

# Australian Bridge Directors Association

## Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting held at QT Hotel Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014

- Quorum:** Chairman Sean Mullanphy opened the meeting with a quorum at 1835.
- Attendance:** (from the Register): Sally Barber, Bruce Crossman Simon Edler, Arie Geursen, Peter Holloway, Jon Free, Laurie Kelso, Louis Koolen, John McIraeth, Rick Nehmy, Sean Mullanphy Jan Peach, Margaret Pisko, Chris Snook, Neville Walker, Naomi Waizer.
- Apologies:** Vonda Ashton, Fred Heywood, Stephanie King, Phyllis Logan, Ian McKinnon, Matt McManus, Ken Miller, Helen Milward, Ted Murphy, Leone Nolan, Colin Norton, Chris Raisin, Matt Raj Mall, Ken Oastler, Stuart Packington, Graham Rusher, Anne Russell, Geoff Schaller, Garth Scotford, David Stern, Michael Stokie, John Turner, Vincent Vine, Denis Upsall, Gary Wilson
- Minutes:** The minutes of the 2014 Annual General meeting as posted on the ABDA Website and circulated to all members were taken as read and accepted. (Free/Crosman)
- Matters Arising:** 1. ABDA will move to TurboCash Accounting Software during 2015 (Thanks to Denis Upsall)
- President's Report:**
1. The previously contracted Editor will be recontacted. If this is unsuccessful negotiations will be reopened.
  2. The Adelaide seminar went well.
  3. The 2015 Seminar will complete the cycle by being held in Tasmania – date to be advised.
  4. A phone App is being developed to provide good advice on difficult issues (ie to cover problems such as those which arose during the Spring Nationals)
  5. Negotiations are underway in relation to Professional Insurance for Directors, as they are not covered by either the ABF or State Associations
- Treasurer's Report:** See attachment
1. A successful year financially - the attached written report was tabled at the meeting.
  2. Formal Thank You the Honorary Auditor Michael Ware for his work.
  3. The Seminar format is financially unsustainable, and is being reviewed for 2016.
  4. Agreed by meeting that:
    - Seminar is too cheap
    - Subsidies are too generous
    - Subsidies to be paid only for full attendance, and at the end
    - Flying a group of presenters around Australia is unsustainable
- Webmaster's Report:** See Attachment
1. The Webmaster also sought feedback from members – if a member sees something that would be useful to other members, please pass it to the Webmaster for placement on our Website.
  2. The Forums are very popular
  3. State Associations are welcome to contribute details of training programs etc
- Other Business:**
1. Louis Koolen raised the need for training materials for director development, particularly problem solving skills and the need for technical problem solving information to be available.
  2. Unprofessional Director behaviour, such as bullying or belittling, was also discussed, and the meeting agreed that this was a Club or State Association issue. However, the Secretary will investigate options for behavioural guidelines.
  3. It is the ABF which certifies National Level Directors.
- Close:** The meeting closed at 1900. The 2016 AGM will be during the 2016 Summer Festival at a location, date and time to be determined and published on the ABDA Website.

## **AUSTRALIA BRIDGE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report 2015**

The attached financial statements present the results of ABDA for the year ended 31 December 2014 and the Balance Sheet at that date. Although our Constitution requires an audit every second year, the 2014 accounts are being audited by Michael Ware from NZ, our Honorary Auditor, and we extend our thanks and appreciation to him.

The year resulted in a net surplus of \$3,068.32 compared with a net of \$2,583.06 in 2013. The difference is largely due to slightly less Directors Seminar expenses (but also lower interest rates impacted on our bottom line). The Adelaide Seminar attracted a disappointingly low number of a total of 38 attendees, although not all of these attended both days. 17 attendees attracted subsidies, and almost all attracted the full subsidy amount of \$400.

The 2015 Seminar will be in Tasmania, and the Seminar format is currently being reviewed for 2016 and forward.

The ABF has again very generously provided a \$6,000 grant towards the cost of ABDA operations.

The Balance sheet shows net assets (all cash) of \$48,934.82, the bulk of which is held in a rolling term deposit.

There were 265 financial members as at 31/12/14 (a net increase of 5 from 2013). During the year the membership list was reviewed and updated and all unfinancial members were followed up, and then unfinancial members removed from full access to the ABDA Directors Forum.

