

# Northern Region Bridge Association

## AGM Minutes

Aug. 26, 2018 Shepparton

**Meeting opened:** 12:25 p.m.

<b>Present:</b>	Chris Turner	Echuca
	Derek Poulton	Shepparton
	John Moore	Shepparton
	Frank Vearing	Macedon Ranges
	Richard Harman	Albury
	Mary Prowse	Wodonga
	Jan Hackett	Yarrawonga
	Jennifer Goddard	Bendigo
	Denis Upsall	Bendigo

**Minutes:** Minutes of the last AGM were read and passed on the motion of D Poulton; seconded by R. Harman.

**Business Arising:** nil

**President's report:** nil

**Treasurer's report:** J. Hackett reported a balance of \$8,805.38 as at 24 Aug. 2018, with accounts owing of \$13.00. Moved J. Hackett; seconded J. Moore. Carried.

**Election of office bearers:** Bruce Minchinton tendered his resignation due to ill health. J. Hackett thanked him for his work during his time as president. Positions were declared vacant. J. Hackett volunteered to continue as treasurer. D. Poulton nominated as president. There were no other nominations so both were elected.

**Other business:**

- **Dates and venues for 2018 events:**

The date for the pairs/teams weekend event will be about the same time as this year in early March. Martin Willcox to be contacted re availability. The GNOT will again be on the last Sunday in August. Although there was a clash with the Champion of Champions competition being run at the VBA, it is difficult to find a weekend that doesn't clash with something. Shepparton has again volunteered as the venue as it is the most central to all the regional clubs.

- **VBA money distribution**

J. Hackett stated that the VBA had given \$250 to the region to help defray expenses for regional players. She suggested that the money be divided among those representing the region in the open, women's and seniors' pairs events. R. Harman moved that \$350 be added to this amount and sponsor each player \$100. If the VBA does not continue its contribution, the region will review the decision to provide the extra funds. Seconded J. Goddard. Carried

- **Funds**

J. Moore noted that the region had a healthy bank balance and wondered if some of the money should be used in the region. Others remembered a time when the region had close to nothing, and so additional spending was not considered at this point.

- **Regional regulations**

There was discussion of the regional supplementary regulations. D. Poulton made it clear that in accepting the position of president he would explore the legitimacy of the regulations. All attendees were in agreement that the matter needs to be settled.

There was also discussion re changing the regulations to allow non-regional players to attend the regional final. C. Turner moved that non-regional players be allowed to play, however, there was no seconder for the motion.

There was discussion over signatory for the NRBA account. It was agreed Jan Hackett and Richard Harman would remain as signatories on the account.

**Meeting closed: 1 p.m.**