

BRINDABELLA SKI CLUB



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2.00pm Saturday 25 March 2023 Face-to face and online meeting via Zoom The Australian Croatian Club McCaughey Street, Turner, ACT

MINUTES

Attendance

Life or Full Members – Voting

Alex Down	Gray McLaren	Mat Wolnicki
Andrew Lawrence	Hazel Shepherd	Michael Barlow
Anthony Barlow	Ian Lake	Michael Franks
Ben Troy	Ian Webb	Michelle Bradshaw
Beryl Cuthbertson	Jack Hartican	Mike Bromfield
Bianca Troy	Jade Hancock	Penny Dilworth
Brett McKenzie-Craig	James Lawrence	Pete Trubshaw
Bronwen Shepherd	Jane Foley	Richard Gallimore
Bruce Hartican	Jane Spittle	Richard Radajewski
Bryan Collis	Jenny Hartican	Robert Griffin
Charles Featherson	Katherine Ellinghausen	Ross McKay
Christina Grant	Keith Besgrove	Russell Chait
Cliff Henderson	Kerry Bell	Russell Kerrison
Curtis Hancock	Larry Shepherd	Stephanie Dennett
Darrell Porter	Leonie McGregor	Sue Lake
David Grant	Luisa deConti	Sue Reid
David Wentworth-Perry	Margaret Simpson	Thomas Lawrence
Eskil Julliard	Margaret Smythe	Xavier Munoz
Gary Buffinton	Mark Jacquemin	

Observers – Non-voting

Sonia Garland		
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1. Welcome

The President (James Lawrence) welcomed members to the 2023 AGM (73rd AGM).

Acknowledgement of Country

Brindabella Ski Club acknowledges that Aboriginal people were the first people of the land on which our club is built. The Club acknowledges the Ngarigo people as the traditional custodians of the Snowy Monaro region as well as the Ngunnawal people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we are holding this meeting.

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He also welcomed new members to the Club.

Alanna King	Claire Pearce	Katherine Ellinghausen
Aleena Featherstone	Davina Julliard	Kathleen Brient
Andrew Eames	Dilathis Manley	Michael Kosmider
Belinda Baker	John McLennan	Michelle Bradshaw
Bojana Meier	JP Smith	Nicholas Lamborn
Brian Beverage	Julia Dooley	Pascal Julliard
Bruce Baker	Karl Meier	Sophie Newsome
Caitlin Lawler		

2. Apologies

Ben Coutts	Lachlan Campbell	Paul Sayers
Connor Campbell	Laurelle Besgrove	Phil Stokes
Holly Lawrence	Michael Daley	Rob McGregor
Jacqueline Wicks	Pat Stokes	Simon Wright
Karen Watson	Paul Campbell	Vickie Campbell

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 15 March 2022.

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15 March 2022 be confirmed.

Moved: Darrell Porter

Seconded: Margaret Simpson

Motion carried

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting, 27 October 2022.

Motion: That the minutes of the General Meeting of 27 October 2022 be confirmed.

Moved: Darrell Porter

Seconded: Ben Troy

Motion carried

5. President's Annual Report

The President presented his Annual Report on the activities of the Club in 2022-23.

6. Presentation of Audited Statements of Accounts, Net Profit and Loss Statement and Auditor's Report

The Treasurer (Russell Kerrison) presented the Treasurer's Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the Brindabella Ski Club for the year ending 31 October 2022.

Motion: That the financial statements be accepted.

Moved: Russell Kerrison

Seconded: James Lawrence



Motion carried

7. Appointment of an Auditor

Motion: That Vincents Audit Pty Ltd is appointed to audit the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Moved: Russell Kerrison

Seconded: James Lawrence

Motion carried

8. Election of Bryan Collis to Life Membership

Motion: That Bryan Collis be granted Life Membership of the Brindabella Ski Club for his substantial efforts for the Club over the years.

Moved: Mike Bromfield

Seconded: Rob Griffin

Motion carried

9. Electric Vehicle Chargers

a. Motion: As part of the Club's commitment to a sustainable planet and avoidance of global warming, that the Committee investigates the installation of an electric vehicle charger in a dedicated car space adjacent to Waragun for the use of members and guests.

Moved: Richard Gallimore

Seconded: Heather McCalman

Motion carried

b. Motion: That the Committee consider a mechanism whereby the electricity consumption costs are paid by the relevant vehicle owner.

Moved: Richard Gallimore

Seconded: Heather McCalman

Motion carried

c. Motion: That the Committee lobby Perisher Blue to provide EV charging on a user pays basis or otherwise, in Guthega for example, adjacent to the Terminal Building.

