NEWCASTLE BRIDGE CLUB INC

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda

Notice is hereby given that there will be a General Meeting of the Newcastle Bridge Club Incorporated in accordance with the following details. Items for inclusion in General Business may be submitted to the Secretary no later than 14 days before the proposed date. Note, items of general business shall only be considered if submitted in accordance with Rule 24 (2) of the Constitution. That rule states that not less than 5% of the total number of members shall sign the request for inclusion of any such item. Current club membership stands at 316 members.

DA	E/TIME OF MEETING:
	Saturday 24 th September, 2016 to commence at 11:00am
Ag	INDA ITEMS
1.	Apologies:
2.	Proxies
3.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
4.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 2015 AGM MINUTES 1. Event prize money; and 2. Club accounts.
5.	TREASURER'S REPORT
6.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURER'S REPORT
7.	APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS
8.	SECRETARY'S REPORT
9.	BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT
10.	PRESIDENT'S REPORT
11.	BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
12.	ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
13.	GENERAL BUSINESS:
14.	NEXT MEETING:
15.	CLOSE:

MINUTES

Date: 24th September 2016

Time: 11:00am

Attendees: See attached Schedule Attendees, Apologies and Proxies.

Agenda Items:

- **1. Apologies:** See attached Schedule *Attendees, Apologies and Proxies.*
- 2. **Proxies:** See attached Schedule *Attendees, Apologies and Proxies.*

3. Minutes of previous AGM dated 5th September 2015:

Joan Wansey moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Catherine Wileman and accepted. Roy Hardy signed the minutes as a true record of proceedings.

4. Business arising from the 2015 AGM Minutes:

4.1. Event Prize Money:

The Treasurer reported that throughout the year consideration had been given to event prizes and the level of prize amounts but had refrained from making any change.

4.2. Club Accounts:

The Treasurer had during the year formulated a Maintenance and Asset Replacement Schedule to justify the Club retaining a sinking fund. The schedule demonstrated that the amount of money being retained would cover future expenditure on anticipated work and asset replacement.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Tony presented his report and tabled the Profit and Loss Statement for the year - copies attached. Bruce Webster proposed acceptance of the report. Kay Rich seconded the proposal which was unanimously passed.

6. Business Arising from the Treasurer's Report:

6.1. Storm Damage Repairs to Front Door:

Bruce Webster queried where costs for repairing the storm damaged front door had been included. Tony explained that the insurance claim had essentially covered those costs.

6.2. Solar Power System Design:

Chris Williams asked whether battery storage of electricity generated from the solar panels had been considered and specifically the service provided by Powershop Australia Pty Ltd. Tony explained that all dealings had been with Solahart and that the system though not supplied with a storage capacity would be capable of adding batteries in the future.

6.3. Viability of Solar Energy:

Jan Nicol queried the judgment of installing a solar energy system.

7. Appointment of Auditors:

Tony proposed the Club continue to employ Lambourne Partners to audit its financial records. Jeff Biddlecombe seconded the proposal which was unanimously passed.

8. Secretary's Report:

Graham presented his report for the year - copy attached. Catherine Wileman proposed acceptance of the report. Peter Peterson seconded the proposal which was unanimously passed.

9. Business Arising from the Secretary's Report:

9.1. Margaret Thorn questioned the effectiveness of the contract cleaners. Graham would deal with the specific complaint regarding wiping over side tables.

10. President's Report:

Roy presented his report for the year - copy attached. He made a special mention of the contribution that Bernie Adcock provided to ensuring smooth operation of the Club's activities. Appreciation of his support was shown by acclamation of the meeting. The president's Report was accepted.

11. Business Arising from the President's Report:

There was no business arising from the President's Report.

12. Election of Office Bearers:

Graham confirmed that nominations for the various positions on the committee had been received. As no positions were being contested the following members were duly elected to serve on next year's committee:

President	Jeff Biddlecombe	ordinary members	Peta Carney
Vice president	David Puddicombe		Enza Di Stefano
Treasurer	Tony Wagstaff		Effie Roach
Secretary	Graham Rummey		

Ken Wilks as Masterpoint Secretary and Peter Peterson as Tournament Director would continue also to serve on committee.

Jeff took over chairing the meeting.

13. General Business:

13.1. Bridgemate Display

Graham spoke to Ken Wilks' proposal that the display of results on the Bridgemate units should be restricted to showing only the percentage achieved by a pair playing a board - copy attached. He outlined the reasons to support that change. There followed various comments from attendees.

