

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the MCC Bridge Club held in the Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 12pm

Present: See attendance records.

Apologies: Doug Bell, Andy Lee, Margrett Hardie, Alistair Minson, Tim Burke, Sue McPhail and Andrew Guy.

Proxies: As filed, if any.

Chairperson: Greg Critchley

A quorum being present, Greg Critchley welcomed those present and declared the meeting open.

Approval of Minutes of previous AGM: The Chairperson submitted a motion approving the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 16 November 2023 as a true and correct record. Proposed: Carmel Case, Seconded: Linda Willersdorf. Carried unanimously.

1 Chairperson's Report:

1.1 Greg Critchley opened his report by stating that he wished to thank the Committee generally and specifically as below for running the club smoothly throughout the year:

Cally Marks organized Inter-club games and provided the catering with assistance from Alan Godfrey;

Petille Von Bibra was responsible for membership which is steadily growing;

Rick Gaylard was the Secretary;

Andy Lee organized set-up and returns;

Alistair Minson looked after the Website; and

Sue McPhail was the Treasurer.

1.2 Greg then reported on several ongoing matters as follows:

1.2.1 Inter-Club events:

MCC had wins against RACV and Williamstown but lost against Kooyong and RSY.

1.2.2 Acknowledgments: Greg Critchley thanked Sue and Laurie Kelso, Elissa Cohen, Anna Fowler, Ben Kingham and all committee members for their valuable contributions and assistance during the year in making the bridge club such an enjoyable place for playing bridge.

1.2.3 MCC Bridge Congress 2025

Greg stated that an inaugural MCC Bridge congress was in final stages of planning for Sunday 2 March 2025 at the 'G.

Bookings were currently open at a cost of \$100 per head inclusive of lunch via my ABF with Parking at the 'G available on a first come first served basis.

More details will be provided in due course.

1.2.4 Questions from the members: Greg Critchley then called for any questions concerning the Chairperson's Report: As there were none, it was moved that his Report be accepted. Proposed: Chris Nixon, Seconded: Rosemary De Young. Carried unanimously.

2 Treasurer's Report:

2.1 The Chairperson in lieu of the Treasurer reported that the Club's finances are sound and the accounts have been audited for the year ended 31 March 2024 as per the accounts tabled.

For the financial year ended on 31 March 2024 there was a net operating surplus of \$4,201.31. Total Funds as at 31 March 2024 were \$26,834.15 [including the Term Deposit of \$11,377.50].

The Chairperson then called for any questions and as there were none it was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Proposed: Linda Willersdorf, Seconded: Ronella Stuart Carried unanimously.

3 Election of the Committee:

Greg Critchley noted that Rick Gaylard and Andy Lee Hardie are retiring from the Committee and that two nominations to join the Committee have been received from Murray Linfoot and David McKenzie to fill the vacant positions and whom were duly elected unanimously. As there were no other nominations for election to the Committee, pursuant to clause 4(g) of the Constitution, the continuing members of the Committee are deemed to be re-elected and so the new Committee will comprise Greg Critchley, Murray Linfoot, Alistair Minson, David McKenzie, Cally Marks, Sue McPhail and Petille Von Bibra.

4 General Business

4.1 In response to a question from Greg Baker requesting a status report on the state of the membership, Petile stated that the club has approximately 130 current members, 17 new members in the financial year ended 31 March 2024 plus an additional nine new members to date.

4.2 Greg then called for any further questions and as there were none, Linda Willersdorf thanked Greg and the Committee for their efforts in running the bridge club during the course of the year which was unanimously acclaimed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.40 pm

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