

Meeting Commenced at 11.01am and was Chaired by The President, Mr Andrew Dale.

Andrew – “Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to the 42nd Annual General Meeting of Rockdale RSL Sub Branch Club Limited. Could you please all stand and join me in 2 minutes silence for our departed comrades.”

Standing. “Lest we forget.”

“Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen. Before we start just some housekeeping. We do not have Joan, our recorder with us this year have with us this year as she has been delayed with car trouble. If anyone wishes to speak, before they do so, would you please state your name and badge number so they may be recorded in the minutes.”

Apologies

Apologies please. Do we have any apologies?”

Geoff and Jill Hedge

Peter Stannard

Margaret Bapty

“Could I have a motion please the apologies be accepted?”

Moved – Mr Johansen (Johnson)

Seconded – Mr Hooper

“All those in favour? Against NIL. Carried.”

Receive the Minutes of 2016

You’ve all got a copy of the minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting which was at the table as you came in.

Business Arising from the Minutes

“Business arising from those minutes, anyone would like to ask any questions from those minutes? That being the case can I have a motion please the minutes be adopted?”

Moved – Ron Hooper

Seconded – John Ricketts

“All those in favour, Against, Carried.”

Chairman’s Report

Andrew - “My Chairman’s Report was attached to the Annual Report that went out. Are there any questions anyone would like to ask me of my report?”

“That being the case can I have a motion my report be adopted?”

Moved – Mr John Read

Seconded – Mr Mal Sutton

“All those in favour, Against, Carried.”

Correspondence

The Chairman advised there was one email correspondence from Mr Dennis Mawson - Badge number 2008. The Chairman advised the correspondence did not relate to the 2016 Business or Accounts and therefore he would not discuss it at the AGM. He would, however, reply to Mr Mawson in writing, following the AGM.

Secretary Manager's Report

The Secretary Manager's Report was circulated with the Financials. Are there any questions of the Secretary Manager of his report?"

"That being the case can I have a motion please the Secretary Manager's Report be adopted?"

Moved – John Oxford
Seconded – Cathy Lynch

"All those in favour, Against, Carried."

Financial Report

Andrew – "Financial Reports Please. There were no questions on notice for the Financial Report so can I have a motion please the Financial Reports be adopted?"

Moved – Keith Johansen
Seconded –

Andrew – "All those in favour, Against, Carried."

Auditor's Report

Andrew - "I'll as ask Mr James Heesh from our auditors Hales Redden to speak on his report."

James - "Thank you Andrew. Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen. I represent Hales Redden and Partners. We are the appointed auditors at this time last year for the year ended 31st December 2016. We conduct a continuous audit throughout the year, we have provision of monthly accounts to The Board and we have ongoing discussions with members, if anything arises during the course of our audit. The only comments that I would like to make is that similar to that we had last year the club is continuing to make losses and the only way the Club survived throughout the year was because of the sale of property. I am aware the Club purchased property during their good times, to help them out in the bad times, however the sale of property cannot go on forever, and the Club needs to find other income to continue to trade, or at least trade at a profit.

Some trading results indicate the Bar Sales were down approximately \$44,000 over last years sales, and Poker Machine revenue was down approximately \$190,000. These reductions saw the loss for the year increase from approximately \$278,000 to \$464,000.

Andrew - "Thank you James. Are there questions that somebody would like to ask of the Auditor? There being no questions, can I have a motion to adopt the Auditor's Report for 2016?"

Moved – Christine Mann
Seconded – Robert De Vies

“All those in favour – against – carried.”

Andrew – “Having received all the reports and considered the Financial Reports, um can I have a motion please that the Annual Report for 2015 be adopted?”

Moved – Edna Christie
Seconded – Barry Johnson

“All those in favour, against, carried.”

Andrew - “The next item on the Agenda is to consider the resolutions which were forwarded to all members, of which I will read in total.”

Notice of Resolution

“In accordance with part 10(1)(i) of the Registered Clubs Act 1993 as amended, the following motion is submitted for consideration:

- (i) That for their time and services involved in conducting the business affairs of the club and related duties, the directors receive the same benefits as they presently enjoy.
- (ii) The Directors be supplied with Club Directors Uniforms which can be worn at Board Meetings and when representing the Club in an official capacity;
- (iii) Directors be authorised to attend Registered Clubs Association and other education industry meetings or business related conferences and club related activities in order to be conversant with
 - (a) Directors’ responsibilities;
 - (b) Best club management practice;
 - (c) Latest developments in the club industry;
- (iv) All reasonable costs incurred by Directors whilst on duty or representing the club to be borne by the Club.
- (v) The Board of Directors be authorised to make grants to support sub-club sporting groups, charitable organizations and other intra-club bodies.

Each resolution must be passed as a whole and cannot be amended by motions from the floor of the meeting or divided into two or more separate resolutions.”

Andrew - “This is an annual requirement under The Liquor Administration Act that we need to pass every year to ensure the Directors have the capacity to continue to run this club.”

“Anyone wish to ask a question on the resolution?”

