

TEA TREE GULLY BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

12.30 pm March 21st, 2024, 6 Avoca St, Dernancourt.

MINUTES

The meeting opened at 12.35pm.

The President welcomed all members present and also Linda Alexander (Patron).

He thanked everyone for putting their minds to the proposal before them.

The proposal has been driven by the need to maintain current membership as best we can and to attract new members – SABF Accreditation being one strategy in trying to achieve this goal.

Mandy Tomney assisted in Meeting record keeping and noting those present.

1 Present and Apologies

37 members were present

12 Absentee votes (and associated apologies) have been received

5 non voting apologies were also received (the relevant member list is attached to these minutes)

2 Business

To consider the motion recommended by the Management Committee: **'That the TTGBC Inc. apply for Affiliation with the South Australian Bridge Federation.'**

Bill Roche moved that we approve the above motion. Seconded by Peter Williams

Bill spoke to the motion – he was pivotal in raising the issue of masterpoints at Management Committee when he realised that people at other bridge events had said that they would not play at TTGBC because there were no masterpoints allocated. His hope is that we may attract players as their second or third (or even first) club. With an ageing member list he wants to be able to play bridge in 6 or 7 years time – we need to attract people 'turning 60, or even 70'.

Peter Williams spoke in favour – being affiliated and hence having an ABF number is not only recognition of bridge achievement, but also it is a welcome card into other bridge clubs throughout Australia and internationally. 'It is a way of belonging'. He also gave a basic outline of masterpoints.

There was also explanation of how masterpoints are allocated and paid for. Linda Alexander explained that once affiliated the allocation of masterpoints is computerised via our scoring software – the Masterpoint Secretary uploading the data monthly.

John Baker asked to clarify the economics – which were displayed on the white board – a copy is attached to these minutes.

key points – affiliation costs are currently \$29.90 per active player nominating TTGBC as their home club. Masterpoints also have to be purchased – estimate \$500 p.a.

Players can have only 1 home club.

The costs of affiliation are offset by ABF covering a lot of our insurance costs (not property) – current saving \$1000+ p.a.

The current Management Committee has no intention of raising table fees for some time – the additional costs of affiliation being covered by current club reserves.

Members are not being asked to pay anything out of their own funds.

A couple of members thought it would not be unreasonable to raise table fees to \$5 – this proposal specifically states that fees will not be increased for some time (although this is at the discretion of future Management Committees)

After discussion Bill summed up – adding that the SABF and ABF websites have a search function which displays affiliated clubs by location / state. He said the club can afford it and strongly recommended the proposal to members.

3 Voting

Peter Greenwood and Elvira Stewart-Frick were appointed Returning Officers and those present voted on individual voting slips. The votes were then tallied.

Result For 48 Against 1

Milton thanked everyone for their support, saying that the next step was to apply for SABF affiliation. He will keep members informed of progress on our website.

The meeting was closed at 1.05 pm

Signed as a true and correct record :

President