

CAIRNS BRIDGE CLUB INC.

Minutes of 51st Annual General Meeting

held on Saturday 26th August 2023

The Meeting opened at 11.02 a.m.

1. Welcome: The President opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees

Present (43)

Azar	Gidi	Herbert	June	Peters	Judith
Barker	Keith	Hicks	Adrienne	Rial	Helen
Bartlett	Ruth	Hooper	Andrew	Richmond	Grant
Bruce	Pat	Hooper	Pippa	Smith	Ann
Burrie	Josephina	Howard	Barbara	Spurrier	Janice
Byrne	Michael	Leipold	Vera	spurrier	Ray
Campbell	Joan	Litzow	Liz	Sutherland	Ann
Clarke	Sue	Lusk	Tony	Thomas	Heather
Cooke	Bev	Maslen	Peerapan	Tortely	Klarika
Delaney	Rebecca	Mathieson	Andy	Trigg	Joy
Dempster	Lyn	McCarthy	Helen	van Bakel	William
Duncan	Julie	McMahon	Camie	Wilson	Nalda
Fraser	Lesley	O'Brien	Anna	Winkworth	Frances
Frost	Bruce	O'Gorman	Marcia		
Gilbert	Jim	Pearson	Yvonne		

Apologies (51)

Barnard	Sue	Gryg	Jane	Morison	Deb
Bell	Midge	Harris	Cristina	O'Brien	Don
Cluff	Jan	Hofer	Erika	Pollock	Lois
Cowling	Lisa	Hubbard	Mary	Real	Graham
Cragg	Michael	Jones	Lale	Real	Rewa
Cragg	Corine	Kerr	Lyn	Russell	Rae
Crawt	Jenny	Kik	Marjan	Taillardat	Sandrine
Crompton	Helen	Kik	Thomas	Thiessen	Ursula
Depster	Phil	Ladner	Peggy	van basel	Tess
Dickson	Elaine	Long	Sandy	van Kruistum	Simon
Findley	Bridget	Lord	Dianne	van Kruistum	Cobie
Forrester	Cardle	Mainwood	Sarah	Waters	Neil
Graepel	Harry	Mason	Lynn	Wurzel	Pauline
Gryg	Rick	Mason	Bernie		

2. The Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were taken as read.

MOVED that these minutes be accepted: Andy Mathieson

SECONDED: Jim Gilbert

CARRIED.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

1. Proposal: *that Tuesday morning session be changed to a later time* – due to objections from the membership, the Committee decided to make no changes to the Tuesday session times.
2. 2023 Barrier Reef Congress – this event was relatively successful with some challenges, as detailed in the President's report
3. Proposal: *that the Committee consider options for playing at the Cairns Bridge Club, by persons who have had their membership cancelled or been denied membership* – The Committee has received legal advice that the Club cannot reject an Associate Member application. Although any future application for full membership can be denied by the Committee, the applicant will be able to appeal the decision.

4. President's Report

The President read the report and thanked those members who contributed to the successful running of the club.

MOVED that the President's report be accepted: Rebecca Delaney **SECONDED:** Joy Trigg **CARRIED.**

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented the relevant financial documents, Auditor's report and Treasurer's report (attached to these minutes) and addressed related questions from the membership.

It was noted that the Auditors give a "Qualified" instead of "Unqualified" opinion in their report due to the inclusion of cash in the collection of various payments – table fees, ticket books etc. To remedy this and obtain Unqualified opinions in the future, the Club will be changing the fee collection form to include a cash money checker.

MOVED that the Treasurer's report be accepted: Peerapan Maslen **SECONDED:** Liz Litzow **CARRIED.**

6. Appointment of Auditors

The Treasurer reported that she is satisfied with LBA Partners as our auditors and that the Club's audit has been performed in a satisfactory manner. Their fees are reasonable and she recommends that the Club reappoint them as auditors for the coming year.

MOVED that the auditors be reappointed: Peerapan Maslen **SECONDED:** Andrew Hooper **CARRIED.**

5. Election of Management Committee:

Nominations were received for the following positions on the management Committee and the nominees were elected unopposed.

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
President	William van Bakel	Joan Campbell	Rebecca Delaney
Vice President	Joan Campbell	William van Bakel	Peerapan Maslen
Treasurer	Peerapan Maslen	Carol Dennis	Heather Thomas
Secretary	Klarika Tortely	Joan Campbell	William van Bakel
COMMITTEE (6 positions available)			
1	Anna O'Brien	Midge Bell	Peerapan Maslen
2	Lesley Fraser	Anthony Lusk	Jane Gryg
3	Rick Gryg	Carol Dennis	Helen McCarthy
4	Gidi Azar	Dave Mathieson	Andy Mathieson

Two Committee vacancies remain and the meeting attendees were asked if any wished to nominate, however no one chose to nominate.

Appointments to these positions, if required, can be made later under normal Committee proceedings.

7. Zone Representatives

The Club Zonal Representatives remain Jan Cluff and Michael Byrne. No other nominations were received.

8. Fees & Subscriptions

Proposal that annual subscriptions be increased from \$60 to \$70 to reflect the increase in QBA membership charges.

MOVED (on behalf of the Management Committee): William van Bakel **SECONDED:** Anna O'Brien **CARRIED.**

9. General Business

9.1. Cairns Cultural Association (CCA)

9.1.1. Vacant block next door – update

Currently proposed to be used by the Cairns Big Band – pending sufficient finances for an estimated \$1.2M building. They have 5 years to complete the building and we have the right of approval over the building plans, site entrance, parking etc. We will be able to use any new parking places.

The Big Band Association advised that they only practice at night and/or Sundays. They are currently paying for grass cutting.

9.1.2. Funding – CCA receives payment for providing a site for an Optus tower. These funds are spent equally, as needed, between and for the benefit of, all member associations. It was requested that the Bridge Club membership let our Committee know of any ideas on how this money could be used.

9.2. Insurance – the meeting was advised that:

- No insurance company will insure us for flood
- We have increased our excess to minimise our premiums

9.3. Farewell to Andrew and Pippa Hooper

The Committee and membership expressed their thanks to Andrew and Pippa for their long association and hard-working contributions to the Club. They will very much be missed.

Julie Duncan specifically mentioned how lucky we were also to have Andrew for the work he had done on the Club website.

There being no further items, President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11:43am.

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William van Bakel – President

Date:

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Klarika Tortely – Secretary

Date: