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1. The meeting opened at 10.30am with the President, Dianne March, welcoming everyone to our 31<sup>st</sup> AGM.
2. Apologies – 16 apologies were recorded (see attached)
3. Attendance – 38 members attended the Meeting (see attached). Note the required quorum according to our Constitution is 20 members
4. The Minutes for the previous AGM (August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017) were available. Moved Anne Grayden and Seconded: Lyn Lynch that they be accepted. Carried.
5. Business Arising.
  - a) Alan Bustany asked if anything had been done re the dishwasher.
  - b) Di March advised that it still needs some repair & we are waiting for further renovations in kitchen.
  - c) Di also advised the foyer was not carpeted but had been painted by a club member & that the CCLC will not allow us to install better lighting.
  - d) Di further commented that the CCLC is again looking at leveling the floor in our room. Questions re relevance of Occupational Health & Safety were raised – by John McGrath & Pauline Caust, as something to think about.
6. President's Report – see attached. Moved Wendy Mitchell; Seconded Adele Mills that the Report be accepted. Di added that we need to follow up, with CCLC, regarding the provision of an extra Fire Escape. Carried
7. Treasurers Report - see attached. Ronnie Ng moved that the Report be accepted; Seconded by Dorothy Berzins. Carried
8. Business Arising.
  - a) Louis Koolen asked why the funds from the Regional Finals did not appear. Ronnie informed us that Helen Milward, the convenor at State level, has submitted details but no Club has yet been paid

b) Loius Koolen asked why we haven't been billed for GNOTs yet? Ronnie explained that the bill has not been received yet. The Regional Final is not until end of September & Final the end of November.

c) Leon Babinski asked why the cost of stationery had increased so much. A few things have help contribute to this, eg purchase of new law books, switch from generic to genuine ink cartridges, large purchase of bidding pads etc

d) Ronnie Ng explained that there has been a change in the CCLC person who reviews the club's accounts & that these were reviewed on 12<sup>th</sup> July not the 16<sup>th</sup> as stated on page 3 of the Report.

e) Ronnie thanked Ruth for all the help she has given him throughout the year

f) Wendy Mitchell thanked Ronnie for all his work over the past years & wished him well. Appreciation shown by applause from members.

9. Tournament Organiser's Report – see attached. In a preamble to presenting his Report Colin Mitchell detailed what the job entails. He then moved that the Report be accepted & this was seconded by Louis Koolen. Carried

10. Motions on Notice. There were 4 Motions to be discussed & voted upon. Note below is a summary of arguments, of all speakers.

*Motion 1. That the current requirement for the winner of the Bill Thomson Memorial Trophy be changed such that the need to have played more than 30 times be removed. The Trophy for the Most Improved Player over a calendar year, should be available to any member of the CCLCBC who has less than 100 Master Points as of 1 January of the year of the competition*

Moved: Dorothy Berzins

Seconded: Gwen White

Dorothy as Mover of Motion.

- agreed with idea of a trophy in memory of Bill
- disagreed with need to have played 30 times at CCLCBC
- restrictive in nature & contrary to what Bill would have wanted
- historically Bill's notion of inclusiveness seen in rationale behind establishing the Monthly Shield, his brainchild
- fear that conditions could lead to other local bridge clubs becoming exclusive
- cited negative reaction to CCBC when one year they applied different charges for their Xmas Party, based on number of games played at CCBC, over the year
- Bill's family not aware bridge-wise so would not appreciate the implications of such a narrowly defined requirement

Di March speaking as President, & first speaker against the Motion

- dealings with Bill's family occurred over several months

- letter from family stating Bill had loved our Club & the family wanted to provide a trophy in his memory
- agreement reached to award trophy to a beginner
- Rob's desire to present the inaugural trophy, at next Presentation Day
- requirement that winner play 30 times, slightly more than twice a month, was considered reasonable
- opted for the formula used by the ABF when measuring player improvement
- Committee executed the family's wishes.

Adele Mills, as speaker for the Motion

- Bill would not agree with restrictions imposed
- an 'improver is an improver'
- nobody should be disqualified on basis of where master points are gained.

Wendy Mitchell was second speaker against the Motion.

