



**THE SOUTH
AUSTRALIAN BRIDGE
ASSOCIATION INC.**

**2009 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Notice is hereby given that the 77th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Clubrooms, 243 Young Street, Unley, on Sunday December 6th 2009 at 10.45 am.

AGENDA

Please note that all proxy forms must be in the hands of the Chair at least half an hour before the start of the meeting.

1. Apologies
2. Previous Minutes
AGM December 7th, 2008 (printed below)
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. President's Report (printed after previous Minutes)
5. Treasurer's Report (printed after President's Report)
6. Notices of Motion *
7. Fixing of Honoraria for Secretary and Treasurer.
8. Election of Officers**
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary (and Public Officer)
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Committee (4 positions)
 - e. Patron(s)
9. Election of Auditor(s)
10. Fixing of Annual Subscriptions and Joining Fees
11. Presentation to Grand Masters
12. Any Other Business

* Notices of Motion must be lodged not later than 14 days prior to the AGM

** Nominations for elected positions must be lodged at least 7 days prior to the AGM

Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting of the SABA held in the clubrooms on Sunday 7th December 2008 at 10.45 AM

There were approximately 160 members present.

Apologies: Linda Alexander, Marie Barry, Elizabeth Beck, Pat Buckle, Val Chandler, Helen Dennis, Arnold Garrett, Margaret Harvey, Don & Glenda Parker, Sandra and Stan Reeves, and Marcia Setchell.

The Minutes of the AGM of Dec 9th 2007 and the Special General Meeting of June 15th 2008 were accepted as true and accurate records.

President's Report

The President (Graham Terry) spoke of the successful negotiations with the SABF, culminating in the transfer to the SABF of all State Championships and Selection events. These events will continue to be held in our clubrooms.

Attendances have fallen 4.5% over the past year, and a similar fall has been budgeted in the coming year.

It was moved and accepted that the President's report be adopted.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer (John Roughan), John Zollo spoke on his behalf.

Moved and accepted that the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Fixing of Honoraria for Secretary and Treasurer.

The President moved that both the Secretary and the Treasurer be given free table fees and free subscriptions in 2009 – Carried.

Election of Officers

Graham Terry elected as President, unopposed.

Jackie Franco elected as Secretary, unopposed.

John Roughan elected as Treasurer, unopposed.

The six candidates for the four vacant committee positions each addressed the meeting before the ballot papers were distributed.

Wendy Andrews, Peter Chan, Angy Henn and Carolyn Leach were elected.

Barbara Marrett elected as Patron, unopposed.

Election of Auditors

UHY Haines Norton elected auditors for the coming year.

Subscriptions & Joining Fees

Same as last year, \$55 full membership, \$35 concession, nil Joining fee.

David Lusk asked what would be the entrance fees and joining fees for students. David Anderson replied that we would charge them \$17.

Presentations.

Silver Grand Master pens: Attilio De Luca and Jeff Travis.

Grand Master Trays: Sue Emerson, Anne Harris, Helen Luxton, Joff Middleton, Arthur Porter, Graham Quinn & Rex Whitford.

Any Other Business

Norma Cadd thanked the Manager, the Club Teacher and the Fund Raising Committee for their efforts. She suggested that more sessions have naming rights sold, and that we bottle our own wine.

Yvette Bolaffi (Fund Raising Committee) replied to Norma Cadd by thanking her for her suggestions but suggested that it would be a better idea if she jotted down her ideas and contacted the Fund Raising Committee. To this effect the Chairman added that the Fund Raising Committee is always in need of helpers.

The Chairman welcomed the President of the SABF Di Marler who requested the club members to sign a petition to the South Australian Government to recognize bridge as a Mind Sport.

David Lusk asked that members be better informed about the Association's sub committees, and suggested that suitably qualified members be co-opted.

The meeting closed at 11:55 AM

President's Report for 2009

On behalf of the Management Committee (Secretary – Jackie Franco, Treasurer – John Roughan, Vice President – Peter Chan, Wendy Andrews, Angy Henn and Carolyn Leach), I submit this Report for your consideration at the AGM.

