

BENDIGO BRIDGE CLUB INC. A00053972

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held

Monday 19th August, 2024 for the financial year ended 30th June, 2024

At

Long Gully Community Centre

Minutes

President Graeme Hegarty opened the meeting 11.30 a.m. and welcomed members present.

Members Present and Apologies

Members Present: Paul O'Hare, Graeme Hegarty, Carla Daly, Silvia Watson, Kaye Parker, Jennifer Goddard, Peter Goddard, Eamon Dempsey, Brigitte Agnew, Rosemary Phelps, Margaret Roberts, Bob Perkins, Di Dunlop, Mervyn Shapiro, Barb Pelly, Laureen Jinks, Pat Dungey, Barb Hyett, Cheryl Chant, Rosemary Monotti, Francis McGowan, Helen Tom, Merlyn Pritchard, Charles Young, Lorraine Dullard, Eva Geday, Janet Rogers, Ethne Ramage, Polly Shaw, Bernadette Wood, Vicki Banko, Cathie Shearer, Elizabeth Ranson, Jill Balaam, David Smith, Lorraine Ferguson, John Brown, Geoffrey Phelps
Apologies: Faye Searle, Rod Smyth, Ron Wescott, Glenda Burt, Wendy Bodey, David Yum, Sue Wheeler, Yvonne Forrest, Glenis Roberts, Trisha McGregor, Graham Forbes, David Conley.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the Annual Meeting held on the 14th August, 2023 in respect of the financial year 2022 – 2023 as circulated were confirmed. Moved Kaye Parker, seconded Vicki Banko. Carried.

Reports

President's Report

This year was challenging but with enormous help a successful one.

A sub-committee consisting of Eamon Dempsey, Polly Shaw, Geoff Phelps, Diane Dunlop and Carla Daly was formed to undertake the creating of a Code of Conduct for the club. After a number of versions were developed and input from members, version 3.2 was released early August. The Code of Conduct is on the Noticeboard for members to peruse. Thank you to all who contributed.

Tuesday night bridge has successfully been transferred to Wednesday night and proved to be a success going from 2 tables to 7 tables.

Thank you to Seb Wright and Ryan Touton .

Congratulations to club champion Seb Wright and to all other winners of club events. A special to our Directors for all their work. Also Eamon Dempsey for co-ordinating our bi-monthly evening dinners and our many members who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Extra Activities:

A successful Annual Congress was held in May at the Lakeside Hotel (a good venue). With the help of a grant from the COGB we were able to minimise our losses. Many thanks for the efforts of members and especially Barb Evans and her team.

The Ashes annual event held between Bendigo BC and Ballarat BC. The event was held in Bendigo this year with success going to Bendigo. An enormous amount of work was undertaken and special thanks go to Peter Goddard and Diane Dunlop for successfully running this event.

Retiring Committee:

Paul O'Hare, Geoff Phelps and Polly Shaw are retiring. They have all worked tirelessly during their time on the committee, and I would like to thank them very much for their efforts, they will be missed.

President Graeme personally thanked this years committee, especially Carla, for the extra effort and time she has given to the club.

President Graeme's written report was available to all members.

Laureen Jinks moved that the report be accepted, seconded Paul O'Hare. Confirmed

Club Director's Report for period 14th August 2023 AGM to the 19th August, 2024 AGM

A written report was available for members to peruse.

Club Calendar – Monday and Friday Club Pairs average about 10.5 tables per session, sessions in May attracted 13 tables

Tuesday evening sessions in 2023 struggled but a switch to Wednesday evenings in February this year doubled the numbers averaging 6 tables.