Moved: Richard Gallimore

Seconded: Heather McCalman

Motion carried

There was a discussion including questions on these motions that raised points that the committee may wish to address as part of the consideration of EV chargers.



- EV chargers are available at a wide range of cost and capability. Low cost chargers are slow, fast chargers are high cost. The trade-off needs to be carefully considered as it will impact on the ability of multiple people to use the charger during a stay at the lodge.
- The club should lobby NPWS as well as Perisher Blue for chargers at Guthega.
- What impact would installation of a charger in a club parking space have on availability of that space for use by club members during periods when nobody staying in the lodge has an electric vehicle?
- What impact would installation of a charger in a club parking space have on availability of that space for use by club members during periods when someone staying in the lodge has an electric vehicle but they do not need to use the charger?
- Would the charger be available to members staying in the lodge only, or to members and guests staying in the lodge, or to members regardless of whether they are staying in the lodge, or to the general public?
- Would people be expected to charge only for top-up or sufficient to get to Jindabyne or another nearby public charging station, or should they be able to fully charge their vehicles?
- Would it be better for the club to lobby KT for installation of a publicly available charger in the carpark near the lodge?

10. Special Resolution

Amendments to the Club Rules regarding the election of committee members

Motion: That the Club Rules be amended to further integrate the Model Rules of the *Associations Incorporation Act (1991)* to ensure fairness, transparency and flexibility in the election process of the Committee at Annual General Meetings. The Motion shall be as follows:

Modify clause 16.1 so that it reads as follows:

Nominations of candidates for election as Committee members -

(a) must be made in writing, signed by 2 Adult Full members or Life members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination form); and

(b) must be given to the Secretary of the association not less than 7 days before the date fixed of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.

Add a new clause 16.7 that reads as follows:

Under exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Chair of the Annual General Meeting, nomination may be accepted from the floor.

Moved: Darrell Porter

Seconded: James Lawrence

Motion carried

11. Setting of Membership fees

Motion: That membership subscriptions for 2024 be set as in the accompanying table.

Moved: James Lawrence

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Seconded: Ben Troy

Motion carried

12. Election of Returning Officer

One nomination was received for each committee position, so there was no need to elect a Returning Officer and the nominees were duly elected.

13. Election of Committee members for 2023-24

The following members were elected to Club positions:

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Ben Troy	Bianca Troy	James Lawrence
VP Management	Ghafur Barchia	Darrell Porter	Kate Woffenden
VP Kyilla	Rob Griffin	Bronwen Shepherd	Darrell Porter
VP Tiobunga	Mateusz Wolnicki	Darrell Porter	Kate Woffenden
VP Waragun	Rob McGregor	Darrell Porter	Kate Woffenden
Treasurer	Russell Kerrison	Darrell Porter	Margaret Smythe
Secretary	Darrell Porter	Margaret Smythe	Bill Book
Membership Officer	Margaret Smythe	Bill Book	Darrell Porter
Information Officer	Ben Coutts	Maria Coutts	Jade Hancock
Business Planning	Warwick Forster	Darrell Porter	Kate Woffenden
Club Captain	Jade Hancock	Curtis Hancock	Ben Coutts

14. Other business

Ben Troy, as new President, took the chair.

Question: Can members and guests arriving in poor weather at Tiobunga seek shelter and store luggage down stairs?

Response: The Committee will review lodge operations mindful that the Guthega Lodge Manager needs to prepare rooms for new arrivals.

Question: Are membership numbers too high and having a negative impact on successful bookings?

Response: Full Adult member numbers have been reduced from 575 to 565. A very detailed analysis of bookings by the Committee demonstrates that there is no substantial problem with members' achieving bookings.

Question: What was the problem leading to the Over Snow Vehicle issues last year and will it be ready for this season?

Response: The President's Report provides a more detailed answer to these questions. It is difficult to pin-point the cause of the mechanical failure (single incident or cumulative wear) and the parts are on route from the USA.

The President closed the AGM at 3:51 pm.

Darrell Porter
Secretary
27 March 2023



Life Membership Nomination for Bryan Collis

Moved: Mike Bromfield
Seconded: Rob Griffin
10 December 2022

Bryan Collis has made significant contributions to Brindabella Ski Club over an extended period. He joined the Club in 2003 and was an active member of the Business Planning subcommittee for several years prior to joining the committee in 2008 and expanded upon the financial principles and operating procedures established by his predecessors, by which the Club operates today.