Although we achieved a satisfactory operating profit for the year, the incoming Committee will need to keep a close watch on income and expenditure. Last year we budgeted for a decline of 4.5% in attendances but fortunately the decline was only 2.5%. This meant that we were able to pay off the balance of the Member's Loan (\$20,000) and to install the new front door (\$10,000) ahead of time. We must assume that in these uncertain economic times and because of increasing local competition that the decline will continue and therefore a fall of 2.5% in income has been budgeted for

2009 was the first year of the new agreement with the South Australian Bridge Federation (SABF) re the running of State Championships and State selection events. The SABF is now the major hirer of our clubrooms although we have had hiring income from the Scrabble Association, Rotary and the RDNS. Our "bread and butter" is now reliant on the success of our non-Thursday night sessions and retaining graduates from the teaching programme (thanks must go to those experienced players who have attended the last session of each beginner's class to encourage the beginners to stay on as players). We must be more focused on making bridge at SABA a pleasurable experience. Codes of conduct are being developed for both staff and players.

There have been a number of other noteworthy decisions, successes or attempts during the past year -

- The Fund Raising Committee made another large profit.
- The ANOT was very successful and we look forward to hosting it again in 2010.
- The Open Team won its event at the ANC in Canberra.
- David Lusk has been given a 2-year contract for teaching and directing.
- Thanks mainly to Angy Henn, SABA now has a business plan underway.

- 19 people applied for the Manager's position. A strong field meant that up to 10 could have filled the position.
- A monthly email newsletter is now produced.
- Free Bridge lessons for Uni students were not a success (but thanks must go to the SABF for its sponsorship of this trial).
- Several members made substantial donations towards the cost of the new front door.

Our Manager (David Anderson) assisted by John Zollo has given good advice to the Committee. Our staff (directing, teaching, kitchen, cleaning, board dealing, etc) continues to work well and the Committee thanks them for their loyalty and diligence.

Thanks must go to the numerous Members who help the Club voluntarily – the Fund Raising Committee (in particular Linda Alexander, Yvette Bolaffi, Helen Dennis, Jackie Franco and Carolyn Leach) and the women who do the floral arrangements (Gwen Ransom and Barbara Marrett). Ferdi Meerbach has helped us enormously in a variety of ways this year. Susan Emerson has provided valuable work on our appointments sub-committees.

Graham Terry

South Australian Bridge Association Inc.

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporations Act, 1985, the committee of the South Australian Bridge Association Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30-09-2009:-

- (a) (i) no officer of the association;
- (ii) no firm in which an officer is a member; and no body corporate in which the officer has a financial interest,

has received, or become entitled to receive, a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the Association.

- (b) No officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and signed by two members of the committee.

J Roughan _____ G Terry _____

Dated this 5th Day of November 2009

TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the year ending 30 September 2009 show a Net Income of \$27,895 compared to the budget of \$25,250. The Total Income was about \$3,000 below budget but the Total Expense was about \$6,000 below budget. Due to the running of SABF events by SABF, we earned \$17,016 by provision of services and facilities to SABF.

Many thanks are due to the Fund Raising Committee for raising a total of \$7,930 including some substantial donations towards the cost of the new automatic front door. The door required an outlay of about \$11,000 and major repairs to the Annex air conditioner cost about \$7,000. We have now taken out insurance against major equipment failures. It is gratifying that we have also been able to repay the remaining \$20,000 of the loan.

Total Cash at 30 September 2009 was \$50,988 compared to \$41,802 at 30 September 2008. It is also relevant to compare this to Total Current Liabilities of \$57,740 at 30 September 2009.

In preparing the budget for the next financial period running from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010 we have forecast that there will be a 2.5% reduction in membership with a corresponding reduction in income from table fees and other sources. We are also aware that many expenses have risen or will rise during the period.

The budget indicates a net income of \$8,000 but approximately \$22,000 will have to be spent on an electricity supply upgrade and a new pantry refrigerator. It is estimated that the Total Cash at 30 September 2010 will be approximately the same as the Total Cash at 30 September 2009. These large capital expenses will be incurred late in 2009 so that the Total Cash will diminish to \$24,000 in November. It is clear that if the financial position worsens, steps will have to be taken to increase income and reduce expense.

John Roughan

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's Report may be viewed at the Clubrooms, on the northern notice board.

