

Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 27 April 2023

The meeting opened at the Southern Cross Club in Woden at 7:00 pm. Brian Butler agreed to chair the meeting on behalf of the current president (Henk Doel).

Attendance

Aaron Wu	Dhruv Rawat	John Newman	Nick Stodulka
Aden Power	Graeme Wilson	Jozo Rosic	Roy Teymant
Allen Kappen	Henk Doel	Lee Forace	Syed Assad
Angelo Feliu	Iggy Gavrilovic	Mark Scully	Tokamak Bell
Brian Butler	Jeevan Shikaram	Mark Stubbs	Victor Braguine
Dev Raichura	Jesse Piironen	Milan Grcic	Wais Sidiqi

Apologies

None

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

The meeting accepted the minutes of the previous annual meeting (moved Roy Teymant, seconded Lee Forace).

Reports

President's Report

Brian Butler presented the president's report on behalf of the current president (Henk Doel):

- the club enjoyed a successful year and completed all scheduled tournaments in 2022, unlike the two previous years which were Covid-19 interrupted. Brian congratulated all tournament winners (all results may be found on the website).
- club membership is 33 financial members including 4 juniors and this has remained reasonably stable.
- tournament numbers have increased recently to 15 - 16 boards, whereas previously had been 11 - 12 boards, possibly signalling a post Covid-19 rebound.
- the club changed venue last September from rented premises in Phillip to the club's current location at the Southern Cross Club in Woden (which is free). This has simplified and improved the club's financial position, as well as offering other benefits.
- the existing Memorial Cup (for which there is no trophy) has been renamed the Southern Cross Cup (in recognition of the sponsorship provided by the Southern Cross Club) and a trophy has been purchased.
- Brian thanked the current committee and all those who had helped during the previous year.

The meeting accepted the president's report (moved Mark Scully, seconded Lee Forace).

Treasurer's Report

Brian Butler provided a written report which is attached. Brian reported that:

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- the club's overall cash position at 27 April 2023 is \$6346.23.
- the annual membership fee was increased to \$25.00 (\$12.50 for juniors) at the beginning of this year.
- the club no longer pays weekly rent (or purchases consumables) or collects weekly rental contributions for this purpose. The cessation of these payments in September 2022 on moving to the CSCC has improved the club's financial position i.e. this year's loss of \$528.80 is not structural.
- the purchase of a new club laptop for the Director of Play's use in organising tournament play is intended. This is expected to cost approximately \$1000.00.
- the only significant cost expected in the future, assuming our rent-free status in the CSCC continues, will be the ongoing ACF ratings fees. The club is charged:
 - \$0.10 per lightning game
 - \$0.30 per rapid game
 - \$0.80 per classical game

The meeting accepted the treasurer's report (moved Lee Forace, seconded Graeme Wilson).

Election of Office Bearers for 2023/24

The following were elected (all unopposed) for 2023/24:

position	who	(proposed)	(seconded)
President (*)	Brian Butler	(Milan Grcic)	(Victor Braguine)
Vice President	Roy Teymant	(John Newman)	(Victor Braguine)
Treasurer (*)	Brian Butler	(Victor Braguine)	(Roy Teymant)
Secretary (*)	Gary Trevean	(Brian Butler)	(Mark Scully)
Committee Member	Victor Braguine	(John Newman)	(Angelo Feliu)
Committee Member	vacant	-	-

(*) = signatories to club bank account.

Non-Elected positions

Director of Play

Lee Forace and Roy Teymant agreed to continue as directors of play.

Trophies

Brian Butler agreed to continue managing the club's trophies.

Web

Syed Assad and Roy Teymant agreed to continue managing the club's website.

Other Business

Code of Conduct

Brian Butler presented a draft *Ethics and Etiquette for Tournament Play* document to the meeting. The document covers the essentials of good conduct at the board. There was some discussion regarding the document and it was agreed the committee would review and complete the document. It would then become part of the membership papers provided to new or renewing members, who would be required to sign the document to indicate agreement.

Incorporation of the Club

Mark Scully suggested the club should be incorporated in the ACT. There was some discussion and it was agreed the issue (with input from Mark) should be addressed by the committee.

Recognition of all Place Getters in Tournaments

Milan Grcic requested that all place getters (ie 1st, 2nd and 3rd, including where these places were shared) be acknowledged in all communications regarding results (eg at presentations, in emails). The meeting agreed this was a good idea and this was noted by the committee.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.