

## **BAYSWATER BRIDGE CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held on 13 September 2023 at the Bayswater Tennis Club**

#### **1. PRESENT –**

Kevin Outred (President), Bob Hawkins (Secretary), Pat Allen (Tournament Manager), Carolyn Reed (Masterpoints Secretary), Herbert Henrison (Treasurer), Sandy Sutton-Mattocks, Don Sutton-Mattocks, Colin Mellows, Grainne Friel, Max Gerber, Martha Hampele, Barry Etherington, Stephen Chang, Daphne Outred, Fra Crewe, Anne-Marie Mendis, Robert Smythe, Suzanne Smythe, Ian Goldsmith, Suzanne King, Murray Sutherland, Annette Burke, Audrey Hamilton, Alan Eason, Noleen Eason, Martin Kumkar, Jacqui Kumkar, Jill Clarke.

#### **2. APOLOGIES –**

Violet Bacon, Kogie Naidoo, Kaye Murray, Robyn Strom, Jill Jenkins, Alicia Zwann, Kath Bainbridge, Anita Johnson, Pam Hawkins, Sue Levy

#### **3. WELCOME**

Kevin Outred (Meeting Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

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

Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 31 August 2022.

Ian Goldsmith stated that in relation to point 12.2 no formal meeting had taken place between he, Kevin Outred and Herbert Henrison. Kevin acknowledged that this was correct but that he had discussed Ian's concerns with him and they had been taken into account when the Committee had examined the Club's financial records.

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

The Treasurer's Report (combined with the Notes to Financial Report June 2023) and the Auditor's Report were tabled. Ian Goldsmith stated that if financial records are to be kept on a cash basis, then accruals should not be included. After some discussion between Ian, Collin Mellows (Auditor) and Herbert Henrison (Treasurer) Kevin agreed to take Ian's comments on board and discuss at the next Committee meeting. Barry Etherington moved that the reports be accepted, seconded by Carolyn Reed – motion passed.

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

Kevin thanked everyone for their support over the year (including a harmonious committee) who had made his job that much easier. The Club was in a strong financial position and its members had grown slightly from 76 (in 2022) to 80 (in 2023) when some clubs in Perth were struggling to survive. He paid respects to Irene Grasso who had passed away during the year and also to Kaye Murray who continued to attend sessions whilst fighting the 'big C'.

Kevin believes that the Club has maintained its goal of being a friendly, competitive club. New members like the spirit of the club. Monday sessions continue to grow, up from 6-7 tables at the start of the year to 10 tables at present. Wednesday session numbers have held their own after the effects of Covid and despite a number of members being absent on extended travels.

Lessons have helped considerably and he thanked Sandy for her efforts in that regard. Also thanked David Burns for his recent lessons which were well received. Kevin compared the effect of lessons helping to increase members here whereas at Maylands (where no charge is made for lessons as they are held in the public library) there is very little pull through to membership. Obviously, the financial commitment to paid lessons is a benefit.

The wine tasting evening held recently in support of the Smith Family was a great success and many thanks to the hard work of Jacqui Kumkar who did a fantastic job in putting the event together. So

much wine was ordered on the night that Vintage Cellars gave us a rebate of \$220 instead of charging us \$600 to put on the event. As such \$3880 was raised allowing the View Club to sponsor an additional child – now sponsoring 11 children. The Tennis Club was also thanked for allowing us the use of their premises free of charge.

Kevin also thanked Pat for her efforts with the Club's Restricted Congress. This year's Congress attracted 38 pairs (up from 24 last year) and turned a profit of \$654 and last years' disappointing loss of \$208.

#### **7. DECLARATION OF BALLOTS FOR ELECTION.**

Kevin handed the meeting over to Pat Allen (Returning Officer). Pat asked if anyone at the meeting wanted to nominate any member for any position (other than the nominations already lodged with the Secretary – there were none. At this point Don Sutton-Mattocks withdrew his nomination for the Committee due to ill health.

As there was only one nomination for each position on the Committee Pat declared the following members were elected unopposed:

- Kevin Outred – President
- Murray Sutherland – Vice-President
- Bob Smythe – Secretary
- Herbert Henrison - Treasurer
- Carolyn Reed – Tournament Manager
- Suzanne Smythe – Membership Secretary
- Jacqui Kumkar – Committee
- Sandy Sutton-Mattocks – Committee
- Jill Jenkins – Committee

#### **8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Colin Mellows agreed to be the Club's auditor for 2023-2024 – accepted unanimously.

#### **9. MEMBERSHIP AND PLAYING FEES FOR 2024**

Kevin Outred moved that the membership and playing fees for 2024 remain unchanged. Seconded by Carolyn Reed – passed.

#### **10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**10.1 linet** – It was pointed out that linet are ceasing to run their current email service from the end of November. All members who use that domain should advise the Club of their new email address so that they continue to receive emails from the Club.

**10.2 Patron's Trophy** – Bob Hawkins was awarded the Patron's Trophy for 2023 for his work as Secretary of the Club over the last 2 years.

**10.3 Tournament Manager** – Kevin Outred praised the work of the outgoing Tournament Manager – Pat Allen, who has held the position for 6 years. His remarks were supported by Sandy Sutton-Mattocks who praised Pat's work, including her attendance at BAWA meetings, directing at club sessions and helping the Club through the Covid 19 era.

**10.4 Inexperience Players** – Ian Goldsmith stated that some players, at the Monday session, are bidding incorrectly, asking questions during play etc and are obviously unaware of correct protocols. Sandy Sutton-Mattocks volunteered to write a screed to send to all members. Kevin Outred said that the incoming committee would take note of Ian's concerns and discuss at their next meeting.

**10.5 New Membership Form** – Carolyn Reed mentioned that the Club will soon be using a new membership form asking 2 additional questions – will be introduced once approved by the Committee.

Meeting concluded at 12.05pm

