

**GREAT LAKES BRIDGE CLUB, Inc.**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the Clubhouse**

The meeting opened at 11.35am.

**PRESENT:** 37 members as per the attendance book.

**APOLOGIES:** 1 member as per the attendance book.

**CHAIRPERSON:** Dick Barry (President)

The Chairperson Dick Barry thanked all members for attending the meeting and called upon the Secretary Marcia Gaden to read the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved: Dick Barry. Seconded: Ken Bridges. Carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dick Barry presented his report, a copy of which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. He particularly acknowledged retiring committee member Daphne Yarnold for her continued service to the club in numerous capacities over many years. This was received with acclamation.

The report also included the club's pending trial of a digital system for paying table fees and if successful, to be extended to paying the Annual Subscription. This generated questions from the floor and concern particularly around disclosing banking details. Sylvia Goodwin who is setting up the above process, assured members that no bank account information would be required, merely the member/visitor tapping or swiping a credit or debit card as done at retail outlets. Cash transactions will remain in place for those not willing to participate in the digital process. The small charge by Zeller (the digital provider) will be absorbed by the club.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer Sharon Bull presented her report, a copy of which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

She advised that the club has received a grant of \$2,000 with which to purchase a defibrillator. Sally Stockwell asked whether there would be a process by which those not wishing to be resuscitated would have their wishes honoured. She was assured there would be a list clearly visible and accessible at the front desk for those not wanting active measures.

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted: Moved: Sharon Bull. Seconded: Ken Bridges. Carried.

**FIXING OF FEES:** The Annual Subscription and table fees will remain the same.

Dick Barry reminded members that the club's income is derived mainly from table fees and Associate Members Annual Subscription. Full Membership Annual Subscription money largely goes to the Australian Bridge Federation and the NSW Bridge Association.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:** The Chairperson declared all committee positions vacant and moved: "That Bob Gribble be appointed as Temporary Returning Officer" Seconded: Maree Brady. Carried.

Bob Gribble took the chair and declared as the number of nominations for office bearers received, equalled the number of positions available, that those nominated were deemed to be elected:

President:	Dick Barry
Vice-President:	Sylvia Goodwin
Secretary:	Marcia Gaden
Treasurer:	Sharon Bull
Assistant Treasurer:	Nicki Taylor