

## Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> South Australian Bridge Association Inc. AGM

Held on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am at the Club Rooms, Young Street, Unley.

### President's Welcome

Approximately 50 people were welcomed by Caprice Davey, the President of the South Australian Bridge Association.

1. Apologies: Sheila Bird, Eva Les, Marilyn Paris, Heather Motteram, Rob Motteram, Jane Caddy, Helen Rolland and Peter Rolland.
2. Minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 were adopted. Moved by Colin Twelftree, seconded by Jim Smith and carried unanimously.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes  
Nil. There were no items arising from the last minutes.
4. The President's Report, as published was presented and adopted. Moved Caprice Davey, seconded by Adel Abdelhamid and carried unanimously.  
Caprice proudly stated that the South Australian Bridge Association is the largest bridge club in Australia. Caprice also gave a summary of some of the achievements/highlights made throughout 2024. One of which was the amendment made to the beginner's course comprising of 228 participants and a higher conversion to membership in 2024 by 58%. The number of face-to-face numbers at SABA is very pleasing and that early 2025 there will be an online bridge session utilising the platform, Real Bridge.  
Caprice also thanks all SABA donors, sponsors, committee members and volunteers and said that through their efforts have managed to keep table fees at their current rates.
5. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Moved by Hadyn Hanna, seconded by Adel Abdelhamid and carried unanimously.  
Bryan Jenkins raised questions regarding the budget in the area of fundraising and expenses. Haydn responded to the questions raised, stating that there had been wage increases in 2024 which also included bonuses, and a payment increase for more difficult director sessions. Question was also raised in relation to insurance and utility budgeted costs were also queried and it was suggested that a capital maintenance plan should be implemented.
6. Notices of Motion  
Life Membership – Returning Officer Bob Clarke advised that the motion for Raymond Dohnt to be awarded Life Membership was unanimously approved.
7. Honoraria of free membership - It was agreed that the honoraria of free membership for the Secretary and Treasurer will continue.
8. Election of Officers  
Returning Officer – Bob Clarke:  
The following officers were elected:
  - Treasurer – Hadyn Hanna was reappointed for 2 years (2025-26)
  - Secretary – Margaret Cowling was appointed for 2 years (2025-26)
  - Committee – Bob Clarke reported that Colin Twelftree and Jim Burke have been elected and re-appointed for two years (2025-26)

- Patron Emeritus – Linda Alexander agreed to continue in this role
9. It was proposed by Hadyn Hanna, seconded by Colin Twelftree that DFK Gray Perry continue as the auditor. Carried.
10. Presentations for 2024
- A Gold Pen was presented to Cathy Chua acknowledging her achievement as a Gold Grandmaster
  - A Silver Tray was presented to Ingrid Cooke acknowledging her achievement as Grandmaster
  - A Silver Tray was presented to John Maddison (absent) acknowledging his achievement as Grandmaster
  - A Silver Tray was presented to Sandy Leach (absent) acknowledging her achievement as Grandmaster
  - The Student Of The Year Trophy was presented to Amanda Bakker acknowledging her achievement as a Beginner
  - The David Lusk Award for most improved player of the year was presented by Sue Lusk and awarded to Megan Watson
  - The David Lusk Award for inspiring youth was presented by Sue Lusk and was awarded to Joshua Tomlin
  - The Patrons Cup Trophy presented by Linda Alexander was awarded to Mel Jones and Sian Bridges
  - SABA Teams Champion Trophy was awarded to Russell Harms, Zolly Nay, Nicholas Croft, Arjuna de Livera (all absent).

11. Other Business

- John Smith suggested the club purchase cordless microphones to enable members to hear questions. This was noted by the Management Committee.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm

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