

# **MINUTES OF 41ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF**

**ST GEORGE MASONIC CLUB LIMITED**

**held at club premises  
86 Roberts Avenue, Mortdale, NSW  
on 18 July 2010 at 10.00am**

**PRESENT: Directors - Mr Stephen ROMANS (Chairman)  
Mr Brian GRIGGS  
Mr Gregory KERR  
Mr Bruce McCANN  
Mr Geoffrey SIM  
Mr Warren DREW**

**Chief Executive  
Officer Mr Paul O'Connor**

**Auditor Mr Paul Cheeseman (PKF)**

**Returning  
Officer Mrs Marie Jones**

**Members - 29 in total**

**APOLOGIES: Mr Ron Haira, Mrs Helen Haira, Mr Ken Tildsley,  
Mrs Margaret Tildsley, Mr John Brooks,**

## **1. OPENING OF MEETING**

**Chairman:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of St George Masonic Club. I hereby declare the meeting open at 10 am and thank you all for attending on a cool morning.

Before we start, I think it appropriate that we observe a minute's silence for members who have passed away this year and, indeed, in years before.

(Minute silence)

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Please be seated. Before we proceed with the rest of the meeting, I would like to introduce the Board of Directors, who are present here today, who have served so well this year past - Greg Kerr, Senior Vice President, elected to the Board in 2002. We have an apology from Mr Ron Haira, Junior Vice President, Board member since 2005. Mr Bruce McCann, member of the board since 1976, Life Member and Past President. Mr Brian Griggs, Past President and Board member since 1992. Mr Geoffrey

Sim, I am sure will actually attend, but he could be running late, Life Member, current Treasurer and Board member since 1992. Mr Ken Tildsley, who is overseas, a Board member since 2004. Mr Warren Drew, Board member for four years. We also have an apology from Mr John Brooks, who is at work today.

Also present is Paul Cheeseman, from PKF, who does a fine job looking after our accounts. Our Returning Officer, Mr Ivor Jones, is not here. Also present is our minute secretary, Ms Jacky Lupton, who has been doing the minutes for sometime and does a great job. You can see Paul O'Connor has just left the room to check on something. I would also like to welcome Mr Ron Atkins, Life Member and who is a stalwart of the club.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 40<sup>TH</sup> AGM

- (a) The Chairman put a motion that the minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting be confirmed.

**Moved:** Mr Atkins (6006).  
**Seconded:** Mr Nicholson (9289).  
**CARRIED.**

- (b) **Business Arising from Minutes**

No business arising.

## 3. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

The Chairman put a motion that the Director's Report, the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the previous year and the Auditor's Report be received.

**Moved:** Mr Atkins (6006).  
**Seconded:** Mr Nicholson (9289).  
**CARRIED.**

## 4. VOTING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Chairman:** In the absence of Ivor Jones, the next item of business is to report on the outcome of the voting for the three directors who were up for re-election in our triennial system for the year just gone.

**Mr O'Connor:** I have been on the phone to our election guy. He is actually tied up at the Lane Cove Club and his wife was supposed to be here, but has not arrived as yet. The election result, as received by letter, is Greg Kerr 80 votes, Geoffrey Sim 69 votes, Reynir Potter 79 votes and

Bruce McCann 45 votes. The total formal votes were 273, one informal and the total number of voting members was 92. That means Greg Kerr, Geoffrey SIM and Reynir Potter have been elected.

**Chairman:** I would like to congratulate Reynir on his election to the Board and commiserations to Bruce McCann, who has a long and illustrious history with the club. He was elected as a director in 1974 and became Junior Vice President from 1976 to 1977. He was elected as a director from 1977 to 1979, elected Junior Vice President 1979 to 1985, elected Senior Vice President 1980 to 1985, again elected Junior Vice President 1985 to 1987. He held the position of director from 1987 to 1991 and was elected Senior Vice President from 1992 to 2000. He was then elected President from 2000 to 2004 and has remained on the Board as a director from 2004 until 2010. Bruce has also been a member of the St George Masonic Fishing Club since its inception in 1970. He also held the position of the President of that club for quite a few years and has been a President of the Association of the Masonic Fishing Club.

Bruce, I am sure I speak on behalf of the Board of Directors and, indeed, all members and I sincerely thank you for your service to this club and we appreciate your contribution.

At this time the Board will adjourn downstairs. As Paul explained last year, even though the directors are elected triennially, the executive are elected by the Board annually.

Marie Jones is now here, representing Ivor Jones, our electoral officer. I will let Marie say a few words, in addition, about the election.

**Mrs Jones:** Sorry for being late, but the traffic was bad. I believe the results have been announced. I will just confirm Gregory Kerr elected, 80 votes, Geoffrey Sim elected, 69 votes, Reynir Potter elected, 79 votes. Bruce McCann was not elected, 45 votes. Total formal votes were 273, one informal paper and 92 members voted. Commiserations to Bruce McCann.

Would anyone like to vote that the ballot papers be destroyed or would anyone like to look at them? If you vote for them to be destroyed, we normally keep them for three months. That is what the Registered Clubs Act advises.

**Unanimous agreement that the ballot papers be destroyed.**

Thank you.