The display of previous results from playing a hand gave members the opportunity to compare and question their achievement. That was seen as advantageous for beginners. Displaying previous results highlighted when wrong results had been entered and boards had been fouled.

It appeared that the more senior players were against displaying results but what suits them does not always suit others. The discussion that took place over results did slow down play but some players felt discussion of results helped improve player's ability.

The specific question was asked as to whether scores could be corrected after the event had finished. Peter Peterson advised the obvious errors could be changed but added that it behove the accepting player of scores to judiciously check the entry.

Jeff called for a show of hands for and against the proposal. The result was 19 for and 19 against. Graham advised that proxy votes were 9 for and 1 against. Accordingly, the proposal was carried 28 in favour and 20 against.

13.2. Championship Teams Event

Gai Brouwer was not in favour of the manner in which last year's championship teams event was held on a Saturday and felt if continued it would lead members leaving to play elsewhere. The event had been held on a week-end to provide the opportunity for more members to participate.

13.3. Separate Sessions

Effie Roach wondered if sessions could be divided into two sessions determined by a MP level. That idea could be visited again by the new committee.

13.4. Building Development

Graham wished the meeting to be aware that the block across the road from the clubhouse had currently with Newcastle Council a development application which would see erection of an 8-unit complex above commercial space. The application appeared to be in accordance with the applicable zoning for the area and was perhaps a forerunner of future development in the area.

No vote on the item was expected, but the Club would be submitting a comment concerning the effect the development would have generally on parking in Market Street and Young Road.

14. Next meeting:

The date for the next AGM would be left for the incoming committee to determine.

15. Close:

The meeting closed at 12:00 noon.

Confirmed to be a true record of the meeting.

Jeff Biddlecombe 23rd September 2017

Attendees, Apologies & Proxies

Attendees – 38 total

G Rummey	W Lake	T Wagstaff	J Biddlecombe	P Morris
M Thorn	A Anlezark	B Webster	R Hardy	J Hart
J Neale	C Williams	H Johnson	A Lea	A Reid
J Blenkey	S Roach	P Wheatley	K Baguley	J Halliday
B Baguley	J Hill	J Thatcher	C Seymour	C Wileman
J Macansh	J Wansey	F Larkin	M Jensen	B Browne
J Nicol	W Morgan	K Rich	P Peterson	A Charlesworth
G Brouwer	B Kuegler	E Di Stefano		

Apologies – 49 total

A Struik	N Riszko	S Donohue	K Cafe	H Chaplin
R Broughton	J Maddern	I Walker	J O'Donnell	D Stuart
G Logan	C Thomas	D Russek	Y Rae	A Morris
R Bell	L Robertson	D Rae	B McLean	D Miller
D Bradley	T Dwyer	M Seldon	C Dibley	P McGrath
K Wilks	B Adcock	A Torrance	T Harrigan	K Cruise
D Brady	D Cowen	S Wilson	J Wilson	J Fraser-Easton
P Goodwin	A Kearney	A Stiller	H Bridgman	J Hewson
М Роре	S Morris	J Stuart	T Thatcher	W Smith
B Atkins	J Atkins	M Simes	S McConnell	

Proxies – 10 total

Member	For Motion	Against Motion	Proxy Holder	Attending Meeting
M Simes	1		G Rummey	Yes
S Donohue	1		C Seymour	Yes
P Goodwin	1		J Biddlecombe	Yes
P McGrath	1		G Rummey	Yes
N Risko		1	P Wheatley	Yes
A Struik	1		P Wheatley	Yes
K Wilks	1		G Rummey	Yes
R Broughton	1		G Rummey	Yes
B Atkins	1		G Rummey	Yes
K Cafe	1		G Rummey	Yes
Totals	9	1		

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2016, a deficit of \$5,472 has occurred, an unusual result, but only so due to costs incurred on essential, or otherwise worthwhile, outlays to maintain or update our premises. I will list these later for you, but rest assured that our finances are in good shape.

Revenue of \$121,353 was higher by \$4,317 or 3.7%. Table fees increased by \$1,636 or 1.8%, with growth continuing from the Tuesday session, and we have also experienced increased numbers at our supervised play sessions. Evening sessions continued to decline in participation. Congress receipts were higher, as were member subscriptions.

