

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TOOWONG BRIDGE CLUB HELD AT THE
CLUB HOUSE ON JUNE 16TH 2012 AT 11 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE: 41 as per attendance book

APOLOGIES: 94 as per the apologies book.

WELCOME: The President, Mr Barry O'Donohue, welcomed all to the AGM and declared the meeting open. He asked the secretary to confirm if there was a quorum present. As the answer was in the affirmative, he began the meeting and

Moved: "that the apologies be accepted ", Seconded by Ann Griffin **Carried.**

MINUTES of the 2011 AGM

Moved: Anne Griffin "that the minutes as circulated and corrected be approved" seconded by Di Swan **Carried**

President's report: as this had been circulated to all, he decided not to read it in full.

He made reference to the smooth working of the committee; that an Education sub-committee and a Marketing sub committee had been formed.

Barry **moved** for the adoption of his report seconded by Tove **Carried**

TREASURERS REPORT

Margaret Prentice read her report in full and updated the meeting on the current situation.

She made reference to the start up of the Kenmore club having affected our membership.

Honoraria – a full disclosure made of these amounts and these to be ratified at this meeting.

Margaret thanked Sue Eix for all the work she has done for the club.

She also thanked Faye Stevenson for making the successful submission for the grant from the Brisbane City Council after the floods and Diane Swan for filling in while she had been on holiday. Also the two bankers Barbara Kent and Judy Frazer were thanked for the work they did.

Moved Ann Griffin "that the treasurer's report be accepted." Seconded by D Swan **Carried**

Question on the insurance by Lee Rogers "do we have flood insurance?" the answer was "yes"

Margaret raised the subject of the **Honoraria** -

The Honorarium sub committee met and decided that the amounts should stay the same. That the sub-committee should examine the amounts each year.

Comments on the subject from the floor of the meeting included:

- Are the committee underpaid?
- \$13000 is very little compared to a managers salary
- Someone considered that the amounts were grossly excessive.
- Expenses are paid on the presentation of receipts.
- The term “honorarium” is of concern. Bill Heath read a clause from a document and proposed that another name like “reimbursement allowance” should be used to satisfy the requirements that allow the club to stay as a tax free club.
- The President asked Margaret, as chair of the sub-committee, to respond to the last comment. She told the meeting that the tax office is comfortable with the term “Honoraria” with conditions she outlined. The auditor is happy to go along with the current status. That making ongoing instalments would take much more time to do. Anne thought that the sub committee should be constituted of people who were not on the main committee as there could be a conflict of interest.
- Anne foreshadowed that there would be a motion on the subject later in the meeting

Margaret **moved** “that the Treasurer’s report be adopted”

Seconded Jane Bolles

Carried

Financial Report

Margaret spoke to the circulated report and asked for comments.

She answered questions on the reports. Do we have a Sinking fund? Barry responded that he could see a need for it as the building was showing some signs of ageing and money should be set aside.

Margaret made the comment that one of the accounts currently held could be considered as a sinking fund account.

Quotes would be required for repairs.

Margaret **moved** “that the financial report be adopted” seconded Bill Heath **Carried**

Auditors: Barry O’Donohue called for the appointment of auditors for the next financial year.

Pam Schoen **Moved:** “that Marsh Tincknell be appointed auditors” seconded Trudy Kerstens **Carried.**

Anne Griffin **Moved** a vote of appreciation of all the work that Annette Corkhill and Tove Roberts had done during their time on the committee. **Carried** by acclamation.

The President thanked Margie Knox for her work as secretary during the past year. Also to Diane Swan and her husband for their work in designing, repairing and reinstalling club rooms after the floods.

Election of Committee:

Brian Lawley took the chair for the election of officers and declared:

Barry O'Donohue	President
Diane Swan	Vice President
Jackie Tozer	Secretary
Margaret Prentice	Treasurer

The President announced that as the constitution only allows for 6 committee members (apart from the office bearers) therefore there would be a secret ballot for 6 members by the members who were present at the meeting.

Voting papers were handed out and the President handed the responsibility of counting the votes to the scrutineers – Jane Bolles and Sue Eix.

The President ruled that the meeting would continue while votes were being counted.

Margaret **moved** “that the honoraria as circulated be adopted” seconded Brian Lawley
Carried

Anne **moved** “that the members of the sub committee should not be members of the management committee” seconded Sue Burden

Bill Heath spoke in support of the motion which was
Carried

Brian mentioned necessity of training new directors.

Barry said that it would be a priority of his to address the problem.

Question re: parking problem. Barry told the meeting that he had met with both Peter Matic and Geraldine Knapp to discuss the problem.

Barry thanked Brian for taking the Chair during the election of the committee

Newsletter Editor – Barry informed the meeting that Margie Knox had agreed to take over this role .

Barry announced the elected members:

Margie Knox
Pam Schoen
Anne Griffin
Neil Strutton
Geoff Saxby
Elaine Kelly

Brian **moved** “that the two nominees who were not elected for the committee be thanked for putting their names up” seconded by Chris Garvey **Carried** by acclamation.

Moved: Bill Heath “that the ballot papers be destroyed” seconded Di Swan **Carried.**

The President declared the meeting closed at 12.20 p.m.

Signed by : Barry O’Donohue

President

Penny Schmalkuche

Minutes Secretary

Date: