

Australian Bridge Directors Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Rydges Lakeside Hotel on Tuesday, 22 January, 2008

- Quorum:** The meeting opened at 8.00 pm, Chairman John McIlrath advising that a quorum was present.
- Present:** (From attendance register) John McIlrath, Gary Wilson, John Hempenstall, Tom Strong, Michael Phillips, Tony Howes, Laurie Kelso, Rebecca Plush, Richard Hills, Simon Edler, Peter Marley, Sean Mullamphy, Anne Fraser, Jon Free, Gordon Henderson, Eric Ramshaw, Peter Havlilock, Arie Geursen, Lorraine Harkness
- Apologies:** Apologies were accepted from Ken Miller and Chris Diment.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 January, 2007 have been on the ABDA website for 12 months. It was resolved that they be taken as read and confirmed.
- Business arising:** Nil.
- President's Report:** The President circulated a written report on the past year. Key points in the report were
1. The Directors Forum on the website had continued with more members joining in. Thanks are due to the administrator, Gary Wilson and the moderators Matthew McManus and Laurie Kelso.
 2. The ABDA conducted a Seminar in Sydney in conjunction with the ABTA on 15/16 September with an audience of 70-80 people.
- The President's report was adopted.**
- Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer circulated his report showing that the Association made a loss of \$8,169.09 for 2007. The net assets at the end of the year were \$29,510.64.
- The Treasurer's report was adopted.**
- Webmaster's Report:** The webmaster reported that the new forum had been in operation for 15 months and now had 60 registered members. The Ask a Director feature in particular has provided a useful service to both members and non-members. Continuing problems have been experienced with the settings of the ABF server that hosts our forums, causing people to have to click refresh a number of time before the forum will open. Despite much correspondence with the ABF and their website host company, this issue is unresolved.
- The Webmaster's report was adopted.**
- Auditors Report:** The books had not been audited by the Auditor Tino Di Placido at the time of the meeting.
- Election of Council for 2008 – 2010:**
The following were elected to the Council for 2008 – 2010
- Executive Committee**
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| President | Sean Mullamphy (ACT) |
| Vice President | Gordon Henderson (ACT) |
| Secretary | Simon Edler (TAS) |
| Treasurer | Michael Phillips (NSW) |
- General Councilors**
- Tom Strong (QLD), Ken Miller (QLD), Jon Free (WA),
Laurie Kelso (VIC), David Lusk (SA), Richard Hills (ACT)
- Fees:** It was resolved that a membership fee of \$25 would be introduced for 2008. Membership will only be accepted from individuals for 2008 and not from Bridge Clubs, since the main benefit of membership for the year will be personal participation in the website forums.
- It was resolved that no honorariums will be paid in 2008.
- General Business:** It was suggested that the ABDA again join with the ABTA to conduct a joint Seminar in Melbourne in 2008.
A Vote of Thanks was extended to John McIlrath for his work and for the 2007 Seminar.
- Close:** The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.