- Club Championships Teams averaged 12 tables
- Club Championships Pairs averaged 11.5 tables
- March - The Ashes – The event went very smoothly. Paul thanked Peter Goddard and Ron Westcott for devising and successfully implementing a new and fairer format for this event and one that can be run without the services of a professional director. Thanks also to Di Dunlop who was responsible for the venue and catering and to the many members who contributed to the success of the event.
- May – Club Autumn Pairs averaged 12 tables

- May – Congress A successful event
Thanks to Barb Evans we secured a grant from COGB with a caveat that meant that it was not available for an event held at a venue with gaming machines resulting in the Lakeview Hotel being chosen. We had 46 Pairs entries and 16 Teams entries. Despite the grant, these numbers were not enough to cover our costs. The search for another, less costly, venue for the 2025 congress has already begun. Thank you again to Barb Evans who should be recognized for her organizational skills.
- July – Club GNOT (Gold Point) heats. Despite the MSC devising a more flexible movement entries averaged only 9 tables per session. This could be due to the scheduling of the sessions coinciding with School holidays and a slight uptick in Covid cases.

Directors Panel and Dealing

- Currently the club has five qualified directors (Jennifer Goddard, Peter Goddard, Paul O'Hare, Ron Wescott and Seb Wright) and one director pending accreditation (Kerry Delcourt) – sufficient to cover our current program, although unfortunately one evening session in July we were without a director. Members willing to undertake training to become a director should contact the Club Director.
- Dealing Panel – David Yum, Graeme Hegarty, Paul O'Hare, Peter Goddard and Rosemary Monotti.
- Ron Wescott (Masterpoints Secretary) is also running the deal generating program each week. Peter Goddard and Paul O'Hare are his backup.

Hardware, Software and Club Website

- Our Bridgewebs website continues to be a flexible communication and booking tool but is a work in progress. Suggestions for improvements should be forwarded to the Secretary.
- In October 2023 a new laptop was purchased to replace the old Session Director's laptop, which was starting to wear out.
- In April, our dealer machine was sent away for service. The Castlemaine machine was made available for the two weeks ours was unavailable.
- A wi-fi extender was installed in the Leggo Room to improve internet and local network access.

Laptops, printers, Bridgemates, Dealer 4 dealing machine and LGCC network seem to be stable and fit for purpose.

Match Sub-committee

Current members of the sub-committee are Paul O'Hare, Peter Goddard, Ron Wescott and Jennifer Goddard. Thank you to Barb Evans who resigned in July 2024 and to all members for their valuable contributions to our deliberations and decision making.

On a personal note, I wish to advise that, after 6 years in the role, I will not be nominating for re-election as Club Director. I thank all members who have served on the MSC for their great support and guidance – and their hard work behind the scenes.

Thank you also to my fellow committee members over the years – we steered the club through some difficult times particularly during the covid period. Hopefully it will be plainer sailing into the future.

Paul O'Hare moved that his report be accepted. Seconded Diane Dunlop. Carried

Treasurer's Report presented by Geoffrey Phelps for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 2024

Assets

Current Assets:	\$ 26,763.12
Funds in Term Deposit:	\$ 300,733.44
<u>Fixed Assets:</u>	
Furniture and Equipment	
Est. value 13,239.12 less 5% Depreciation 661.96	\$ 12,577.16
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$340,073.72</u>

<u>Liabilities</u>	0
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Members Equity

Equity 1/7/2023	\$328,896.76
Plus Surplus 2023/2024	10,405.30
Plus change in value fixed assets	771.66
<u>Total Liabilities and Equity:</u>	<u>\$340,073.72</u>

Statement of Income and Expenditure – 1st July, 2023 – June 30th 2024

Income:

Table fees	10,677.00	
Tuesday	2,655.00	
Wednesday aft	1,200.00	
Wednesday eve	1,745.00	
Friday	9,893.00	26,170.00
Subscriptions	4,340.00	
Lessons	920.00	
Book Sales	125.00	
Christmas Lunch	839.00	
Ashes incoming	960.00	
Congress Incoming	7,500.00	
Badge Sales	265.50	
Total Interest Received	10,060.03	
COGB Grant (Congress)	2,000.00	\$53,179.53

Expenditure:

