

Australian Bridge Directors Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at National Convention Centre

On Wednesday 26 January 2011

Quorum The meeting opened at 8.05 pm, Chairman Sean Mullamphy advising that a quorum was present.

Present (From attendance register) Sean Mullamphy, Mike Phillips, Gary Wilson, Anne Fraser, Paul Sherman, Tom Strong, Arie Meydan, Laurie Kelso, Eric Ramshaw, Heather Cupitt, Arie Geursen, Maureen Baker, Richard Grenside, & Bruce Crossman, plus non-member R Fox

Apologies Apologies were accepted from John Bailey, Ken Miller, John McIlrath, Mal Clark, Phil Fent, Dianne Nicol, Derrick Browne, Mike Witham, Carole Cook, Joy Trigg, Margaret Morgan, Norma Smith, David Stern, Barbara Conquest, Angela Little, Mary Collins, Pauline Khu, Rick Nehmy, Peter Goddard, Betty Hobdell, John North, Neville Walker, Jean Macleod, Gordon Kellerman, Geoff Schaller, Crolyn Molloy & Tony Howes

Minutes The minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 20 January 2010 have been on the ABDA website for 12 months. RESOLVED that they be taken as read.

Business arising None

President's report The President circulated his written report on the past year's activities. Weekend seminars had been held in Auckland in August and in Perth in November. Both were well-supported and highly successful and Perth set a record for attendance numbers, thanks to convenor John Aquino.

Sue and Laurie Kelso continue to do a great job with the Directors Bulletin.

The President's report was adopted

Treasurer's report The Treasurer circulated his report showing that the Association made a surplus of \$3,226 in 2010. Net assets at the year-end stood at \$36,576.

At end-2010 there were 252 financial members.

The net cost of the 2010 directors seminar was estimated at \$4,324.

In accordance with the Constitution the 2010 accounts were not required to be audited. The Treasurer reported that the two areas of procedural weakness identified in the last audit report, namely

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

had both been rectified.

The Treasurer's report was adopted

Webmaster's report Gary Wilson reported that, since a replacement Webmaster had not taken the reins he had continued to maintain the website on a minimum basis.

Activity on the online Forum grew significantly over the last year. The Appeals Committee Board, however, has been discontinued as this is now featured in the Directors Bulletin again.

The Webmaster's report was adopted

Appointment of auditor The Treasurer advised that Tino Di Placido, who had acted as the Association's auditor for a number of years, had tendered his resignation.

RESOLVED that Gary Callaghan of G J Callaghan & Co be appointed the Association's auditor for the purpose of the next audit, due in January 2012.

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

**Activity
programme for
2011**

The president advised that weekend seminars would be held in Tasmania and in Sydney, on dates to be determined.

Paul Sherman pointed out that there is a demand for director education in country NSW and suggested that a regional seminar would be of great benefit to directors in smaller country area clubs. The President undertook to give this consideration.

Arie Meydan suggested that a video of a directors seminar would be of value to directors who could not attend a live event. The meeting considered that a video could not substitute for live interface.

Other business

Richard Grenside pointed out that three Australian directors had officiated at the 2010 World Championships (Sean Mullamphy, Laure Kelso and Richard Grenside) and five at the 2008 event (those three plus Matt McManus and Chris Diment).

Arie Geursen referred to the high number of apologies and commented that the timing of this meeting was not conducive to a large attendance. After discussion it was agreed that consideration be given to holding the 2012 meeting immediately after the last session on Sunday 22 January.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.