- no member has to live on Central Coast
- a member could win the trophy without ever playing at CCLCBC
- players most likely to improve play not just at our Club, but quite rightly, in Red point events & Congresses anywhere
- trophy conditions were decided over a period of months between the family and the Committee and we should respect this.

Dorothy in her Right of Reply that

- Bill's family not aware of how things operate in the bridge world
- would have been better to award it to Teams of Three
- or the trophy could go to someone who'd had lessons at CCLCBC.

Alan Bustany, winner of the inaugural trophy

- need to think about purpose of the trophy
- clear that family wanted a trophy for improving beginners
- questioned method of calculating the winner
- players who begin the year with less than 100 MP were not necessarily beginners.

Interjection from the floor suggested that to change conditions for awarding the trophy is something that would have to be taken back to the family.

Debate ended here & as the Meeting preferred a ballot rather than a show of hands, John McGrath & Leon Babinski were appointed scrutineers & voting slips were distributed.

Motion defeated 34 to 4

*Motion 2. That when the CCLCBC introduces a new competition it must not be made retrospective, as this is tantamount to choosing a winner after the event.*

Moved: Dorothy Berzins

Seconded: Peter Berzins

Dorothy as Mover of Motion.

- cited award of Bill Thomson's trophy as case in point
- Bill died in Jan 2017
- trophy announced December 2017
- retrospective nature as qualifying period backdate
- Bill's family would have waited until 2019 to award inaugural trophy

Wendy as first speaker against

- Masterpoint data available for Jan to Dec 2017
- precedent of retrospectivity in Ted Neilsen Trophy
- cannot choose before an event

This Motion was not put to vote on point of technicality.

*Motion 3. That the method of running Club Championship and Trophy Events should be advertised in advance such that members can decide whether or not to compete.*

Moved: Adele Mills

Seconded: Stewart Duxbury

Adele as mover of the Motion

- both Program book & Noticeboard advertised the Club Pairs as a 2-week event
- first week run as a qualifying session & the next as a final & plate was like running it as a 1-week event.
- while Director, Louis Koolen, is experienced in directing he is not experienced in running this event in our Club.
- in the past, this event had been run over 3 sessions, then changed to 2 sessions & now it has been reduced to a 1 session event.

Colin Mitchell spoke against the Motion

- Trophy events – one winner, one session
- Method cannot be determined in advance as no pre-entry
- Club Championships are played over two sessions, not one
- the particular movement dependent on numbers on the day
- planning beforehand, to the extent that movements accommodating scenarios of less than or greater than 10 tables were selected
- Matthew McManus agreed event was properly run

Stewart Duxbury spoke as seconder

- there were enough tables on the day to play a Mitchell the first week & 2 Howells the second
- suggest we have a rule to close entries 2 days before the first session
- seeding the players works best

Louis Koolen speaking against the Motion

- there were 7 ½ tables at close of day prior to the event but 10 by time of play
- stronger session to run it as he did

- players were seeded.

Adele, in her right of reply

- numbers allowed for the Mitchell one week, 2 Howells the next
- anyone can have a bad day & should be given the opportunity to compete to improve score instead of playing in a plate.

Alan Bustany

- running the event as a qualifier with final & plate the second week was better for both lesser players & the more experienced players
- lesser players have the opportunity to earn more points
- qualifiers have a better game against other qualifiers.

The Motion was put to a vote by a show of hands. Outcome was a loss for the Motion

Motion 4

*That the Club Open Pairs and Open teams Championships are celebrated at their conclusion with drinks and nibbles*

Moved: Louis Koolen

Seconded: Barbara Grant

Louis introduced this & the Motion was carried on a show of hands.

#### 11. General Business

- i) John McGrath suggested all new members be given a list of Committee Members,
- ii) June Thompson congratulated the Committee

#### 12. Election of New Committee

President:	Louis Koolen
Vice President:	Colin Mitchell
Secretary:	Anne Grayden
Treasurer:	Peter Mackey
Committee Members:	Ruth Griffin
	Alison Mackey
	Julie Sadler
	Toni Dixon
	Leon Babinski

Colin Mitchell presented Dianne March, the outgoing President, with flowers & a gift. He thanked her for her contributions to the Club & all the work she has done over many years.

Meeting closed at 12.35pm