Expenses look to have increased sharply by \$26,164, but most of this is due to premises renewing expenditure which does not occur every year. In fact in the prior year there was no significant spending on this, whereas this year \$23,638 was incurred. I list these for your information – Painting, inside & outside \$12,300, Re-wiring \$5,566, Foyer renewal \$2,860, and Windows renovation \$2,912. These items aside, our on-going expenses increased by \$2,526 or 2.5%, with notable increase being Prizes up \$1,444 with further increases projected for the coming year. Wages are up \$3,905 due to engagement of the non playing director for a full year. These higher costs were partially offset by saving in Refreshments & Consumables \$1,821. We continue to look at our expenditures to find savings where possible – during the latest year we changed our insurer and anticipate something like a 50% premium saving for the same cover with our January renewal. During this year we plan to a solar power installation to reduce costs and diminish our ecological impact.

Our Balance Sheet remains sound, despite the relatively large renewal expenditure during the year. We have continued the practice of projecting our funding needs, in respect of future replacements and renovation. The indication here is that our current level of funding is appropriate for these needs.

I recommend this report to members.

Tony Wagstaff Treasurer 15 September 2016



FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

COMPILATION REPORT

TO NEWCASTLE BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED

Scope

The accounts have been prepared with APES 315 'Compilation of Financial Information' the special purpose financial report of the Newcastle Bridge Club Incorporated for the period ended 30 June 2015, being the Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is set out in Note 1. The extent to which Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements have or have not been adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial report is set out in Note 1.

It has been determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the users.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the association may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the special purpose financial report without having an audit or review conducted.

The special purpose financial report was prepared for the benefit of the association and the purpose identified above. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report.

Lambourne Partners **Chartered Accountants** Level 1, 56 Hudson Street HAMILTON, NSW, 2303

Partner: Scott Lucas Hamilton Dated: 2157 August 2015

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME		Ŷ	Ψ
Interest Received		0.040.00	
Congresses		3,046.69	3,257.48
Country & Interclub Team Fees		14,120.00	9,960.00
Lessons		166.84	2,070.00
Subscriptions		-	225.00
Sundry Receipts		8,485.00	9,202.50
Table Fees	2	1,907.00	1,861.60
	2	89,311.00	85,350.00
		117,036.53	111,926.58
LESS EXPENDITURE			
Audit Fees		1,540.00	1,320.00
Advertising and Promotion		1,040.00	130.50
Affiliation Fees and Levies		5,771.50	5,952.00
Bank Charges		0,771.00	3,952.00 80.00
Cards and Gifts		59.00	493.49
Competitions		4.775.33	6,716.69
Computer Supplies		290.32	1,344.90
Congresses		15,617.83	7,208.86
Depreciation		6,783.00	5,981.00
Donations		216.00	614.20
Electricity and Gas		4,707.53	5,116.49
Insurance		3,575.00	3,435.00
Lessons		-	371.20
License Fee		-	52.00
Printing and Stationery		4,271.54	3,985.72
Prizes		4,394.00	3,819.00
Rates		8,383.10	8,144.85
Refreshments & Consumables		8,840.00	10,299.16
Repairs and Maintenance	3	6,299.28	5,078.54
Socials		2,997.60	258.45
Subscriptions		53.00	149.00
Superannuation		1,120.13	77.71
Telephone		1,263.47	1,573.35
Wages	4	19,705.25	15,715.37
		100,662.88	87,917.48
		16,373.65	24,009.10
NET OPERATING PROFIT		16,373.65	24,009.10

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015	2014
		\$	\$
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year		405,564.05	381,554.95
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		421,937.70	405,564.05
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL			
YEAR		421,937.70	405,564.05

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

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	Note	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		\$	\$
Cash at bank			
ANZ Online Saver		11,997.38	10,992.82
ANZ Term Deposit		23,839.03	14,393.55
Petty Cash		80,816.19 350.00	78,214.98
Trade debtors		26.50	300.00
FIXED ASSETS		117,029.10	103,901.35
Land & buildings	-		
Plant and equipment	5	261,764.53	261,764.53
	6	49,952.12	46,797.87
		311,716.65	308,562.40
TOTAL ASSETS		428,745.75	412,463.75
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade Creditors		2,814.05	2,623.70
Withholding taxes payable	7	56.00	28.00
Prepaid table fees		3,938.00	4,248.00
		6,808.05	6,899.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,808.05	6,899.70
NET ASSETS		421,937.70	405,564.05
EQUITY			
Retained Profits		421,937.70	405,564.05
TOTAL EQUITY		421,937.70	405,564.05