Richard Nehmy  
Secretary/Treasurer  
January 2015

## **AUSTRALIA BRIDGE DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION WEBMASTER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2015**

In 2012, we did a full redesign of the site and it has been subject to just maintenance updates since. I'd like to remind members that still we are always looking out for interesting and relevant links. If you find something interesting in your travels in cyberspace, let us know. If it interests you, it will probably interest other directors, so please let's make the ABDA web site a portal for all things related to bridge directing.

I also urge all State associations to keep me informed of upcoming training seminars – this really hasn't happened since the site was revamped. There's nothing worse than a web site that is out of date.

The ABDA Forums continue to be a great resource, especially for non-directors who want to ask the experts a question in the Dear Director column. We have over 150 members registered on the forum however I think this resource is under-utilised – there are hundreds, possibly thousands of bridge directors around Australia, there must be many issues in which they'd like an expert opinion.

Matt McManus continues to moderate our forum, providing answers and commentary that is complete and concise.

I hope that the ABDA site can be promoted widely throughout Australia. I ask all members to go back to their home club and State association and ensure all their club directors and even players are aware of the site and the forums.

**Peter Busch**  
**ABDA Webmaster**  
January 2015

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Accrual Basis

**Australian Bridge Directors Association**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2014**

	<u>Dec 31, 14</u>	<u>Dec 31, 13</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>				
ANZ Current Account	0.00	-0.02	0.02	100.0%
Cash Account	92.90	223.10	-130.20	-58.40%
Commonwealth Current Account	3,445.19	1,172.55	2,272.64	193.80%
Commonwealth Term Deposit	46,051.33	44,950.47	1,100.86	2.50%
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>49,589.42</u>	<u>46,346.10</u>	<u>3,243.32</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>				
Subscriptions in advance	655.00	480.00	175.00	36.50%
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>655.00</u>	<u>480.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>36.50%</u>
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>48,934.42</u></b>	<b><u>45,866.10</u></b>	<b><u>3,068.32</u></b>	<b><u>6.70%</u></b>
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Retained Earnings	45,866.10	43,283.04	2,583.06	6.0%
Net Income	3,068.32	2,583.06	485.26	18.80%
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**Australian Bridge Directors Association**  
**Income and Expenditure Report**  
 January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 13	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Gifts and Donations Income</b>				
Unrestricted	0.02	0.00	0.02	100.0%
<b>Total Gifts and Donations Income</b>	0.02	0.00	0.02	100.0%
<b>Grants</b>	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Membership Subscriptions</b>	7,000.00	6,500.00	500.00	7.70%
<b>Seminar Income</b>	1,935.00	1,705.00	230.00	13.50%
<b>Total Income</b>	14,935.02	14,205.00	730.02	5.10%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Bank Service Charges</b>	8.95	5.85	3.10	53.0%
<b>Bulletin Expenses</b>	116.74	125.00	-8.26	-6.60%
<b>Printing, Postage &amp; Stationery</b>	181.70	195.00	-13.30	-6.80%
<b>Seminar expenses</b>				
National Directors Dinner	0.00	765.45	-765.45	-100.0%
Other expense	30.00	0.00	30.00	100.0%
Travel & accommodation	3,881.04	3,306.44	574.60	17.40%
Travel subsidies	6,298.10	6,401.50	-103.40	-1.60%
Venue expenses	943.80	1,816.08	-872.28	-48.0%
Seminar expenses - Other	48.70	0.00	48.70	100.0%
<b>Total Seminar expenses</b>	11,201.64	12,289.47	-1,087.83	-8.90%
<b>Software Expense</b>	699.00	680.00	19.00	2.80%
<b>Subscriptions</b>	650.00	0.00	650.00	100.0%
<b>Telephone</b>	0.00	79.70	-79.70	-100.0%
<b>TO Commonwealth TD</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Website expense</b>	110.00	132.00	-22.00	-16.70%
<b>Total Expense</b>	12,968.03	13,507.02	-538.99	-4.0%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	1,966.99	697.98	1,269.01	181.80%
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
Interest Income	1,101.33	1,885.08	-783.75	-41.60%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	1,101.33	1,885.08	-783.75	-41.60%
<b>Net Other Income</b>	1,101.33	1,885.08	-783.75	-41.60%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,068.32</b>	<b>2,583.06</b>	<b>485.26</b>	<b>18.80%</b>