

TEA TREE GULLY BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Minutes AGM 4TH July 2024 6 Avoca St, Dernancourt

MEETING OPENED at: 12.30 pm by: Milton Hart

Our Patron Linda Alexander, Life Members and Members were welcomed.

1 APOLOGIES :- 41 members were present and 6 apologies were received.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A.G.M Held on 7th July 2023 had been circulated.

The minutes were read.

Jeff Roe moved that they be accepted, seconded by Neville Greenwood (all were in favour) and signed.

There was no business arising.

3 MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Held on 21st March 2024 had been circulated.

The minutes were read.

Maureen Lindsay moved that they be accepted, seconded by Jeff Roe (all were in favour) and signed.

Business arising was held over until after the Presidents Report which would likely address some potential questions.

4 PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Milton Hart presented a detailed report – a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Highlights included

- appreciation for the work of the Committee
- the focus on making TTGBC bridge an enjoyable past time
- measures to maintain current membership and attract new members
- the reintroduction of the Club Championship, Derek Ashworth Handicap and Len Thompson Handicap
- moving the Christmas Function to Clovercrest Hotel's Function Room and using this event to present our various awards and special event winners.
- Changing our U3A venue to the smaller and cheaper room 7
- seeking and achieving affiliation with SABF and ABF, which included the introduction of masterpoints to the club.
- Bill Roche is our SABF representative and Milton Hart the Masterpoint Secretary
- the affiliation process was completed mid April.
- our ongoing focus must be making TTGBC a friendly environment in which to play bridge and that maintaining membership is essential to our viability.

John Tzerefos moved to accept the report, seconded by Margaret Atkinson (all were in favour)

Business Arising : the predicted costs are proving to be fairly accurate although there is

likely to be some increase in ABF fees next year. Affiliation has reduced our annual insurance by a little over \$1000.

Peter Wood asked if we have had new members as a result – one definite, with 2 or 3 coming via U3A classes recently

5 TREASURERS REPORT

John Glenn presented his audited Financial Report (attached to these minutes) and Budget for the coming year. A predicted small loss for the completed year in fact resulted in a \$216.36 surplus. Next year there will be a loss of around \$1500-\$2000 as a result of the cost of affiliation and the purchase of masterpoints – this loss will be covered by accumulated club funds and was part of the affiliation proposal.

He also raised the possibility of the club becoming 'cashless' at some stage..

John Glenn Moved and Peter Williams Seconded that the report be received (all were in favour)

Business arising:

John Baker asked about interest rates on our term deposits – 5.08% on the larger one and 4.8% on the smaller.

There was some general discussion re cashless payments – a number reluctant to change but as everyone had a card they would probably reluctantly accept. Ross Frick noted that the Treasurer had a difficult job and handling, transporting and depositing a lot of coin added to it. The safety of collecting, holding money at home and then attending the bank should be considered. Elvira mentioned that cash remained legal tender.

6 ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES (not table fees) :

As part of his report John Glenn proposed, with the Committee's recommendation, that Membership Fees and Subscription Fees both remain at \$5 – all were in favour.

(he also noted that the Committee had agreed that table fees will remain at \$4)

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

CURRENT ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS THEN STOOD DOWN

Elvira Stewart-Frick took over as Returning Officer and called for nominations for the **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS** for the coming year:-

Patron : Linda Alexander was delighted to be asked to continue as Patron.

President: Milton Hart nominated : Bill Roche seconded : Jeff Roe

Vice President: Peter Greenwood nominated : Meg Popham seconded : John Baker

Secretary: Milton Hart nominated : Bill Roche seconded : Jeff Roe

Treasurer: John Glenn nominated : Milton Hart seconded : Ross Frick

Chief Tournament Director: Rob Branson nominated: Milton Hart seconded : Peter Greenwood

There being no other nominations, all were elected unopposed.

LIFE MEMBER

Milton Hart was nominated to be awarded Life Membership by Peter Greenwood, seconded Mandy Tomney. Peter outlined his involvement and contribution to the club since renewing his membership in 2005. Most of his work has been behind the scenes particularly in the introduction of Bridgemates, computerized hand dealing, auditor for a number of years and dealing with Government compliance and procedures throughout Covid. He also maintains the club website and is the tutor for U3A Intermediate Bridge classes – under the auspices of our club. A reluctant committee person, he nominated for President in 2023 and also took on the role of acting Secretary and is the Masterpoint Secretary.

A secret vote was conducted (requiring 80% member approval) – which was passed unanimously. Peter Greenwood presented the Life Member badge.

Milton spoke – he was surprised, but very honoured to receive the award. He thanked all of the members and said that everything he had done was because he had wanted to do it, not expecting any reward.

9 ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT

Milton spoke briefly, thanking all for re-electing him for another term.

His goals for the club remained the same – making TTGBC a welcoming fun place to play bridge and maintaining current membership as best as we can as well as encouraging new members.

MEETING CLOSED at...1.25 pm by Milton Hart

Signed as true record :