

TEA TREE GULLY BRIDGE CLUB INC.

MINUTES AGM held 12.30 pm, 3rd July 2025

6 Avoca St, Dernancourt

MEETING OPENED at: 12.30 pm by: Milton Hart

Life Members, Committee Members and Members were welcomed.

31 members were in attendance

1 APOLOGIES :- Linda Alexander and 7 other members

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A.G.M held on 4th July 2024 had been circulated and posted on the website.

Moved to accept : R Branson Seconded : B Roche – Carried

Business Arising : there were no questions and no business arising

3 PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Milton Hart presented his report – a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Key points including:

- significant changes over the past 2 years especially affiliation and converting to a cashless organization have been seamlessly completed and are operating well. He thanked the Committee and club Members for their thorough planning and cooperation
- he reminded members that we operate on a completely volunteer basis and thanked those who contribute their time and effort in running the club – it is the reason that table fees are only \$4.
- we became 'cashless' in October 2024 – the change, along with electronic banking, has been well supported and has made the Treasurer's job more efficient and safer. He noted that Joh Glenn is retiring as Treasurer – he thanked him for his meticulous accounting and overseeing the transition to becoming cashless. He also thanked John for his support in the President's role.
- he noted that the club remains in a very sound financial position and does not expect table fees to rise in the next year or two.
- he reported that a new 3 year agreement to rent St Pius X Church Hall had been reached – commencing September 1st 2025 – with only a very modest rent increase.
- there has been an increase in Friday attendance this year
- he expects the club is entering a period of consolidation after the changes of the past 2 years, and that our most significant threat would be declining attendance

Moved to accept: B Roche

Seconded: M Lindsay Carried

4 TREASURERS REPORT

John Glenn presented his report. Key Points:

The club had an operating surplus of \$1,160.75 for the year. Additional income mainly related to increase Friday table fees and higher interest rates on term deposits. Savings were made on insurance where the Committee decided that it would 'self-insure'

property loss as the proposed premium was exorbitant for the value of the property covered – other insurance cover is via the ABF.

Increased costs were seen in affiliation and masterpoint costs – the first full year for these items. Eftpos fees were included for the first time.

The Assets and Liabilities report shows significant rent not yet billed at Dernancourt – (this has since been billed and paid in June).

Our net assets were \$43,152 at May 31 - \$1,160 more than the previous year.

His budget for the coming year suggests a loss of \$1,500 to \$2,000 dollars. There will be increases in rent and Dernancourt will be billing rent in advance instead of arrears.

Moved to accept:- S Alexander

Seconded: J Roe

Carried

Questions arising :

S Alexander asked about depreciation of assets such as the dealing machine – John advised that these had previously been written off because of their age

N Suganathan asked why affiliation costs had increased – this was because we only entered into affiliation agreements at the very end of the previous year with pro rata costs applying.

5 ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE :

John Glenn moved that Membership Fees remain at \$5

Seconded A Donsen

Carried

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Milton Hart moved that the Application Fee for club membership be set at \$0 – as it raised little revenue and was not applied uniformly

Seconded : J Glenn

Carried

The President then informed the meeting that while the Auditor can be appointed by the Committee, that a more transparent process would be for the Members to endorse an Auditor as it is their funds being monitored. Hence the appointment of Auditor would be part of the election of the new office bearers process this year.

OFFICE BEARERS STOOD DOWN

7 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS – Elvira Stewart Frick appointed Returning Officer

President and Secretary

nominated L Excell

Milton Hart

seconded M Atkinson

Vice President:

nominated M Popham

Peter Greenwood

seconded M Lindsay

Treasurer:

nominated M Hart

Audrey Donsen

seconded K Whiting

Chief Tournament Director:

nominated M Hart

Rob Branson

seconded B Sumpter

Auditor

nominated R Frick

John Glenn

seconded M Hart

All positions were elected unopposed with no dissent

8 ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT

Milton Hart thanked Members for his re-election and forecast a year of confident consolidation. He welcomed the re-elected Committee members and the new Treasurer.

He encouraged members to make the club a welcoming, supportive and friendly environment and to play as often as they can – but most importantly to have fun when they are here.

MEETING CLOSED at 1.07 pm

Signed as a true record :