Consumables	2,442.28	
Printing and Phone	2,023.05	
Internet and Web hosting	100.02	
Events and Masterpoints	2,848.74	
Affiliation Fees	4,119.09	
Room Hire	10,515.00	
Trophies and Prizes	844.70	
Ashes and Expenses	667.13	
Library Books	182.88	
Congress	10,850.30	
New Equipment	1,533.62	
Catering and Functions	3,159.86	
Lessons Expenses	1,941.13	
Sundries	1,546.43	\$42,774.23

Excess of Receipts over Payments \$10,405.30

Comments by the treasurer: Surplus for the year ended 30th June 2024 was governed mainly by table fees, funds from term deposits and the COGB \$2,000.00 grant (Thanks to Barb Evans) Table fees are governed by the number of players attending sessions. Wednesday nights sessions have improved which is good for the club. More members attending sessions means more consumables e.g. Biscuits. Tea, milk etc. The committee approved the purchase at the best deal of two new computers. Catering functions – effort is made to obtain the best outcome. The Lakeside Hotel was chosen this year for the congress as they do not have poker machines (one of the COGB requirement for a grant)

The Treasurer thanked Laureen Jinks and Polly Shaw for their help during the year and particularly Cathie Shearer for all her assistance. Also the Committee and other members for the support given.

Treasurer Geoffrey Phelps moved that his report be accepted seconded Margaret Roberts. Carried.

Comment by Jennifer Goddard regarding the proposed rise in affiliation fees and should our membership fee increase.

Graeme Hegarty's comment was that depending on the amount it may rise the club should be able to absorb the cost or alternatively increase the membership fee when the increase is known.

Brigitte Agnew commented that the membership fee was increased in recent years in anticipation of the increase in affiliation fees but to date no increase has occurred. Ethne Ramage was assured that an extraordinary meeting could be held to cover a necessary increase to the fees.

Resolution 1. Set the annual membership subscription fee at \$35.00 for the year 2025-2026. Moved Bob Perkins seconded Elizabeth Close. Carried.

Auditor's Report to members 2024

Auditors Opinion: In my opinion and in accord with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards, the financial reports of the Bendigo Bridge Club (Inc) represent a true and fair view of the financial position as at June 30 2024 and the financial performance for the year ending June 30, 20234.

Polly Shaw moved that the Auditor's report be accepted seconded Barbara Pelly. Carried.

Resolution 2. Cathie Shearer moved that the review and audit of the financial records for the financial year 2024-2025 be undertaken by Andrew Watson. Seconded Peter Goddard. All in favour.

Question asked – is the auditor paid. Answer yes and the amount is included in sundries.

Resolution 3. The number of ordinary Committee members to be elected is 5 moved Graeme Hegarty seconded Eamon Dempsey. All in favour.

Election of Office Bearers

Graeme Hegarty invited Bob Perkins to the chair for the election.
Bob declared all positions vacant for the election of office bearers.

Election of President: Graeme Hegarty nominated by Rosemary Monotti.
As there were no other nominations Graeme Hegarty was duly elected.

Election of Vice President: Mervyn Shapiro nominated by Graeme Hegarty.
As there were no other nominations Mervyn Shapiro was duly elected.

Election of Secretary: Carla Daly nominated by Diane Dunlop.
As there were no other nominations Carla Daly was duly elected.

Election of Treasurer: Cathie Shearer nominated by Graeme Hegarty.
As there were no other nominations Cathie Shearer was duly elected.

Election of 5 Ordinary Members: Rosemary Monotti nominated by Janet Rogers, Diane Dunlop nominated by Carla Daly, Eamon Dempsey nominated by Graeme Hegarty, David Smith nominated by Graeme Hegarty, Seb Wright nominated by Graeme Hegarty (Seb is willing to act as Club Director) As there were no other nominations the above nominations for ordinary members were duly elected.

President Graeme welcomed the new Committee members and thanked the Club members for attending the meeting.

Rosemary Phelps was thanked for providing the afternoon tea.

Janet Rogers was thanked for her efforts with the Wednesday afternoon social group. Brigitte Agnew thanked the Education Committee. President Graeme thanked the members for efforts they make to assist with the efficient running of sessions.

Meeting closed at 12.03 p.m.