

**ILLAWARRA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017
MINUTES**

25th November 2017

WELCOME

President Carol Jeffs welcomed all present. The meeting began at 12.45 p.m.

PRESENT

Cathy Ashcroft, Joan Bell, Pat Berry, Tine Boddeus, Jeff Carberry, Grant Cowen, Stuart Cutsforth, Antoinette Dippenaar, Steve Dynan, Carolyn Graham, Peter Graham, Jan Greenlees, Lily Gulati, Kaye Hart, Penny Howes, Joyce Hoyle, Liz & Steve Hurley, Pat Hussey, Carol Jeffs, Sue Kennedy, Malcolm & Carol Kerr, Inci Khouri, Judy Kingston, Rob Kinloch, Renate La Marra, Jill MacRae, Ken Mclvor, Hugh McGinty, Ngaire Meehan, Peter Muller, Aileen O'Brien, Marie O'Neil, Marie Pickering, Betty Pieters, Keith Pittaway, Nola Potter, Jill & Larry Regterschot, B Rewers, Andrew Smith, Lindsey Smith, Kay Snowden, Ken Soldi, Gae Southwell, Margaret & John Spira, Cathy Vojtech, Cheryl Waters

APOLOGIES

B.Overington, T.Wright, R.Wright

PROXIES

To Jill MacRae:	Bob Chadban, Gary Kennedy, John, Heazy, Lily McCabe, Jenny Muscio
To L.Smith:	Anne Macinnes, Jon Smith
To B Rewers:	Robert Mathie, Carol Basserabie, Annette Bouwens, Barbara Overington
To Penny Howes:	Janet Gillespie, Brian Hazell, Michael McCabe, Denise Auboury, Bruce Loomes
To Ken Mclvor:	John Roodenrys, Ingrid Mooney, Neville Mooney, Tony Wright
To Ngaire Meehan:	Sue Southern, Lorna O'Leary, Liz Cusack, Roslyn Lilburn.
To Joyce Hoyle,	Rod Smith, Steve Dynan, David Pook, Fran Lyons, Martyn Hopkins.
To Antoinette Dippenaar:	Mike Morphett, Avis Andrews, Moira Cunningham, Paulette Hill, Kay Darlow.
To Lily Gulati:	Piyadasa Kitulagadage.
To Jeff Carberry:	David Higgins
To Renate La Mara:	Ruth Neild, Sue Bochan.
To John Spira:	David Lyon.

MINUTES of meeting the 2016 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Moved Lily Gulatti; seconded Liz Hurley

REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Presidents Report. Carol added to her written report that she was stepping down as President. She gives her full support to Jill MacRae and thanked the committee for its support in the last three years.

Penny Howes spoke to the **IBAND Report**, that IBAND had grown well in the last year and acknowledged particularly the tireless work of Barbara Overington and Rob Mathie. Friday session in particular has grown to capacity.

Marie Pickering spoke to the **Business Plan Report** that the club membership had grown substantially mostly as a result of the successful teaching sessions by Jeff, Ken, Jill and Fran Lyon. Plans progress for teaching in high schools with Smith's Hill first to begin in the new year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeff Carberry spoke to the financial Report acknowledging the great job done by retiring treasurer Tony Wright. With rising membership and attendance, income has increased and club finances are in excellent shape.

ELECTION

The chair was taken by Rob Kinloch. He thanked the members of the committee for their hard work during the preceding year.

- President: Jill MacRae elected unopposed
- Vice president: Marie Pickering elected unopposed
- Secretary: Lindsey Smith elected unopposed
- Treasurer: Ngaire Meehan elected unopposed

Election of Ordinary Members required a secret ballot for six out of eight candidates. Stuart Cutsforth and Renate La Marra were appointed as scrutineers. Rob read out the names of the candidates and the activities each already performed in support of the club.

Jeff Carberry requested the floor. He announced that he was stepping down from the Management Committee and his name should be deleted from the ballot paper. He also wished to speak to the record of the retiring President Carol Jeffs. In the three years since Carol stepped into the President's job with no previous experience on the committee, the club has achieved a great deal: Establishment of the Tournament Committee; The new lease; Large increase in members; Increase in bank balance; Lessons by Joan Butts, Bridge for Brains night; New honour boards and curtains. And Carol wishes to continue to serve as a member of the committee.

Kaye Hart requested the floor and reported on the events from the Board of the NSWBA to which she is IBA representative. She thanked the club for her

renomination of her to the role and its ongoing support. She and Jeff have been travelling NSW visiting other clubs in country NSW and Country Teams Tournaments. She can congratulate the IBA for its continued growth when most other clubs are in decline.

RESULT OF THE VOTE FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS:

Elected are: Phil Barker, Julie Cowling, Carol Jeffs, Ken McIvor, Barbara Overington, and Cheryl Waters.

Jill MacRae, as new president, took the chair along with the new executive. She thanked the old committee and welcomed the new, especially Marie and Ngaire who, are stepping into the important jobs of VP and Treasurer. Also the 'new blood': Julie, Phil and Cheryl whose youth and enthusiasm are vital for the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Questions or comments were elicited for consideration in the coming year

Pat Berry asked if Figtree High had been approached to have bridge lessons. Marie answered that it was a matter of sufficient teaching staff. Liz and Steve Hurley indicated that they might be able to assist.

Meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.