

## MOLLYMOOK BRIDGE CLUB INC

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CLUB ROOMS 127 ST VINCENT STREET, ULLADULLA, 12.30pm FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

**Chair:** President, Lauri Perino chaired the meeting.

**Present:** 20 members were present at the meeting - list attached.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from 16 members - list attached.

**Resolved:** That those apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of 2024 AGM:** A motion was moved by Tony Rolfe and seconded by Maureen Harrison that the minutes of the previous AGM be taken as a true record.

**President's Report:** The President read her report, as sent to members. She thanked committee members, Kevin Tant, Rae Duffy, Kim McElhinney, Lucy Robinson and Bob Jones for their support and work over the past year. She, in particular thanked the two retiring members, John Reid and Leigh Taylor, for their amazing work during the past year and acknowledged that they would be sorely missed. She also thanked the membership as a whole, as many of our members contribute in various ways to ensure the smooth running of the club.

**Financial Report:** The Treasurer, Kim McElhinney, included her financial report in the AGM papers sent to members, as well as a copy of the 2024 Balance Sheet & the 2024 Profit & Loss Statement. Kim referred to her report and noted the solid result for the 2024, primarily due to the subsidy received from the Shoalhaven City Council and the net result from our September Congress.

Ros Hughes suggested that the club should investigate making an application via the the NSW Club Grant website. Kim undertook to investigate the options available and report back to the committee. No other questions were raised.

Sue Bateman moved and Maureen Harrison seconded the acceptance of the 2024 financial statements and report.

It was resolved by the meeting that the reports be accepted as a true and fair record of the Club's financial performance for the financial year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

**Election of Office Bearers & Committee members:** A ballot was not required as there were 8 nominations for the Committee.

The following persons were declared elected: President: Lauri Perino; Vice President: Kevin Tant; Treasurer: Kim McElhinney; Secretary: Rae Duffy; Committee Members: Lucy Robinson, Bob Jones, Tony Rolfe, and Ros Hughes.

**Resolved:** A motion by Maureen Harrison, seconded by Leigh Taylor, was put to the meeting that the Office Bearers & Committee members be accepted. This motion was carried.

**Appointment of Public Officer:** Moira Heath volunteered to continue in this role. A motion to that effect was put and carried.

**Point of Discussion:** Lauri Perino, referred to a suggestion raised at the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 committee meeting: that our club should donate to local charities, if we make a reasonable profit in any financial year. Lauri recommended that the discussion should focus in three main decision points:

1. Should we as a club be donating to local charities?
2. What would be regarded as a reasonable profit (and what percentage should be donated)?
3. Which charities should be the beneficiaries of the donation?

Kevin Tant – suggested that no donations be made, but rather we consider reducing the table money fees for our members.

Tony Rolf – suggested that we should express a definitive percentage (10-20%) from our congress, or another specific event, as the amount to be donated.

Maureen Harrison – recommended we should donate.

Ken Harrison – referred to the model used by the Mudgee Congress whereby a local charity was involved in preparing their congress's lunches - whilst this was acknowledged as a great initiative, it would not be applicable to our congress, as ours is held in a licensed club. He also recommended that the club needed to ensure that sufficient funds were maintained to ensure the adequate maintenance of the club house and that donating was conditional on our club's ability to maintain its cash reserves.

Lauri asked the members present to indicate by a show of hands if the club should make a donation – a majority of 12 hands raised – majority agreed.

Discussion then flowed with respect to the other two questions – and there was general agreement that:-

1. The donation should be made only to a local charity.
2. Any donation should only come from any surplus from the MollyMook Bridge Club Congress (Dennis Gullan, Ros Hughes).
3. The charity should be chosen by the Committee and the name included as part of the Congress advertising (Tony Rolfe).
4. The amount to be donated would be decided by the committee after the Congress is finalised (Ken Harrison).

**General Business:** No other matters were raised and the Lauri thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1pm.

## **Present**

Lauri Perino  
John Reid  
Kim McElhinney  
Lucy Robinson  
Tony Rolfe  
Kevin Tant  
Sue Myers-Bateman  
Neil Duffy  
Jim Thomas  
Leigh Taylor  
Alison Betts  
Bob Jones  
Robyn Lardner  
Ken Harrison  
Maureen Harrison  
Dennis Gullan  
Glenice De Montemas  
Ros Hughes  
Sue Tooth  
Danica Nikolovski

## **Apologies**

Rae Duffy  
Ross Milbourne  
Liz Sylvester  
Peter Gill  
Val Reid  
Liz Baker  
Sue Jones  
David Lardner  
Jan Titcomb  
Graham Evans  
Barb Mansfield  
Sue Dillon  
Michael McTiernan  
Stephanie Badger  
David Badger  
Moirra Heath