

ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC.
ABN: 55 570 474 362

**Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at the
Arana Contract Bridge Club, Ferny Grove Parklands.**

MINUTES

1. **Opening:** 9 am.
2. **Present:** 68 Members as per attendance book.
3. **Apologies:** 9 members as per attendance book.
4. **Minutes:** Moved Trish Lye, seconded Jim Webster, that the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held 12 February 2019 as posted on Arana Website be accepted. **Carried.**
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - a. The Club Constitution was updated with the amendment to clause 27(12)1st paragraph to increase Committee spending to \$35,000 (in 2019 dollars) excluding GST. This was approved by both the QBA and Office of Fair Trading. The amended constitution is available on the club website.
 - b. The Committee was requested last AGM to maintain a Psyche Register. This has been set-up and is held in the Directors' drawer.
6. **President's Report:** Robert Van Beest reported –
 - a. There was an increase in table fees.
 - b. Maintenance work was undertaken on ramps and leakage in ceiling.
 - c. A new computer system was installed with TVs and a time clock. The meeting was asked to thank Mike Le Voi for his work on this project.
 - d. The solar power system was corrected. Cost of electricity was reduced by one third. This will be a good investment in the future.
 - e. The future is looking good as the club is in a sound financial position.
 - f. Membership is down, but there was an extra session and more members playing more frequently. The club needs to increase its membership.
 - g. We lost some sponsors but gained one and the sponsorship allowed the member booklet and the Newsletter to be printed in colour.
 - h. During the year Michael Walker retired as Editor of the Newsletter and Kathleen Le Voi has taken on this role. The meeting thanked Kathleen for her work on the Newsletter.
 - i. There were some changes with the sport fields and Alan Norman would provide more information in general business.
 - j. There are about 22 volunteer positions which help to run the club. There are more people helping than that, as some positions require numbers of people. Robert thanked all volunteers.

Robert Van Beest moved, seconded Alan Norman, the report be accepted. **Carried.**
7. **Treasurer's/Auditor's Reports:** Sue Norton advised that the audited reports were on the website and had been distributed to the meeting. Sue thanked all who helped with her position. She drew attention to -

- a. The grant which had helped with computers etc.
- b. The drop in electricity cost.
- c. Fee increases by ABF and QBA.
- d. The increase in the number of tables – 5000 for the year.

Sue Norton moved, seconded Alan McIntyre, that the report be accepted. **Carried.**

8. Business Arising from Reports: Nil.

9. Election of Office Bearers

Position		Name	Proposer	Seconder	Accepted
President	1	Robert van Beest	C.Bellis	D.Wilkinson	Yes
Vice President	2	Alan Norman	C.Bellis	J.Taylor	Yes
Secretary	3	Trish Lye	S.Norton	D.Wilkinson	Yes
Treasurer	4	Sue Norton	C.Sharp	J.Taylor	Yes
Other Committee Members	5	Michael Le Voi	J.Greenwood	H.McLauchlan	Yes
	6	Kathleen Le Voi	H.McLauchlan	D.Benes	Yes
	7	Helen McLauchlan	P.Horton	A.Smith	Yes
	8	Marianne McPherson	O.Jackson	D.Benes	Yes
	9	Jim Webster	R.Wieckhorst	R.Van Beest	Yes
	10	Norma Hansen	R.Van Beest	C.Sharp	Yes
	11	Liane Morris	B.Hansen	M.Huxley	Yes
	12	Phil Chappel	S.Norton	P.Lye	Yes

10. Appointment of Authorised Person/Contacts

- a. The duly elected Treasurer Sue Norton is hereby approved to be the Authorised person for the purposes of contact with the following – ATO, ABR, ASIC, Dept. Of Fair Trading, Work Cover and any other government departments, statutory bodies, Councils, Authorities, MYOB, Telstra, all Business products and software or Business Accounts. Moved Trish Lye, seconded Ann Smith. **Carried.**
- b. All previous contacts or associates are removed. The persons duly elected as President, Vice President and Secretary are hereby approved to be contacts for the abovementioned bodies.

11. Appointment of Auditor

J P O'Connor Pty Ltd is available to act as ACBC auditor for 2020 and it is proposed that it be re-appointed. Moved Sue Norton, seconded Gary Lynch. **Carried.**

12. Appointment of Life Members: Nil.

13. General Business:

- a. Committee Numbers -
 - i. Owen Marks asked if there was a limit on the number of committee members.
 - ii. Robert Van Beest replied that the constitution had no limit. This was something the committee could look at. He felt 9 was a good number.
 - iii. Kathleen Le Voi said this was an insult to new people and that Robert's remarks were only his opinion.

- iv. Helen McLauchlan said why limit to 9, the more people on the committee, the more the workload could be spread.
 - v. Marianne McPherson said that if the constitution was unlimited, then in theory there could be 50 people on the committee.
- b. Changes to Sports Area –
- i. Alan Norman provided the following update:
 - ii. The AFL building is due to start in April. It would take up most of the closest carpark to the club building.
 - iii. There will be a walkway to the club building.
 - iv. There will be 2 disabled carparks in the remaining carpark area.
 - v. 1000 m2 of added car parking will be provided on the other side of the field with the playground being removed.
 - vi. Access will be available from this to the rear door.
 - vii. The club will look at providing cover over the door.
 - viii. 2 disabled car parks will be provided. The club had asked for 4 or 5 and will continue to advocate for this.
 - ix. The carparking is to be completed before construction, so some disruption will be expected.
 - x. The Council has indicated some sort of general Sports Building or relocation near the Bowls Club. The club will continue to advocate for autonomy, safe parking and a quiet environment.
- c. Grant –
- Robert Van Beest advised that a grant of around \$40,000 had been received from the Council to replace cracked sheeting and paint the building. The club will contribute around \$12,000 for this work. Members can expect some inconvenience and noise shortly.
- d. Survey regarding timing of Friday Session –
- i. 134 responses had been received.
 - ii. 88 were for change.
 - iii. 44 were to keep.
 - iv. After the GNOTS end on Friday 1 April, a 2 months trial will follow with the new timing of 9.30 start.
 - v. The success (or not) of this trial will then dictate the future.
- e. Vote of Thanks –
- Bev Quine moved a vote of thanks to the Committee.

14. Close: 9:40 am.