

**ARANA CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB INC.**

ABN: 55 570 474 362

**Special General Meeting held Friday 14 January 2022 at the Arana Contract Bridge Club, Ferny Grove Parklands commencing at 9.00 am.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Opening:** 9.00 a.m.
2. **Apologies:** Pam Horton, Byron Lye, Rhonda Wieckhorst as per attendance book.
3. **Present:** As per attendance book 40 members. 30 valid Proxy Votes received by 1.30 p.m. Friday 7 January 2022.
4. **Chair:** Robert Van Beest
5. **Special Resolution:** Robert Van Beest moved, seconded Sue Norton,

**That the proposed constitution as published on the club website and at the club, be adopted.**

Robert advised that the QBA had given their approval to the document. The QBA had advised that the current document was outdated when compared with Office of Fair Trading Model Rules and other club documents. He then invited comments.

6. Allan McIntyre (Chair of Sub-committee) explained that a sub-committee had prepared the document, using the Kenmore Club document (approved by QBA) as a guide, referred to the Model Rules from the Office of Fair Trading and finally referred to Arana current constitution to incorporate differences.
7. Robert Van Beest read an email from Pam Horton. Her concerns –
  - a. Numbers on committee – suggested total 9.
  - b. Length of term for office bearers 2+2 years then 2 years before returning to the position.
8. Peter Rhind was against the resolution. Concerns –
  - a. No correct process.
  - b. No information had been given to members about each of the changes.

- c. No reasons why certain items had been selected.
  - d. Against the resolution until information given about all the changes.
9. Owen Marks said he had spoken to John Allen and Pam Horton (on the sub-committee) and had been advised that his concerns would be addressed at the meeting. He had sent amendments to the Secretary and was advised that they would be read at the meeting, But, amendments were not permitted. His concerns (among others)–
- a. The process was a shambles.
  - b. Name of the Club was incorrect.
  - c. The member register section needed changing to protect members rights.
  - d. There should be a limit on time serving on the committee to give others a go.
  - e. And others.
10. Owen Marks moved, seconded Dawn Benes, that the meeting be adjourned. Vote was 30 for and 39 against (including proxy votes). Motion defeated.
11. Robert Van Beest then asked for a vote on the resolution. 20 against and 41 for (includes proxy). As the OFT require the resolution to be passed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members present (includes proxy), Robert announced that the resolution did not pass.
12. **Close:** The meeting closed at 9.45 a.m.