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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ZONE CLUB DELEGATES 20 November 2016

Opening

The meeting opened at 5.05 pm.

Attendance

BBC	Richard Wallis
Beenleigh	Kevin Hamilton-Reen
Kenmore	Mick Fawcett
NSBC	Raelene Kell, Tiffany Mair
QCBC	Tony Treloar, Julie Jeffries
Redcliffe	Wayne Parker
Redland	Doug Sands, Gill Ross, Ben Engeman
Toowong	Geoff Saxby

Apologies

Joan Butts

Minutes

Minutes of the previous AGM, as distributed, were taken as read and accepted.

Vale

The passing of Brisbane Zone Secretary, Marion Cooke, was noted with much sadness and deep regret. Marion joined the Zone in 1996 as Zonal delegate representing QCBC and was Zone chair from 1999 to 2004. Marion resumed the combined role of Secretary/Chair in 2008 and held the position for more than 8 years. Marion passed away in office in February 2016. She was a tireless worker in the bridge world and in particular the Brisbane Zone. Julie Jeffries moved a posthumous Vote of Thanks to Marion Cooke for her commitment and dedication to the Brisbane Zone QBA and the wider bridge community.
(Carried unanimously)

Election of Office Bearers

Julie Jeffries vacated the Chair. Tony Treloar assumed the Chair.

There was one nomination for Secretary/Chair - Julie Jeffries nominated by Ros Putland. Tony Treloar called for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Julie Jeffries was declared elected and resumed the chair.

Financial Statement

The financial statement to October 2016 was presented and accepted. The Zone recorded a profit for the year of \$682.65 and added interest on fixed deposit of \$167.84 with a total of \$5999.34. Net reserves: \$10 607.80.

GNOT Club Heats and Zone Final

Club Heats: 168 teams participated in the Brisbane Zone, 39 more than last year. 44 teams, 8 more than last year, participated in the finals with a house team from NSBC replacing a late withdrawal from Arana.

Zone Final: The Zone final was played on Saturday & Sunday 8 & 9 October at NSBC as a 4 session x 2 matches x 14 boards (8 round Swiss) directed by Alan Gibson. 4 teams progressed to the National finals. The Zone allocation to the National finals will be reduced to 3 in 2017 as Queensland has lost 2 places..

The meeting agreed to retain this format with the Zone final to be played at Arana on Saturday & Sunday 14 & 15 October 2017.

It was agreed to retain the fee of \$200.00 per team entry into the zone final.

There was discussion about the reduction by one team to the National final. It was moved Tony Treloar that QBA be advised of our disappointment at the loss of this place and our desire that, should circumstances permit, it be restored to Brisbane Zone in the future. (Carried)

Interclub Teams

Hosted by Redland Bridge Club on Sunday 20 November.

Ten clubs (Arana, Beenleigh, BBC, Kenmore, Northern Suburbs, QCBC, Redcliffe, Redland, Sunnybank and Toowong) participated in the event. There were 8 teams in each of the 4 sections, A, B, C and D (including a House team supplied by Redlands). 8 table round robin draws were played in all sections – seven 8 board matches in A, B and C; seven 7 board matches in D. Julie Jeffries directed with Assistant Directors Ros Putland and David O’Gorman.

Sections were won by: A – Toowong; B & C – Sunnybank; D – Kenmore. The overall winners were Sunnybank.

BBC have agreed to host the event in 2017. The date is Sunday 19 November.

There was discussion about the increasing number of teams participating, especially with D grade proving so popular. It was moved to increase the entry fee to \$90.00 per team to cover the cost of a second Director. (Carried)

General Business

It was moved Julie Jeffries, seconded Elizabeth Gibson that approval be sought to add the following to the Brisbane Zone GNOT Information: *Each player in Brisbane Zone club heats must be a member of a Brisbane Zone Club.* The motion was amended to include *financial member.* (Carried)

There was general discussion about the Interclub Teams. With the addition of the D Grade Section the competition is becoming too large for some of the smaller clubs to host. It was suggested that perhaps smaller clubs could host the event over 2 days, or 2 smaller clubs could co-host the event with 2 grades at each club. Different ideas were put forward. Suggestions included A and C at one club, B and D at the other. It was noted that during the day senior players had encouraged their junior players. It was felt that if the event was split the spirit of teamship could be lost. No agreement was reached. Delegates were asked to take the suggestion back to their club for decision at a later date.

A Vote of Thanks to Redlands for hosting the 2016 ICT was moved and carried.

Next Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting was set for Sunday 19 November 2017
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30 pm