(Directors retire to Board room).

**Mrs Jones:** I would like to announce we have had the draw for the senior positions, which were all unopposed. They are -

President	Stephen Romans - elected unopposed.
Senior Vice President	Gregory Kerr - elected unopposed.
Junior Vice President	Ron Haira - elected unopposed
Treasurer	Geoffrey Sim - elected unopposed.

**Chairman:** Thanks, Marie and fellow directors for the vote of confidence. Let's hope we all do another good job this coming year.

## **5. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Chairman:** We now deal with the nomination and voting on the fixed resolutions, which we have to do each year. I am sure you are familiar with them and you have them in the previous minutes. I move that the first Resolution be received. Would someone second that?

### ***First Resolution:***

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$60,000 over the following twelve months for the following expenses subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- Expenses involved in sponsorship of Intra-Clubs, Annual Picnic Expenses or other persons acknowledging services deemed by the Directors to be of benefit to the Club.
  - Sponsorship of Sporting Events and Sport Persons deemed by the Directors to be of benefit to the Club and/or Community.
  - Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in travelling by either public or private transport, to and from Directors or other duly constituted Committee Meeting, either within the Club or elsewhere - as approved by the Board, on production of documentary evidence of such expenditure, and costs associated with Directors use of Club Motor Vehicle.
  - The cost of meal and beverage to each Director at a reasonable time before or after a Board or Committee Meeting, on the day of the Meeting.
  - Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors either within the club or elsewhere in relation to such other duties including entertainment of special guests of the club and other promotional activities approved by the Board on production of documentary evidence of such expenditure.
- (b) The members acknowledge that the benefits in Paragraph (a) above are not available to members generally, but for those who are Directors of the Club and those Members directly involved in the above activities.

**Moved: Mr Romans (9168)**  
**Seconded: Mr Sim (6008).**  
**CARRIED**

### ***Second Resolution***

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$25,000 for the professional development and education of Directors over the following twelve months, including:

- The reasonable cost of Directors attending at the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting.
  - The reasonable cost of Directors attending Meetings of other Associations of which the Club is a member.
  - The reasonable cost of Directors attending Seminars, Lectures, Trade Displays, organised Study Tours, Fact-finding Tours and other similar events as may be determined by the Board from time to time.
  - The reasonable cost of Directors attending other Clubs for the purpose of observing their facilities and methods of operation.
  - Attendance at functions with spouses where appropriate and required, to represent the Club.
- (b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in Paragraph (a) above are not available to members generally, but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

**Moved: Mr Romans (9168)**

**Seconded: Mr Sim (6008)**

**CARRIED**

### ***Third Resolution:***

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve and agree to the expenditure by the Club on a President's Night in order to give thanks to various members of the Club who have assisted the Club, including:
- Voluntary Helpers.
  - Representatives from the Clubs sporting sections.
  - Representatives from other Masonic Clubs.
  - Directors and their spouses.
  - Managers and such other members of staff and their spouses as determined by the Board.
  - Community dignitaries as determined by the Board.
- (b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in Paragraph (a) above are not available to members generally, but only to those members who are invited to attend the President's Night.

**Moved: Mr Romans (9168)**

**Seconded: Mr Drew (9226)**

**CARRIED**

### ***Fourth Resolution:***

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve and agree to the provision of a Christmas Luncheon for Directors and their spouses.

- (b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in Paragraph (a) above are not available to members generally, but only to those who are Directors of the Club and their spouses.

**Moved: Mr Romans (9168)**  
**Seconded: Mr Sim (6008)**  
**CARRIED**

***Fifth Resolution:***

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve and agree to the provision of reasonable free drinks for members of the Club who perform voluntary work for the Club on completion of the particular work each day.
- (b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in Paragraph (a) above are not available to members generally, but only to those who are voluntary workers of the Club.

**Moved: Mr Smith (9508)**  
**Seconded: Mr Drew (9226)**  
**CARRIED**

***Sixth Resolution:***

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve and agree to the provision of designated car parking space for each of the Directors of the Club.
- (b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in Paragraph (a) above are not available to members generally, but only to those who are Directors of the Club and their spouses.

**Moved: Mr Nicholson (9289)**  
**Seconded: Mr Atkins (6006)**  
**CARRIED**

***Seventh Resolution:***

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

- (a) The Members hereby approve and agree to the expenditure by the Club, the reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for the Returning Officer and his Assistants on the days of voting when voting corresponds with a normal time.
- (b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in Paragraph (a) above are not available to members generally, but only to the Returning Officer and his Assistants.

**Moved:** Mr Boland (1586)  
**Seconded:** Mr Sim (6008)  
**CARRIED.**

**Chairman:** I assume everybody is familiar with all these resolutions. It is just to do with directors' privileges, if you like.

## **6. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**Chairman:** We now move onto Special Business. There is no Special Business of which due notice has been given.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Is there any other business of a general nature to be discussed or dealt with at this stage? (No response).

There being no further business, I declare the meeting closed and invite all persons present to adjourn outside for some light complimentary refreshments. Thank you for your attendance this morning.

Meeting closed at 10.20 am.

Recorder: Jacky Lupton

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