

TEA TREE GULLY BRIDGE CLUB INC.

MINUTES AGM 12.30 pm, 2nd July 2026 6 Avoca St, Dernancourt

MEETING OPENED at: 12.30 pm by: Milton Hart

The President welcomed the Committee, Life Members and Members. 33 Members were present.

1 APOLOGIES received from:- Linda Alexander, J Roe, N Greenwood, H McLure, P and K Whiting and F Sampson

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A.G.M held on 3rd July 2025 have been posted on noticeboards and the website.

Moved to accept : R Durrant. Seconded C Davey Carried unanimously

Business Arising : there was no discussion nor business arising.

3 PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Milton Hart presented his President's Report.

He reported that we had experienced a stable year and thanked all of those who worked in various roles to make the club function. We have an efficient electronically supported, cashless club with table fees of \$4!

A highlight of the year was a team from TTGBC winning the Autumn National Rookie Teams event in May – this was a great achievement for the team members, but it also created a lot of interest in our club.

He reported that our bank funds had reduced by around \$2,000, but this was within expectations and that table fees should remain at \$4 for the coming year.

His main concern was that attendance was down 7.9% for the year – age and illness taking their toll. While quite a few people have tried transitioning from U3A classes, many find the step difficult – something not unique to TTGBC.

Members need to be aware of the barrier and be as welcoming and friendly as possible – but it is still a competition.

The very future of the club depends on attracting and keeping new members.

The Christmas Function is booked for December 2nd at the Clovey.

He encouraged everyone to make the coming year's bridge as much fun as possible and take any newcomers under our wings.

Moved to accept: R Frick Seconded: B Sumpter Carried unanimously

4 TREASURERS REPORT

Audrey Donsen circulated and presented her Treasurer's Report.

There was a \$1,932.73 deficit for the year which had been budgeted for.

Despite rent etc increases, this was quite a good result considering the reduction in attendances and hence table fees.

Interest income was up because two interest periods occurred in the 1 year.

Audrey said that she was happy with the accounting 'program' and was very happy being

cashless. She thanked Mandy and Sue for helping with Eftpos and encouraged others who may be interested in using the system.

Moved to accept :- S Alexander Seconded M Lindsay Carried Unanimously.

Questions arising : none – Elvira thanked Audrey for taking on the role

5 ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE (not table fees) : Milton moved that Annual Membership be maintained at \$5 - all agreed

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1 Ross Frick announced that Sally Rice was retiring from TTGBC bridge. He outlined her pivotal role in the club over many years. Significant roles were Chief Tournament Director for many years (which included manual scoring and handicap calculations) and then leading the transition to electronic scoring, dealing and setting up our web site. Sally also introduced Beginner Classes at U3A under the auspices of TTGBC. All members thanked her and applauded her contribution to the club.

OFFICE BEARERS NOW STOOD DOWN

7 ELECTION OF INCOMING OFFICE BEARERS – Elvira Stewart-Frick: Returning Officer

The following were elected unopposed

President and Secretary: Milton Hart

Vice President: Bill Roche

Treasurer: Audrey Donsen

Chief Tournament Director: Rob Branson

John Glenn had indicated a preparedness to continue as auditor – this was ratified by the Meeting.

8 ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT

Milton Hart thanked members for having the confidence to re-elect him as President. He encouraged everyone to have fun at bridge and to support any new players who may come to the club.

MEETING CLOSED at.....12.55 pm