

Australian Bridge Directors Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at National Convention Centre

On Wednesday 20 January 2010

Quorum The meeting opened at 7.15 pm, Chairman Sean Mullamphy advising that a quorum was present.

Present (From attendance register) Sean Mullamphy, Simon Edler, Mike Phillips, Colin Mitchell, Gary Wilson, Anne Fraser, Paul Sherman, Gordon Henderson, Geoff Slack-Smith, Tom Strong, Tony Howes, Jon Free, Arie Meydan, Laurie Kelso, Eric Ramshaw, Trevor Strickland, Peter Holloway, plus non-members Sue Kelso, Geoff Schaller & Frank Dreyer

Apologies Apologies were accepted from Margaret Morgan, Rick Nehmy, Angela Little, Ian Lisle, Stuart Packington, Ken Miller, Andrew Hooper, Richard Hills, Phil Fent & Lyn Pears

Minutes The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 20 January 2009 have been on the ABDA website for 12 months. RESOLVED that they be taken as read.

Business arising The proposal by Jon Free and Bill Kemp to use the materials from the Directors Weekend had not been acted on.

NSWBA was the only State association that had provided directors training course notes for the website. The Directors Weekend presentation materials had not been supplied to the Webmaster.

Laurie and Sue Kelso had agreed to take on the role of Bulletin editors and the first edition in the new electronic format had been published on the Directors Online Forum.

President's report The President circulated his written report on the past year's activities. He reported that his two objectives for 2009 had been achieved; to resume publication of the Bulletin, and to hold a Directors Weekend Seminar in Brisbane in November.

The Brisbane seminar had been very successful, owing to the efforts of Kim Ellaway and Jan Peach and the support of the QBA and its directors.

The President's report was adopted

Treasurer's report The Treasurer circulated his report showing that the Association incurred a deficit of \$1,235 in 2009. Net assets at the year end stood at \$31,750.

At end-2009 there were 252 financial members.

The net cost of the 2009 directors seminar was estimated at \$6,984.

The Treasurer reported that the accounts had been audited and that an unqualified audit report had been received, but the auditor had identified two areas of procedural weakness, both of which the Treasurer undertook to rectify with immediate effect, namely

- Failure to require cheque signatories to initial the associated cheque requisition forms
- Failure to reconcile the receipt book to bankings.

The Treasurer's report was adopted

Webmaster's report The Webmaster reported that although he had resigned 2 years ago he had continued to maintain the website pending appointment of a replacement webmaster.

The online Forum is the focus of activity on the website and it has been well used in the past year. The Appeals Committee board, however, has remained stagnant.

The Webmaster's report was adopted

Election of office bearers The following individuals were duly elected.

President	Sean Mullamphy
Vice President	Gordon Henderson
Treasurer & Secretary	Mike Phillips

Councillors

Simon Edler (Tasmania)
Richard Hills (ACT)
Ken Miller (Queensland)
Tom Strong (Queensland)
Jon Free (Western Australia)
Paul Sherman (New South Wales)
David Lusk (South Australia)
Laurie Kelso (Victoria)

Appointment of auditor

RESOLVED that Tino Di Placido, Chartered Accountant, continue in office as the Association's auditor. The next audit is due in January 2012.

Amendments to Constitution

RESOLVED that the proposed new clause 6.5 be approved:

“Other than for the purposes of Section 16, any notice or communication required to be sent to a member shall be considered duly delivered whether sent by postal or electronic mail.”

RESOLVED that the proposed addition to Section 8.3 be approved with one minor amendment, as follows:

“or any other member authorised by the Executive Committee to sign cheques.”

Membership fees

RESOLVED that the membership fee for 2010 be maintained at \$25

Activity programme for 2010

The next seminar will be held in Perth on the weekend of October 30/31, and will be organised with the help of John Beddow.

Other business

Sue Kelso asked for members' input on what should be included in future editions of the Bulletin. It was suggested that she start a thread on the Forum for this purpose.

Anne Fraser commented that the presentations at the directors seminar in Brisbane had been well received and the information had been circulated back to the clubs in her state.

Geoff Schaller asked if ABDA could do more to promote directors training courses. The President commented that this is currently a state body responsibility.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.