

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

**HELD ON SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2004 AT 10.30AM**

### **PRESENT:**

53 members were present

### **APOLOGIES:**

The apologies as tabled were accepted and sustained.

W Benefield, R Watt

**AGREED**

**MINUTES** of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 16 November 2003 and the minutes of the Special General Meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> 2004 were accepted as a true and correct record.

S. Cornell, W Benefield

**AGREED**

M Elliott asked for the legal costs and advertising costs incurred last year. Legal costs were \$500.00 and advertising costs \$1100.00 including GST.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Jo Clark presented and tabled her report which was then adopted.

R Filler, F Muller

**AGREED**

There were no matters arising from this report.

A change in the order of the agenda was requested by J Clark to have the election of Officers and Committee brought forward.

**AGREED**

### **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE.**

**President** Jo Clark

**Vice-President** Gillian West

**Treasurer** Brett Hart

### **COMMITTEE**

There are five vacancies for committee members with only two nominations being received: Paula Boughey and Jennifer Peryer were elected.

Nominations for the three vacancies remaining were requested from the floor.

Neal Phillips T Lange, C Wilson

Wayne Benefield F Muller, T Lange

Felicity Hannay L Watt, P Boughey

Owen Hayward B Hart, J Foley

Scrutineers were T Ryan and B Peryer

J Clark thanked the outgoing Committee: D Ibell, J Barnard, H Brown and S Ross for all their work.  
Applause.

### **TREASURERS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

Overall, the year's activities have resulted in a satisfactory profit of \$29503 which is well ahead of budget and last year. Total costs before depreciation were practically identical with last year, although within that there are variations both up and down. Income however has increased from \$241,677 to \$273,603, which is obviously where the improvement has come from.

Items worthy of comment are:

**Grants Increase \$4632**

During the year, grants were received from two hotel charities, which covered the costs involved in purchasing a new gas stove, two refrigerators and a motor mower.

**Rent Received                      Increase \$14924**

This outcome is a result of the increases usage by existing tenants

**Table Money                      Increase \$17474**

There was an increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per session effective from January 2004. In theory, this should have meant an increase of around \$25,000 for the year but due to declining table numbers this target was not reached.

**Subscriptions                      Decrease \$2,962**

Full paying members are now about 780, which is a decrease of 50 compared with last year. As the subscription rate did not change there is a corresponding loss of income.

**Printing, Stationery & Postage      Increase \$5,392**

Most of this increase relates to additional costs incurred on the current years Programme Book and Newsletter which was prepared by a printer rather than photocopying.

**Wages                                  Decrease \$8,905**

Administration Wages are down by \$15,396, as Julie is working less hours and last year included a payment to Pauline. Other categories have all increased slightly.

**Maintenance**

There is a need for provision for repairs and maintenance as there is substantial on-going maintenance required in the future.

The Financial Accounts were adopted and approved:

B. Hart, D. Ibell

**AGREED**

**CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR**

Moved that **BKR Walker Wayland** be appointed Auditors for the following year.

D. Ibell, B Hart

**AGREED**

**REMITTS:**

**No remits were received.**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES**

**No change to the club fees, but there would be an increase in the levy to \$16.00**

The subscriptions for the coming year 2005 be:

**Full                                      \$91**

**Associate                              \$36**

**Junior                                    \$30**

Noted that the discount on the full subscription still applies.

**ENTRANCE FEES**

That the entrance fees remain at \$40. This does not apply to those members joining through the classes.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Beginners:**

C Wilson reported on the proposed changes to the Monday night session in an endeavour to retain more beginners. Play would finish earlier with a question and answer session at the end of the session and a bar/ continuous tea and coffee. S Cornell suggested supervised duplicate sessions, and F Muller suggested a panel of mentors.

R Moody complimented C Wilson on her report and efforts.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE**

The scrutineers returned with the ballot result.

Elected            N Phillips  
                         F Hannay  
                         O Hayward

Moved that the ballot papers be destroyed.

**J Clark, G West.**

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

G West reminded the meeting that it was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2006. It should be a time of remembrance and celebration. A lot of help and support from members would be required.

## **Table Money:**

R Moody and W Benefield submitted the following as a remit. This was not a constitutional matter, but the AGM could recommend the proposal to the incoming Committee:

“I wish to submit the following remit that “ the table money for daytime players be reduced from \$5.00 to \$4.00””

This was proposed to actively encourage older members to attend.

At \$4.00 per table the Club would need 25% more attendance. In addition to this, the rates are currently over \$20,000.00 for which we get a rebate of 75%. However, this has to be applied for annually from 2006, with no guarantee of receiving any remission.

T Ryan suggested that rather than reduce the table money it may be preferable to subsidise transport to the Club.

## **THANK YOU**

W Benefield stated that he was greatly heartened by the outstanding work of the Executive and new members of the Committee. He proposed a vote of thanks to P Carter, J Atkinson, and the Committee.

F Mueller thanked J Atkinson for the talks at the end of play on Monday afternoons.

J Clark thanked all the volunteers who made discussions possible before the start of play on Wednesday evenings.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 12 noon.