At the time of Bryan's initial involvement, the Club was dealing with residual issues from the completion of Waragun and new issues involving the rebuilding of Tiobunga. The financial principles developed involving cashflow management, budgeting and financing were key in keeping the Club on track and building it into the resilient organisation that it is today, with very solid financial underpinning. This is amply demonstrated today by the club having built Waragun, rebuilt Tiobunga and substantially renovated Kyilla over a period of a dozen years or so without calling any financial levies on members, by having weathered the financial difficulties brought on by the pandemic and being in a position where the Club could choose pay out its loan facility, now at a nominal level.

Bryan has put in substantial effort on a number of specific issues, including dealing with the builder and subsequent warranty claims on Waragun and Tiobunga, and the Club's finance and insurance facilities. He ensured that the club was properly and adequately insured for a wide range of risks. He project managed the insurance claim and contributed to managing remediation of Tiobunga after the very substantial water damage at the end of the 2018 season, in time for the last minute re-opening at the start of the 2019 season. He negotiated refinancing of the club's debt under terms favourable to the club, in difficult circumstances. This loan, with a redraw facility, has been critical in providing a buffer against unexpected expenses and keeping the club afloat, particularly during the pandemic, without calling upon levies on members.

He has managed the Club's relationships with key partners, including the NSW Department of Planning, NPWS and Kosciuszko Thredbo management over key issues including lodge leases, management, development applications and approvals.

In addition to this contribution to financial planning and execution, Bryan has put in place key committee processes and checks and balances to ensure the club is run with high fiduciary standards and in the best interests of the membership. He has contributed to amendments to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

Bryan has served the club in elected committee positions for 13 years:

- 2008: Business Planning Officer 2008
- 2009 – 2013: Treasurer
- 2014 – 2017: President
- 2018 – 2020: Treasurer

For many of these years he hosted other Sydney-based committee members in a meeting room at his office for committee and sub-committee meetings. Since stepping down from the committee, Bryan has provided ongoing assistance to the incoming Treasurer and the President in several areas. This continues with protracted negotiations with NPWS over pandemic rent relief in Guthega, which have yet to be resolved. Bryan also was responsible for identifying and successfully applying for the pandemic relief made available by the NSW

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and Commonwealth governments, including small business grants and Jobkeeper, which helped offset the reduction in the Club's revenue.

Bryan has always acted in the best interests of the club, often putting in substantial efforts to achieve the desired outcome and doing so for well over 15 years. He is deserving of recognition by granting of Life Membership of Brindabella Ski Club.



Electric Vehicle Chargers

Three Motions for the BSC AGM.

1. As part of the Club's commitment to a sustainable planet and avoidance of global warming, that the Committee investigates the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charger in a dedicated car space adjacent to Warragun for the use of members and guests.
2. That the Committee consider a mechanism whereby the electricity consumption costs are paid by the relevant vehicle owner.
3. That the Committee lobby Perisher Blue to provide EV charging on a user pays basis or otherwise, in Guthega for example, adjacent to the Terminal Building.

Moved: Richard Gallimore.

Second: Heather McCalman

Supporting statement

Vehicle emissions are a significant contribution to global warming. Global warming means shorter winters and therefore fewer good skiing days.

In order to protect our sport the Club should encourage members to do whatever is feasible to reduce our environmental impact and that ranges from the way we use our lodges through to the way we travel. Electric vehicles can substantially reduce the emissions caused by transporting people. Electric vehicles were 5% of the new vehicle market last year when supply of new vehicles was constrained. One manufacturer aims to be entirely electric powered only within two years!

A key concern discouraging some from getting an electric vehicle is range anxiety. The take up of electric vehicles is currently happening much faster than the supporting charging infrastructure. At the moment for example, there is one commercial and one private charger in Thredbo. Hence our proposal to install a charger or chargers for members use.

What will it cost?

Option 1.

A single phase home style Type 2 charger will cost about \$2000 installed. The cost of installation and electricity use can be recovered from users via a phone app linked to the user's credit card. This sort of charger will charge an EV from empty to full overnight. Perhaps a dedicated charge spot near the front steps?

Option 2

The NSW Govt is offering grants to accommodation providers etc including ski Clubs to install chargers. Two chargers have to be installed but the grant covers 50% of the costs. These charges can be much more powerful than the type above if the Club decides to go down that path. Upgrade of the electricity input can be included in the grant application if the chargers are to be fast.

There's investigation to be done regarding costs and electricity input needed if the charger(s) to be installed are to be of the faster variety. Unfortunately, the only way a charger could get to Guthega will be if PB install at the Terminal. PB could get a grant!



Special Resolution

Club Rules amendments regarding Committee elections

This paper supports a motion to amend the *Club Rules* to clarify the election process for Committee members. The proposal is in line with section 66B *Duty of good faith and proper purpose* of the ACT *Associations Incorporation Act (1991)*.