Profit and Loss for the year ended 30/09/09

Actual Sep-08 \$		Actual Sep-09 \$	Budget 2008-9 \$	Budget 09-10 \$
	Income			
349,566	Table Fees	304,238	299,000	290,000
24,485	Classes	28,696	23,400	27,800
29,250	Subscriptions	25,300	28,000	24,700
37,112	Food Drink/ Book Sales	35,892	35,400	35,000
5,792	Fund Raising and Donations	7,930	5,200	5,200
39,362	Congresses and Special Events & Misc.	12,427	25,800	10,000
0	Provision of services & facilities to SABF	17,016	18,000	18,000
485,567	TOTAL INCOME	431,499	434,800	410,700
	Expenses			
22,416	Food Drink Sales	20,055	25,500	21,000
26,277	Congresses and Special Events & Misc.	10,586	22,250	11,000
856	Advertising	1,292	1,000	1,000
1,988	Bank and Government Fees	1,905	2,100	2,000
3,911	Interest Expense	850	1,700	0
9,120	Board Duplication	9,940	9,100	10,000
3,045	Cleaning and Laundry Costs	2,921	4,000	3,000
1,677	Computer costs	4,543	1,750	4,000
12,000	Depreciation	12,000	12,000	12,000
12,000	Electricity and Gas	12,450	13,200	14,000
15,423	Foodstuffs	14,050	16,300	15,000
6,455	Workcover	6,734	6,800	7,000
17,998	Superannuation	17,871	18,800	18,000
5,860	Insurance	6,271	6,000	6,500
6,600	Long Service Leave	6,983	7,000	7,000
17,007	Maintenance and minor repairs	19,744	12,000	12,000
22,518	Teaching Costs	25,469	23,400	25,500
117,602	Directing and Management Wages	116,870	111,000	116,000
7,945	ABF Capitation Fees	8,600	7,600	8,600
15,163	Masterpoint and other ABF Expenses	10,622	12,000	11,000
610	Postage	388	700	500
4,455	Printing	3,820	4,700	4,000
6,050	Prizes	1,047	1,000	1,100
4,116	Rates Land & Buildings	4,131	4,400	4,300
2,240	Rates Water and Sewage	2,642	2,500	3,000
4,208	Stationery	1,816	4,000	5,000
3,626	Sundry Expenses and Minor Equipment	530	2,500	1,000
23,000	SABF State Event License Fees	0	0	0
3,605	SABF Affiliation Fees	3,600	3,600	3,600
566	Youth Development	546	0	0
1,613	Telephone	1,514	1,800	1,600
38,075	Kitchen Wages	38,418	36,840	38,480
35,148	Cleaning Contract and Wages	35,396	34,010	35,520
453,173	Total Expenses	403,604	409,550	402,700
32,394	Net Surplus	27,895	25,250	8,000

**Source and Application of Funds
for the year ended 30/09/09**

Sep-08		Sep-09
\$	Source	\$
32,394	Operating Result	27,895
12,000	Add depreciation	12,000
-17,168	Reduction in Cash on Hand	8,845
0	Increase in Loans	0
27,266		48,740
	Application	
-394	Increase in Prepayments	-49
3418	Increase in Fixed Assets	17,010
-5798	Reduction In Trade Creditors and Provisions	11,779
30,000	Reduction in Loans	20,000
27,226		48,740

**SA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION INC
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30/09/2009**

Sep-08		Sep-09
\$		\$
287,607	Members' Surplus to 30/09/08	319,992
32,394	Members' Surplus Current Year	27,895
320,001	Total Members' Funds	347,887
	Assets	
38,772	Cash at Bank	46,827
3,031	Cash on Hand	4,161
2,500	Stock on hand	2,500
4,560	Accounts Receivables	4,511
1,401	Prepayments	3,707
195,850	Land and Buildings (Written Down Value)	193,450
160,718	Equipment & Fixtures (Written Down Value)	165,132
406,832	Total Assets	420,288
	Liabilities	
23,412	Trade Creditors & Provisions	21,292
5,780	Australian Bridge Federation	3,805
2,009	Suspense Accounts	2,765
32,138	Wages Provisions	41,245
20,000	Members' loan Account	0
3,492	Trust Accounts	3,294
86,831	Total Liabilities	72,401
320,001	Total Net Assets	347,887