

## **BAYSWATER BRIDGE CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on 31 August 2022 at the Bayswater Tennis Club**

#### **1. PRESENT –**

Sandy Sutton-Mattocks (President), Pat Allen (Tournament Manager and Chair), Bob Hawkins (Vice-President & A/Secretary), Kevin Outred, Mary Johnston, Don Sutton-Mattocks, Max Gerber, Linda Gilbertson, Colin Mellows, Martha Hampele, Laurence Cooper, Ian Goldsmith, Fra Crewe, Herbert Henrison, Daphne Outred, Pam Hawkins, Claire Tredget, Suzanne King, Jill Clarke, Irene Grasso, Pam Culloton, Alicia Zwaan, Kate Sayer, Jill Jenkins, Stephen Chang, Kath Bainbridge, Jean McSkimming

#### **2. APOLOGIES –**

Jacqui Kumkar, Alan Eason, Jenny Bennett, Violet Bacon, Joy Nichols, Kogie Naidoo, Teresa Kidd, Anne Philbey, Margaret Mead, Ivan Johnson, Carolyn Reed, Ed Reeves

#### **3. WELCOME**

Pat Allen (Meeting Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM**

Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 25 August 2021 – no business arising.

#### **5. TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Ian Goldsmith said that he believed the Treasurer's report should have more details and include a comparison of the previous year's figures. Also, an amount of \$1407.01 was too large to be listed as "other". Ian's comments were noted by the Chair. Colin Mellows (Auditor) advised that the requirements of a Tier 1 organisation (such as the BBC) are very basic. A copy of both reports attached.

#### **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Sandy said "2021 - 2022 has been an enjoyable year for our Club. Bayswater Bridge Club has now put down deep roots not just in terms of our great venue but as a fully-fledged thriving club due to the friendships forged, the partnerships strengthened and the abiding ethos of respect. It is because of all of you, our members, our committee and our directors that we continue to grow and flourish. 2022 is also a special year for our club. It is our 10th Anniversary and to celebrate we will be having a party on Wednesday November 16th with maybe some red point in the mix.

We have again weathered Covid and continued to be a viable club though a willingness to wear masks, stay away if we are unwell and to do all the right things to keep ourselves and our friends safe. We have even had a few parties along the way for Christmas and Seniors' Week.

Our Congress was a great success but I am looking forward to the day when we have more of our own club novices sharing the thrill of playing with members of the wider BAWA community.

One aspect that has taken a bit of a hit with Covid has been the number of lessons we have had. Sue Levy has taken several excellent lessons; thank you Sue. My last program was interrupted by sickness and storm warnings. Also, the fact that others have hired the hall prior to our session has made things a bit difficult. In the coming year we will organise Progressor and Advancer lessons for our members and beginner lessons for newcomers. We welcome all those who have joined our club from lessons here or at Trinity. They have added to the joy on Monday where Kevin, our "fun" Director makes them feel at ease.

As President, there are many people to thank on your behalf. First of all, our thanks go to all of our wonderful directors, Pat, Kevin, Caroline and to Don for helping and assisting when needed. We have secured a BAWA Director in David Burn who keeps us up-to-date with the most equitable movements. Many thanks go to all the committee members of 2021 – 2022. Bob and Pam Hawkins, Pat Allen, Kevin Outred, Caroline Reed, Alan Eason, Jacqui Kumkar, Don Sutton-Mattocks, Rebecca Parrott, Jill Jenkins and Herbert Henrison. I would especially like to mention Alan Eason, our retiring Treasurer, and thank him for

the super job he has done. Alan is overseas at the moment but will receive our thanks later at the Anniversary celebration.

Thanks also go to Pat for her many roles in the club - Tournament Manager, Club Delegate, and Congress Convenor; to Caroline for her work with membership and Masterpoints, and to Bob and Pat with setting up Pianola. It is great that we now have a more efficient email system for communicating with members. Thanks to Pam and Jacqui for ensuring we have a well-earned coffee break; the band of helpers setting up and bumping down including the vacuum cleaners extraordinaire, Murray Sutherland and Ed Reeves. Thanks to Kaye and Stephen for recycling. Our club runs like clockwork because of their efforts. Thank you to the members for being so positive and caring."

