

Parramatta Bridge Club

Annual General Meeting 2022

Held via Zoom

MINUTES 3rd March 2022

MEETING OPENED: 6.30pm

- ATTENDANCE:** Quorum of 28 members in attendance
Aiyathurai Vasanthanathan, Ahmad Akbari, Alfred Cauchi, Bharet Parekh, Barry Peters, Bill Doman, Bob East, Bruce Croker, Caimein Bowyer, Carlyn Dun, Coral Williamson, Derwyn Hewett, Eric Lam, Gay Walsh, Ian Caddy, Jagrutee Parekh, Kathy Duke, Lammie Barret, Margaret East, Mary Smal, Matthew McManus, Peter Dun, Ross Best, Sabalingam Puvirajan, Sandy Boyd, Shannon Queree, Ted Richards, Thelma Ramsay

Apologies:

Annette Ashmore, Diana Bland, Satha Arumanayagam

- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion: Minutes of previous meeting were presented. Moved that these minutes be accepted:

1. T Richards
 2. A Ashmore
- AIF

- REPORTS**

- Presidents Report

- Tabled
- President answered a question from the floor regarding training:
 - Kathy has relocated to Qld and been unavailable to conduct lessons but is considering online improver lessons in the next few months. Shannon Queree will be planning Beginner lessons - timeframe to be agreed with the committee.

- Treasurer Report

- Report tabled (available on our website)
- The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$ 18,983.56.

Motion: Report was moved for adoption.

1. S Boyd
 2. K Duke
- AIF

4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Election of new committee conducted by Ross Best.

In accordance with Section 15 paragraph (1), of the Club Constitution, Ross Best tabled nominations as listed below, and in accordance with Section 15 paragraph (4) all nominated persons were installed to the respective office positions:

President:	Nada Boyd (Sandy)
Vice President:	Anne Ashmore
Treasurer:	Shannon Queree
Secretary:	Ted Richards
Committee Members:	Caimein Bowyer, Kathy Duke, Satha Arumanayagam

7. MEETING CLOSED: 7:15 pm

Appendix 1

President's Report

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Welcome everyone. Appreciate that you have made the effort to attend.

We are just short of 2 years since we were first locked down for COVID. In that time, we have sought to keep the club going with an online offering, BBO at first and moving to RealBridge. Financially, RealBridge is a much better proposition than BBO. We have had over 90 people participate in our RealBridge sessions which have been running 4 days per week since we started RealBridge last year, except when we have been playing F2F. You will see in the financial report that we had a good result operating this way.

Our committee has had to be very flexible and agile during all the on again/off again moves. Much of our decision making has had to be communicated and voted on via email or Zoom. Ian Caddy resigned from the Treasurer position and was replaced by Shannon Queree. Ian made a significant contribution to the club reviewing the last 5 years of records and setting up a budget. Kathy Duke joined the committee as Secretary, taking over from Shannon. Thanks to everyone for their contribution.

Our Directors have had a strange year with the on again/off again situation. Eric Lam has been covering Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays online. Kathy Duke has been covering Wednesday nights online. F2F, Eric will cover Saturdays, Margaret East will cover Thursdays and Shannon will cover Wednesday nights F2F from April. Monday and Thursday night RealBridge will remain online. Our Thanks to the directors for making this work for us.

Special thanks to Peter Dun for all his work in the background making sure results are posted and looking into any RealBridge issues and doing the initial setup. He has also been doing the Masterpoints for most of the year. Peter has been a director for many years and decided to retire from directing last year. Our thanks go to Peter for all his hard work and dedication.

In the last quarter of the year we reached an agreement with Pennant Hills, Carlingford and ARV on aligning table money fees, start times for Carlingford afternoon sessions and reciprocal table money fees for members of the 4 clubs.

In 2021 we had 110 Home Members and 45 Away Members. Sadly, we lost four players during the year – Earl Morris, Ian Langford-Brown, Stephen Webster and Titus Ling. They will be missed.

Kathy Duke ran several online courses for beginners and ran practice nights at her home to keep the momentum up. 10 new members as a result. Kathy has moved to Toowoomba and is still working remotely with us, I would like to thank Kathy for the great job she has done over the years teaching bridge and directing,

In November, several of our players participated in the Inaugural Grand National Novice Pairs Event which was run by RealDeal Bridge in association with the ABF. It was a gold point event. 14 pairs entered from PBC, and 4 PBC pairs went through to the finals. The overall winners N/S were Alex Berdyshevski and Jeff Dun from our club. Great result. Congratulations to everyone who competed. It has been a hard year for everyone. We are going to move forward at a measured pace.

Please feel free to put forward any suggestion you may have and of course, as a committee, we can always use your help.

I hereby declare the 2021 committee disbanded and hand over to Ross Best to introduce the new committee.