At the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) there was some confusion about taking nominations from the floor for the election of a committee member. For fairness and transparency, all nominees should be aware that others have been nominated so they can prepare a statement supporting their nomination to be delivered at the AGM.

The process for the election of committee members is set out in our *Club Rules* (see below). The Club has (in part) adopted the *Model Rules* (also below) of the *Associations Incorporation Act (1991)* for the election of Committee members. However, the *Club Rules* do not cover important aspects of the nomination process, which may have led to some confusion at the 2022 AGM. The *Club Rules* do not address **how** nominations should be received, **when**, and to **whom**. Under the *Model Rules* these are **in writing, not less than 7 days before the AGM** and to the **Secretary**.

It would be prudent to modify the *Club Rules*, to make the election process more explicit, thus avoiding confusion and ensuring the process is fair and transparent. The *Model Rules* of the *Associations Incorporation Act (1991)* should be further integrated into our *Club Rules*.

Exceptional circumstances clause

While the proposed amendments increase fairness and transparency, they also constrain the election process. There may be exceptional circumstances that have not been foreseen. An additional clause is prudent to help future proof the management of Committee elections.

There are two past examples. At one AGM there was a struggle to reach a quorum to form a committee. Under our *Club Rules*, if a Committee quorum of 6 is not reached our Club risks being dissolved. On one occasion, the election of a President has been contentious and some flexibility is required such as accepting nominations from the floor.

The additional clause could be; 'Under exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Chair of the Annual General Meeting, nominations may be accepted from the floor.'

BSC Rules and Model Rules

The *Club Rules* state:

16. Election of Committee Members

- (1) Candidates for election as Committee members must be nominated by 2 Adult Full members or Life Members of the Association and accompanied by consent of the candidate.
- (2) If only 1 person is nominated for a particular office, the nominee is taken to be elected.
- (3) If more than 1 nomination is received for a position, a ballot shall be held.
- (4) The ballot for an election shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such manner as the Committee may direct.



- (5) If no nominations are received for a particular position the Committee may appoint an Adult Full member or Life member to that position.
- (6) A person is not eligible to hold more than 1 office at the same time.

The *Model Rules* state:

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 - (b) must be given to the secretary of the association not less than 7 days before the date fixed of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting.
- (3) If insufficient nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be vacancies.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the people nominated are taken to be elected.
- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot must be held.
- (6) The ballot for the election of office bearers and ordinary committee members must be conducted at the annual general meeting in the way the committee may direct.
- (7) A person is not eligible to simultaneously hold more than 1 position on the committee.

Proposed amendments [underlined] to the Club Rules

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Second: James Lawrence

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Membership fees for 2024

(payable November 2023)

Membership Class	Action	Annual Membership Fee		Joining Fee	Upgrade Fee	Total Fees	
		Full Fee	On Time Discount			Full Fee	On Time Discount
Full Member	Renewing Adult	460	368			460	368
	Renewing Junior	230	184			230	184
	Renewing Infant	0	0			0	0
	Renewing Family	1375	1100			1375	1100
	Junior to Adult	460	368		716	1176	1084
	Infant to Junior	230	184		716	946	900
	Joining Adult	0	368	1431		0	1799
	Joining Junior	0	184	716		0	900
	Joining Infant	0	0			0	0
Christie Member	Renewing Adult	155	124			155	124
	Renewing Junior	0	0			0	0
	Christie Adult to Full Adult	460	368			460	368
	Christie Junior to Full Adult	460	368		716	1176	1084
	Christie Junior to Full Junior	230	184			230	184
	Christie Junior to Christie Adult	155	124		716	871	840
Summer Member	Renewing Adult	155	124			155	124
	Renewing Junior	80	64			80	64
	Renewing Infant	0	0			0	0
	Renewing Family	465	372			465	372
	Junior to Adult	155	124		156	311	280
	Infant to Junior	80	64		77	157	141
	Joining Adult		123	156		0	279

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	Joining Junior		63	77		0	140
	Joining Infant		0	0		0	0
	Summer Adult to Full Adult		243		1431	0	1674
	Summer Junior to Full Junior		120		716	0	836
	Work Party Payments in lieu					88	

Explanatory note: *Most fees have been reduced by 12% rounded to the nearest \$5. This reflects the fact that the 30% increase in 2021 was a temporary measure hence this increase is being removed, adjusted for CPI in the intervening years. Joining, Upgrade and WP fees have increased by the CPI for the 12 months to December 2022 (7.8%). These have been rounded to the nearest \$1.*