“That being the case can I will put the resolution to the vote – all those in favour say Aye, against NIL Carried. Thank you.

Notice of Second Resolution

The Chairman read the Second Resolution:

“In relation to Core Properties:

The Board be given approval to sell core properties to assist with the payment of Staff Entitlements and the building and fit-out of the new Club premises. The properties have member bookings until October 2017, and the properties will not be sold until such time as all member bookings have been honoured”

Notes to the Resolution:

1. The core properties are –
 - a. Unit 1 Catalina Close, Nelson Bay
 - b. 7 Palm Street Tuncurry.
2. A similar resolution was originally put to a General Meeting held 22 March 2017, and was not passed.
3. The Club has several properties in holiday areas which have been rented to members at a tariff well below the commercial holiday tariffs in each location. The local area in which these properties are located have had extensive development of holiday apartments, which are far more attractive for rentals than our properties.
4. The properties were purchased with funds earned during periods of profitable trading, and those profits were invested in property (as distinct from Bank deposits) for future staff entitlements and trading instability.
5. The sale of the properties will be utilised for the payment of Staff Entitlements, with the balance being set aside for use towards the building of and fit-out of the new Club premises as required
6. Your Board of Directors highly recommends approval of this resolution”

The Chairman then spoke of the Second Resolution: Members will remember this resolution was put to the General Meeting held on 22nd March 2017 and was defeated. I erroneously stated at that meeting the resolution required 75% of members present to vote in favour of the Resolution for it to pass. I had mistakenly used Paragraph 80 of the Constitution which refers to the changing of the Constitution, and which requires 75% of eligible members present, to approve. The Resolution should have been considered under Paragraph 64 of the Constitution which allows for the majority of eligible members present to approve.

The Resolution vote on 22nd March 2017 did in fact have the majority of eligible members present in approval, however I will again put the Resolution to this meeting.

Is there anyone who would like to speak on the Resolution? No – that being the case I shall put the Special Resolution to the vote. May I have a show of hands from all those in favour of the resolution. Now may I have a show of hands from those not in favour of the resolution?

There being no showing of hands in the negative, I declare the Special Resolution passed, and I thank you all for your support of the Resolution.

Notice of Third Resolution

As the Second Resolution was passed, the Third Resolution is not required, and is therefore withdrawn.

Honorariums

Andrew – “The next item on the Agenda is to approve the honorarium. The current honorarium is for myself of \$3500 per annum. What are your wishes please?”

From the Floor – “Stay the same”

Moved – Mr Hooper – (that it remain the same)

Andrew - “Do we have a seconder?”

Secunder – Jack Armstrong

All those in favour? Against – NIL

Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen

Patrons

Andrew – “Next is to install the Patrons. The current Patrons of the Club are – the Honorary Life Member which is Brian Bannon, who was the Local Member for Rockdale for about 27 years in the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s.

The Mayor of Rockdale, Bill Saravinovski, and I don’t know what is happening with the amalgamation of Rockdale Council as we go forward. The Federal Member for Barton, who is Nicholas Varvaris, and The State Member for Rockdale who is Steve Kamper.”

“Can I have a motion please that the Patrons for the forthcoming year remain the same?”

Moved – John Sutton

Seconded – Keith Johansen

Auditor

“The last thing is to appoint the Auditor, again, for the forthcoming year. I propose our current auditors, Hales Redden be appointed for a further 12 months?”

Andrew - “Moved, John Armstrong. Seconded, John Ricketts.”

All those in favour, against NIL, carried.

Election of Directors

I will ask the Returning Officer, Mr Bill Campbell to declare the ballot. Thanks Bill.

Thanks Andrew.

There was only one nomination for the position of President – that of Mr Andrew Dale

Mr Dale was returned unopposed.

There was one nomination for RSL Director, and that was Mr Keith Johansen.
Mr Johansen was returned unopposed.

There were four nominations for Associate Directors, of which only three are required. The nominations were Mr Ron Hooper, Ms Christina Mann, Mr Barry Johnson and Mr Colin Moore.

Mr Hooper, Mr Johnson and Ms Mann were elected.

I now ask at this time if you wish the ballot papers to be retained or destroyed?

Moved Pam Coffey

Seconded Bob Orr the ballot papers be destroyed.

All those in favour? Against NIL. I shall ask the Election company to destroy the ballot papers.

Chairman - Thank you Bill. I wish to thank Colin Moore for standing for election this year. Unfortunately you weren't elected Col, but I hope you will stand again in future years.

I would like to remind the members that at the General Meeting held on 22nd March 2017, it was voted the Directors who were elected this year would serve a two year term whilst the new Club premises were being built. Therefore, there will not be an election for Directors next year.

General Business

Chairman – there being no questions submitted with seven days notice of this meeting, I declare there is no General Business for discussion.

Thank you ladies and Gentlemen, I therefore declare the 42nd Annual General Meeting of Rockdale RSL Sub Branch Club Ltd closed, and invite you to stay around and enjoy a drink and something to eat Thank you once again.”

Meeting closed at 11:36am.

Andrew P. Dale
President and Chairman

31 December 2017