

# TASMANIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION INC.

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Bridge Association Inc. held at 5 Marine Esplanade, New Town at 12 Noon on Saturday 16 March 2019

**1. PRESENT:** Malcolm Sherlock (President) Duncan Abercromby, Susan Allingham, Tony Allingham, Catharine Bartonek, Rob Beattie, Irene Boulter, Maruta Boyd, Chris Carolan, Cynthia Christian, Cheryl Cooper, Dallas Cooper, Richard Cooke, Julia Corr, Merryl Darby, Sue Falkingham, Ann Gee, Edward Gee, Beryl Gelling, Margaret Gibbs, Maria Gibbs, Chris Girvan, Inge-lise Goyne, Keith Graver, Shirley Graver, Hugh Grosvenor, John Grosvenor, Mardi Grosvenor, Sarah Howard, Barry Kelly, Solveig King, Florence Lewis-Bryan, Kerry McKillop, Margaret McLachlan, Katherine Marsden, Gill Murdoch, Pam Murphy, Erik Parris, Jenny Penny, Betty Pilgrim, Valerie Polk, Engelina Poulton, Graeme Poulton, Julie Rhodes, Brendan Richardson, Maureen Richardson, David Robinson, Gill Robinson, Frances Russon, Alison Salter, Regina Share, Malcolm Sherlock, Brigitte Stoddart, Rita Talbot, Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Tyson, Jana Vernon, Wyn Webber.

### **2. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

The President expressed appreciation that so many members attended and for their interest in club matters.

**3. APOLOGIES:** Bert Forage, Lindsey Johnstone, Denise Jeffrey, Barry Taranto, Mary Ramsay, Jill Bale, Annette Bills, Dinah Jacobs, Barbara Giizel, Angela Little, Jane Edler, Helen O'Connor

### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 17 March 2018 having been distributed were taken as read.

MOVED THAT the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Betty Pilgrim

SECONDED

Pam Murphy CARRIED

### **Business arising from the minutes.**

- a) Problem of flies: This has been much less this year. Elimination methods investigated but none ideal. Further suggestions called for. An electrostatic flyswat will be followed up.
- b) Support for inexperienced players to attend interstate national events: the committee discussed and concluded there were already sufficient opportunities for extra experience at events within the state so the significant extra cost could not be justified.

## 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (circulated)

MOVED THAT the President's Report be accepted.

Chris Girvan

SECONDED

Frances Russon CARRIED

**Business arising** from the President's Report: Nil

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT (circulated)

The Treasurer pointed out the report separates local club and the state TBA finances.

*Local club:* good surplus again although less than in 2017 largely due to no sessions at the club rooms during the 2 weeks of ANC.

*State TBA:* Larger surplus this year mainly due to increased profit from Tasmanian Festival of Bridge and no requirement to fund Tasmanian ANC teams going interstate because of the 2018 ANC being in Hobart.

The Treasurer advised that the increasing need for additional space means there could be significant upcoming costs for expansion of the club rooms.

Jane Tyson noted that approx. \$16,000 pa would be needed again each of the next 6 years to support Tasmanian teams playing in interstate ANC.

MOVED THAT the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Dallas Cooper

SECONDED

Jane Tyson CARRIED

### **Business arising from Treasurer's report:**

Maria Gibbs asked whether consideration had been given to whether increasing the size of the club building could lead to significant lease payments to the HCC. The President explained the nature of the payments to HCC which makes a significant increase unlikely.

Tony Allingham asked whether membership numbers had changed. Not all annual

subscriptions have been paid yet but membership appears to be stable at approximately 415 with new member numbers balanced by non-renewals.

Brendan Richardson asked whether club numbers could be used instead of ABF numbers at club sessions. Hugh Grosvenor: This could be possible but may not be an advantage because players at more than one club would then have to enter different numbers at each site.

## **7. ELECTION OF HONORARY SOLICITOR**

MOVED THAT James Crotty be reappointed as Honorary Solicitor for 2019.

Maria Gibbs

SECONDED

Margaret Gibbs CARRIED

## **8. ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITOR**

MOVED THAT Geoffrey Morffew be reappointed as Honorary Auditor for 2019.

Simon Edler

SECONDED

Jane Tyson CARRIED

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

Nominations were received for the following positions. All were elected unopposed.

President	Julie Rhodes
Vice President	Lynne Cooke
Treasurer	Graeme Poulton
Secretary (shared)	Sue Falkingham co-secretary Katherine Marsden co-secretary
Master Points Secretary	Margaret Gibbs
Committee Members	Judy Bills Edward Gee Ann Paton Jana Vernon

*Julie Rhodes (incoming President) then took the Chair*

Sarah Howard proposed a vote of thanks to Malcolm Sherlock for his hard work and outstanding contributions as President.

The incoming and outgoing presidents also expressed appreciation and thanks for the

huge contributions of retiring committee members Hugh Grosvenor and Dallas Cooper.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

None received for discussion.

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a) Malcolm Sherlock (outgoing president) proposed that Hugh Grosvenor be awarded Life Membership in recognition of Hugh's invaluable contributions to the club as director, teacher and player. This was unanimously supported.
- b) Update on possible expansion of club rooms. Feedback will be sought from members through a survey about their needs and ideas for expansion of the club rooms and other ideas to improve enjoyment of bridge sessions.
- c) Club Administration Officer. A duty statement for a part time position is being finalised and will be circulated to the membership. The job will include web page maintenance and other administrative tasks.
- d) Annual subscription to the TBA will be unchanged.
- e) Table money increase. Playing fees will be increased to
  - full fee \$8
  - pensioner concession \$6.50. (applies for full and part pension card holders)
  - fee for second session in a day remains at \$3

Increase is first for 5 years and is to cover increased costs, increased directors' fees and to ensure there are funds, if needed, for the proposed redevelopment.

Erik Parris commented he now understands the reasons for an increase in table money and expressed appreciation of the excellent job that directors do to make bridge sessions very enjoyable.

## **12. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Regina Share suggested having named photos of committee members posted on the noticeboard to help other members identify them.

**The meeting was declared closed at 1245pm.**

Katherine Marsden  
Co-secretary