

The meeting Commenced at 2.00 pm and was Chaired by The President, Mr Andrew Dale.

Andrew – Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. I declare we have a quorum and I welcome you all to the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Rockdale RSL Sub Branch Club Limited. Could you please all stand and join me in two minutes silence for our departed comrades.

Standing - Lest we forget.

“Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. 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?”

John Oxford.

The apology was accepted.

Receive the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The minutes of the 2017 AGM are on the Club website, and copies available on the desk here, which you have taken.

Business Arising from the Minutes

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

Moved – Ron Hooper Badge number 12
Seconded – John Sutton Badge number 4522

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

Correspondence

There was one email from Mr Cahill Poulter Badge number 1066 who said the Annual Report was not on the Club website. I contacted Cahill and advised him the Annual Report was now on the website. The delay was caused by the coinciding of placing the Annual Report on the website and the changing of servers.

There was also a letter from Rockdale RSL Sub Branch which I will not table, as the Sub Branch is not a member of the Club. I have replied to the letter in writing prior to this meeting.

There being no further Correspondence, may I have a motion the Correspondence be received?

Moved – Mal Sutcliffe Badge number 186
Seconded – Kathy Lynch Badge number 980

All those in favour, Against NIL – carried.

Chairman's Report

Andrew - My Chairman's Report was attached to the Annual Report. 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 – Arthur Graham Badge number 745
Seconded – Joseph Vella Badge number 965

"All those in favour, Against NIL Carried."

Secretary Managers Report

The Chairman's Report also encompassed the Secretary Manager's Report, as the Chairman was the company Secretary as at the date of the report.

Financial Report

The Financial Report is on the Club's website. As there were no questions regarding the Financial Report, I will ask our Club Auditor, Mr Paul de Maria to provide his report.

Auditor's Report

Paul de Maria - Thank you Andrew. Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. I represent Hales Redden and Partners, and we are the appointed auditors for the year ended 31st December 2017. I have spoken over the years of the need for the Club to sell property in order to continue trading. The Club sold two properties during the year. The proceeds were utilised to pay the staff redundancies of more than \$500,000 and pay all the Club creditors.

The overall loss was more than \$1million dollars. This was due to the sale of all the Club assets. As you know, furniture and fittings are worthless when it come to selling, and it was no different here. For example, the Club had two snooker tables which were in storage with Heiron & Smith at a cost of how much per month Andrew?

Andrew – more than \$500 per month Paul. Heiron & Smith agreed to forego the monthly storage fee in place of them taking the two snooker tables.

Thanks Andrew. As you can see, there isn't any value here.

The Club will have ongoing costs of Land Tax, Council rates, Liquor Licence fees etc, and currently have about \$490,000 in the Bank, with no income. There isn't any rental income, as the tenants who were in the Fire Station have vacated due to the forthcoming demolition. The ongoing costs will be met from any interest the Club receives on their money.

Andrew - Thank you Paul. Are there any questions anyone would like to ask of the Auditor?

Yes, I have – Alan Lyons Badge number 274. Why is there no figure in the accounts for the property at 45 Bay Street Rockdale – the old Club premises?

Andrew – Alan, the Club doesn't own that property any more, so there isn't a value that can be placed on it.

Alan – The new Club will be built on that property and the Fire Station property, which means there must be some value in it?

Andrew – When the Club is built, there will be a value which will be reflected in the accounts. If the Club hasn't been completed by the date of the next Reporting period – the 31 December 2018 – then possibly a value of the completed improvements will be in the accounts. We will leave this to our Accountants to determine.

Paul – Alan, we can't put a value in the accounts for an asset that doesn't exist. There may be an intrinsic value, but at this stage, it is unknown.

Thank you, Paul and Alan. Can I have a motion the Financial Report and the Auditors Report for the 31 December 2017 be adopted?

Moved – Keith Johansen Badge number 113

Seconded – Barry Johnson Badge number 169

“All those in favour? Against – Nil. Carried.”

Andrew - The next item on the Agenda is to consider the Resolution which was 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.

Declaration of Directors for 2018

You will all remember the 2016 AGM approved the election of the present Directors for a period of two years pending the building of the new Club. Therefore, there was no election for Directors this year.

The Directors are –

Chairman, myself

Directors Ron Hooper, Keith Johansen, Barry Johnson and Ms Christina Mann.

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 – Keith Johansen Badge number 113 – move that it remain the same.

Andrew – Thank you Keith.

From the floor – Ron Hooper Badge number 12– I move that it be increased to \$5,000. I propose the increase due to the extra work undertaken by yourself since the Club closed, and the ongoing requirement from you with regards to the Development Application and the proposed construction.

Thank you, Ron. The second proposal now becomes the Motion. Is there a seconder for Ron’s proposal?

Rob Mehan Badge number 2573 – I’ll second the motion.

Thank you, Rob. Does anyone wish to talk on the motion?

There being no discussion, all those in favour say Aye, Against NIL carried.

Andrew - Therefore as the motion has been passed, the motion from Mr Johansen does not require a vote. Thank you, Ladies & Gentlemen. I must say that since the Club has closed, it has taken an inordinate amount of my time in finalising everything. My wife could certainly say a few things about the time I have spent, but I won’t let her. (Laughter)

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 Federal Member for Barton, who is Linda Burney, the State Member for Rockdale who is Steve Kamper, and the Mayor of Bayside Council who is Bill Saravonovski.

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

Moved – Mal Sutton

Seconded – Arthur Robinson.

Carried unanimously.

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 Keith Johansen. Seconded Robert Tobias

All those in favour, against NIL, carried.

Andrew - Congratulations Paul, and I look forward to working with you throughout the coming twelve months as we progress towards the development of our new club.

Paul – thank you Andrew, as do I.

General Business

Andrew – there were no questions for General Business submitted prior to seven days’ notice of this meeting.

I will now answer the question raised by member number 954 – Ben Nolan. The question was when can we expect Bayside Council to issue the Development Application and when will the Club be finished?

Andrew – I have received an email saying the Council should be submitting our DA to the State Planning Authority sometime in June or early July. Our DA was submitted to Bayside Council in December 2016. The DA was put on public viewing to enable any objections. There were two objections – one from Energy Australia and one from a gentleman who lives on Bay Street somewhere.

Energy Australia objected to the lack of an electricity sub-station on the plans. The current sub-station is that green box as you come into the rear entrance of the old Club. The sub-station was clearly marked on the plans, and it took some three months before Energy Australia lifted their objection.

Our plans allow for a drive-in drive-out in front of the Club, This will enable our patrons to be dropped off and picked up under cover and will be a great benefit during inclement weather. The objection from the gentlemen on Bay Street was turning right off Bay Street into the driveway. We have overcome this objection, as there will be no right turn into the Club. There hasn’t been any objection to turning right in Bay Street into the many apartment blocks between here and General Holmes Drive.

Bayside Council has raised many objections to the development, which have all been answered to their satisfaction. One of their objections was to have the rear of the Club (Chapel Street) be at ground level. We strenuously rejected this requirement, and we would need to have a stepdown in the middle of the Club and a 40-metre ramp installed for wheelchair access. We have reached an amical agreement with Council, and this is no longer an issue.

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HELD ON SUNDAY 27th MAY 2018 AT ROCKDALE UNITING CHURCH HALL

Thank you, ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further General Business, I therefore declare the 43rd Annual General Meeting of Rockdale RSL Sub Branch Club Ltd closed.

Meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

Andrew P. Dale
President and Chairman

31 December 2018