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NEWCASTLE BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 2015 2014 \$ \$ 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies The financial statements are a special purpose report prepared for use by the director and the member. The director has determined that the company is not a reporting entity. The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. No Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been intentionally applied. 2 Table Fees: Monday 19,988.00 21,603.00 Tuesday 19,406.00 19,160.00 Wednesday 16,352.00 15,503.00 Thursday 6,947.00 5,566.00 Friday 12,482.00 9,841.00 Saturday 14,136.00 13,677.00 89,311.00 85,350.00 3 **Repairs and Maintenance:** Repairs and Maintenance 3,172.56 1,045.89 Grounds 1,149.69 1,438.12 Building 1,977.03 2,594.53 6,299.28 5,078.54 4 Wages: Wages 10,074.75 6,475.37 Cleaner 9,630.50 9,240.00 19,705.25 15,715.37 5 Land & buildings: Club premises - 12 Young Road, Broadmeadow (At Cost) 39,229.00 39,229.00 Renovations (At Cost) 222,535.53 222,535.53 261,764.53 261,764.53 6 Plant and equipment: Plant and equipment 107,048.35 97,111.10 Less accumulated depreciation 57,096.23 50,313.23 Total plant and equipment: 49,952.12 46,797.87

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Continued)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Withholding taxes payable: PAYGW payable	56.00	28.00

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good morning everyone and thank you for coming. Please bear with me whilst I present my brief annual report

Roy's approach this year to managing club proceedings established a new focus for committee members. Roy ensured that the Club at last make the move towards being more commercially oriented unit by giving each member financial targets of responsibility. I fully supported that approach and have enjoyed the year.

General committee meetings were cut back to being held on a two monthly basis. That meant less reporting on my part but behind the scenes it did generate a plethora of electronic paperwork to keep under control and somehow to be included in the minutes. The results of my control eventually have appeared under the "minutes" link via the webpage.

I am grateful for the support that Caroline Carey provided when I was on holiday. Unfortunately she could not be persuaded to stand for committee with the view of being my back-up. I guess that means looking elsewhere.

Ken Wilks will continue as the masterpoint secretary and Peter Peterson as the Tournament Director. Jan O'Connor continues her very supportive role of sending out the Club's grievance condolences when they are required. The contribution from all three is appreciated.

Club membership as at the end of August stood at 318. Membership continues to grow at a healthy rate. However, getting members to play evening sessions and newer players to play unsupervised sessions remain a target focus for committee in the year ahead.

The two sessions at which players can turn up without a partner have increased attendance on those days. The success of that concept relies heavily upon the willingness of members to be placed on a roster to attend on the off-chance they may be needed to balance the numbers. Following that success, I have agreed to investigate whether Monday afternoon, Wednesday and Saturday bridge sessions could become similar sessions. It will only happen if supported by a few willing members.

The Club's two maintenance contracts continue to operate successfully. Ecosmart keeps the Club clean and tidy and Fernair continues to service the air conditioning units. The Club has been using to great effect Alex Marton for completing odd maintenance tasks around the premises. Whilst Alex is willing to fulfil that need, the Club will continue to approach him.

Short and sweet. Please accept this as the Secretary's report for the past twelve months.

Graham Rummey

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I believe that the last twelve months has been a very successful in the life of the club with several major changes impacting on the way the club is operating. The year had started with the introduction of a non playing director on Tuesdays and Fridays. This was combined with the use of a stand by player so that anyone could turn up and have a game. These two steps have proved to be very successful.

Further in an attempt to introduce a session for both A grade and B grade players during the day a split session competition was introduced on a Friday. This competition is being held once a month and covers all levels of players. So far the numbers playing have been very high.

However the major playing success of the year has been the growth of the Wednesday night restricted pairs and the Thursday afternoon pairs. Much of this success revolves around the teaching group and the marketing push led by Jeff Biddlecombe which has led to a substantial increase in membership and player numbers. There are now more opportunities for every level of player to get the type of game they desire during the week.

The effect of this is a lot of pressure on the volunteers who are making all this work and I believe that any member who is asked to help ought to seriously consider any request if they are able to do so. I must also thank volunteers in all areas of ensuring the club operates successfully.

During the year the committee agreed to a five year financial projection which proposed no increase in table fees but showed clearly that the club has sufficient forward funding to support the capital and maintenance needs of the club. This plan is based upon no major losses in table numbers and no additional costs for non volunteer labour.

I personally had three targets to achieve during the year:

- Assist in achieving the budget;
- Assist the Vice president in his endeavours to get new players; and
- Aim to increase the table numbers by 5 over the period.

