff, and the contributions that our loyal members provide make the occasion so special.

I would like to acknowledge all the dedicated volunteers, directors. Dealers, scorers, administrators, master pointers and volunteers in all other aspects of the running of the club, you make our club so successful, than you.

I will continue to support with advice, directing and mentoring when needed, but intend to concentrate on enjoying the game of bridge, a thanks to my partners that have been so patient during the years.

My best wishes to the incoming board, they are a dedicated group and I am sure they will serve the club well.

Eva Berger

### **Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2018**

Tony Berger presented the audited accounts, and reported that the club had a successful year and is financially sound. The profit for the year was \$48,863 compared with \$42,464 for the previous year. Without the proceeds from the communications tower the club would have incurred a loss of \$13,000.

During the year the Board voted to split from 100% term deposit to 50% term deposits and 50% hybrid shares and bonds. As a result the income from investments was increased by 60% over the

past financial year. Suggested that same strategy should continue in current financial year.

Tony said he wished to extend his personal thanks to Marlene Dwyer her assistance after he took over as Treasurer part way through the year. He also extended best wishes to the incoming Treasurer Linda Stanton.

The following motion was moved by Tony Pearlman, and seconded by Paul Brake, and put to the vote: *“That the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2018 be received”*.  
The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

### **Election of Directors/Board Members**

The Chair

- noted that the club was, in law, a Corporation under the Corporations Act, and Board Members were Directors of the Corporation
- noted all existing Directors/Board Members retire at this AGM, but were, subject to the Corporations Act, eligible for re-election
- noted that the number of candidates standing for election did not exceed the number of positions available.
- thanked all Members who were standing for election and introduced the proposed incoming

#### Directors/Board Members.

Director/Board Member & President	Julie Wicks
Director/Board Member & Vice-President	Odette Hall
Director/Board Member & Treasurer	Linda Stanton
Director/Board Member & Secretary	Margaret Bills
Director/Board Member	Tony Berger
Director/Board Member	Elizabeth Downer
Director/Board Member	Charles Howard
Director/Board Member	Colin Lewis
Director/Board Member	Jan Palm
Director/Board Member	Dot Piddington
Director/Board Member	Neil Raward

The following motion was moved by Juliet Rogers, and seconded by Trish Miller, and put to the vote: *“That each of the candidates to the Board be elected”*.  
The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

### **Discussing and voting upon motions proposed by the Board**

#### **Motion 1**

The following motion was moved by Norma Cameron, and seconded by Wendy Lemon and put to the vote: *“That Dot Piddington be granted Life Membership of the Club”*.  
The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

#### **Motion 2**

The following motion was moved by Tony Berger, and seconded by Sue Herse and put to the vote: *“That this meeting notes the existing delegates Margaret Pisko, Tom Strong, Dianne Hodges and*

*Leslie Sutherland of the Gold Coast Zone, established by the Queensland Bridge Association, and endorses the Board's decision to continue such appointments."*

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

### **Appointment of the Club's Auditor**

The Treasurer noted that the club's current auditor is Allen & Wolfe Auditors, and it was envisaged that such arrangements continue. The following motion was moved by Tony Berger, and seconded by Cheryl Hensel and put to the vote: *"That Allen & Wolfe Auditors be appointed the club's auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2019."*

The Chair declared the motion carried on the voices.

### **Discussing and voting upon members' motions**

The Chair advised that no motions had been received from members.

### **The meeting was then Chaired by the Incoming President.**

#### **Speech by incoming President**

Firstly, thank you Eva for a great year as President. It is more than a little daunting for a novice like me to even imagine I can fill your shoes. It is reassuring to know I can rely on your support and guidance.

It is quite an honour and a privilege to be elected President of this bridge club. Jeff and I first entered the bridge club in October 2013 and we joined as members in February 2014. We didn't know what we didn't know about the game of bridge, let alone all the rules and conventions surrounding the game. I'm not sure I know too much more now. However, I believe that to be a member of the board, you do not necessarily have to be a good player or an experienced player. As with previous boards and again with this newly elected one, we have a great team of people who bring a range of skills and hopefully we will continue to build on our reputation as being a friendly but competitive club.

I would like to thank the outgoing Board for their time and commitment in the past year. I would also like to thank our dedicated band of volunteers who give their time generously. The backbone of any not for profit organisation is the volunteers and we are always looking for more.

Each past year has presented challenges for the board and this year will be no different. All members are encouraged to submit to the board any ideas, suggestions or concerns so that they can be dealt with in the most efficient and respectful manner.

Thank you.

Julie Wicks

### **General discussion**

No matters were raised.

### **Close of meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting at 11.20 am.

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Chair of AGM

Julie Wicks

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