#### **7. PATRON'S TROPHY**

Sandy said "It is now a pleasure to award the Patron's Trophy in our special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year 2022. The Patron of our club, Alexandra Russell, an international player who played for Australia, mentioned a lot of things as we were setting up the Bayswater Club. Playing with her over the years at various clubs we gleaned from her a sense of what makes a club wonderful: fairness, equality, respect and joy. Sandra mentioned that it is not always the constant winners that make a club flourish. Winners have recognition and rewards intrinsic to the winning. Sandra believes that a club is made strong by the members who turn up quietly to do the work and do more than what is expected. They are the real heroes and she asked that the trophy she donated would be awarded to those special people in recognition of their efforts. This year the Patron's trophy goes to a very worthy recipient, Max Gerber, a worker extraordinaire over most of the decade. I know he used to help out the state swimming and I can just imagine the work he would have taken on there to make things run smoothly as I have seen him in action at bridge. And action it is! Every session Max has arrived early, set up tables, moved chairs, carted equipment, set up urns, put out the bidding boxes and side tables – anything he is able to do. He has been on the committee, organizing publicity banners, and keeping an eye on the Little Aussie Directory for advertising our club. Max has entered competitions, and with Linda Gilbertson has won book prizes in the Australia Wide Pairs, bridge books which they generously shared with the club to help those taking lessons. Max is a much loved and respected member of our club and we thank him from the heart for all his work and kindness over the years. Congratulations, Max Gerber Patron Trophy Recipient 2022."

#### **8. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE**

The Returning Officer, Don Sutton-Mattocks took the chair. The following were elected unopposed:

- President – Kevin Outred, nominated by Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, seconded by Pat Allen.
- Vice- President – as there were no nominations for the position it was left vacant.
- Secretary – Bob Hawkins, nominated by Kevin Outred, seconded by Pat Allen.
- Treasurer – Herbert Henrison, nominated by Kevin Outred, seconded by Pat Allen.
- Tournament Manager – Pat Allen, nominated by Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, seconded by Kevin Outred
- House Manager – Jacqui Kumkar, nominated by Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, seconded by Don Sutton-Mattocks
- Masterpoint Secretary – Carolyn Reed, nominated by Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, seconded by Don Sutton-Mattocks
- Committee – Pam Hawkins, nominated by Don Sutton-Mattocks, seconded by Pat Allen
- Committee – Jill Jenkins, nominated by Don Sutton-Mattocks, seconded by Pat Allen
- Committee – Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, nominated by Kevin Outred, seconded by Pat Allen
- Committee – Don Sutton-Mattocks, nominated by Pat Allen, seconded by Kevin Outred

#### **9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Colin Mellows agreed to be the Club's Auditor for 2022-2023 – accepted unanimously.

#### **10. ACCEPTANCE BY NEW PRESIDENT**

Kevin stated that he was happy and humble to accept the position of President. He expressed his appreciation for the great job that Sandy had done as President over many years. Kevin states his main intention is to continue growing the Club and asked all members to speak up if they had anything to say at any time.

## **11. MEMBERSHIP AND PLAYING FEES 2023**

Kevin Outred moved that the fees for 2023 remain unchanged – i.e., Full membership \$60 pa and Associate Membership \$30 pa. Seconded by Pat Allen – motion passed.

## **12. GENERAL BUISNESS**

12.1 Motion presented by Barry Etherington, seconded by Audrey Hamilton: *“that the players play in the actual North South East and West positions at the table. For example, North would sit closes as practical to the North position which is with the back facing the upstairs veranda and face facing Murray Street”*. Unfortunately, Barry was unable to attend the meeting but supporters of his motion indicated that Barry’s real intention was to revert to the old positions, although his motion did not say that. After some discussion Barry’s motion was put to the meeting and was lost (5 for the motion, 22 against) on a show of hands. Max Gerber moved a motion that sitting positions revert to those used previously, seconded by Linda Gilbertson. The motion was put to the meeting and was lost (5 for the motion, 22 against) on a show of hands.

12.2 Kevin requested that he, Herbert Henrison and Ian Goldsmith meet to examine the Club’s records to allow for a comparison of income and expenses between 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 to be made.

Meeting concluded at 12.05pm