These three targets are interlinked with the key being and increase in membership through new players. The 5 extra table target was achieved in July and a continued overall increase will help with the achievement of the budget in 2017.

A substantial contribution to this years budget is the success both financial and playing wise of the congress. Special mention of Ken Wilks and Rosalie Broughton is needed for their fantastic efforts together with everyone who also assisted in some way.

I must add that there has been a good reception of our Tournament Director Peter's request to all members to be more respectful at the table both to the opposition and to their partners. Please keep it up especially when newer players are starting to enter the more senior sessions during the week.

Finally I have been extremely impressed with the support and endeavour shown by the committee during the year. There has been almost full attendance at both the committee meetings and the three special sessions held to discuss etiquette, Friday Graded pairs and the 2017 programme. They are to be congratulated and I thank them all for their honesty and tolerance.

I have enjoyed my fifth term as president and am happy to pass the baton on knowing that the club is in a good place in September 2016 and may it continue to be so.

ROY HARDY 23/09/16

Proposal for Percentage Result only to be displayed on Bridgemate Devices

I would like to propose that the Bridgemates be set up so the percentage achieved by the players is displayed without showing the previous results.

 If the board number entered is a board number the players at the table have not played, then they see the results of the board and hence must take an average.

eg if you are playing boards 10, 11 and 12 and you play board 10 but score it as board 11, then you see the results for board 11.

- 2. Players tend to discuss the results which makes it difficult for the table that is playing the board next as they often can't avoid hearing what happened on a board.
- 3. Discussion of the results not only slows down the play but also increases the noise level.
- 4. After the contract is entered and accepted the Percentage achieved will be displayed so the players still have an indication of their progress.

I believe that eliminating the display of the previous results will make for a more enjoyable session for all players.

If players wish to see the results of all boards, a full analysis of who did what on each board is available on the internet once the session has been scored. If a member does not have access to the internet the scorer can be asked to print the report at the conclusion of play.

Ken Wilks

NS Pr	EW Pr	Contract	Declarer	Lead	Result	< Sc	ore>	NS	Points EW
Board 1									
1	1	4D	W	тн	=		-130	2	16
2	3	3NT	W	тн	-1	50		12	6
3	5	3NT	W	тн	-1	50		12	6
4	7	5D	W	4H	-1	50		12	6
5	9	5D	W	AS	-1	50		12	6
6	2	4D	W	AS	=		-130	2	16
7	4	3NT	W	тн	-1	50		12	6
8	6	3NT	w	KS	-1	50		12	6
9	8	4D	W	2H	=		-130	2	16
10	10	5D	W	AS	-1	50		12	6
Board 2									
1	1	3NT	E	2S	- 100 -		-400	1	17
2	3	3H	E W	25 6D	-1	50	-400	15	3
2	5	3н 2Н	w	JS	=	50	-110	15	3 8
4	5								
		3D	E	AS	+1	150	-130	6	12
5	9	5D	E	AS	-3	150		18	0
6	2	3NT	w	4C	=		-400	1	17
7	4	3S	S	TC	-3	50	-300	4	14
8	6	3NT	w	JS	-1	50	440	15	3
9 10	8	3D 3D	E	6C	=		-110	10	8
10	10	30	E	AS	-		-110	10	8
Board 3									
1	1	3NT	S	AD	+2	460		16	2
2	3	3NT	Ν	8S	+1	430		10	8
3	5	3NT	Ν	5H	+1	430		10	8
4	7	5C	N	AH	-1		-50	2	16
5	9	3NT	S	AD	+2	460		16	2
6	2	3NT	S	7D	+2	460		16	2
7	4	5C	Ν	7S	-1		-50	2	16
8	6	3NT	S	9C	+1	430		10	8
9	8	5C	S	AD	=	400		6	12
10	10	5C	Ν	AH	-1		-50	2	16
Board 4									
1	10	ЗН	E	8D	-1	100		6	12
2	2	5C	N	кн	=	600		15	3
3	4	5C	N	кн	=	600		15	3
4	6	5C	S	кн	-1		-100	3	15
5	8	5C	N	AH	-2		-200	0	18
6	1	5C	S	AH	=	600		15	3
7	3	5C	S	3C	=	600		15	3
8	5	3C	N	кн	+1	130		9	9
9	7	5C	N	кн	-1		-100	3	15
10	9	2C	N	кн	+2	130		9	9
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