



Polish Community Association in Geelong Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 6th November, 2016 at 5.00pm

1. **Welcome:** The President, Mrs Grazyna Brzostowski, welcomed the 79 eligible voting members present at the meeting. There were also 18 proxies. Total: 97 eligible voting members, which is 47% of total financial members who were entitled to vote. Quorum is 25% of financial members who are entitled to vote.
2. **Minutes of the Previous General Meeting:** The Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 15th November 2015, were posted on the Associations Website. Meeting agreed that the Minutes be taken as read.

Motion was moved that Minutes be confirmed.

Moved by: Monika Jakubowski and Seconded by: Danuta Olechnowicz

Motion was passed by a show of hands.

3. **President's Report:** A hard copy of the President's Report (Attached) in English was posted on the Association's Website three weeks before the meeting and was distributed to members present. The President, Grazyna Brzostowski, also gave a verbal report in Polish.

The President invited the Secretary, Henry Szkuta to welcome our special guests, Mr David Baldi and Mr Mick Kelly, from the Mercury Group to address the meeting.

Prior to welcoming our guests, Henry outlined the reason why the Mercury Group was invited to assist our Club with the financial difficulties it had had to deal with over the last 18 months. Henry did this via a PowerPoint presentation.

David Baldi, General Manager of the Mercury Group, outlined the structure of his organisation and how the organisation is assisting the PCA to with the financial situation the Club was left with by the previous Committee.

Motion: *"That the President's Report and the presentation by David Baldi be accepted"*

Moved: Mrs Goral **Seconded:** Mr David Pundij

Motion was passed overwhelmingly by a show of hands.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Financial Audited Report of the PCA for the 2015/2016 (attached) was presented by the Treasurer, Ray Matczak.

Ray pointed out that the finances of the Club were in a better state than they were at this time last year.

In summary:

- **Profit for 2015/16** was \$103,541 compared to a **deficit** of **(\$262,113)** in 2014/15
- **Accumulated Assets/Funds:** \$3,356,576 compared to \$3,253,035 in 2014/15
- **Loan A/C:** **(\$898,890)** at June 30th compared to **(\$864,154)** in June 2014/15
- **Trading A/C:** **(\$48,968)** at June 30th compared to **(\$79,273)** in June 2014/15
- **Monthly Gaming Profit:** averages \$100,000 per month since July
- **Overall Monthly Profit:** averages \$18,00 per month since July

The Ex-servicemen's Property (SPK) was sold on 26th June 2016 for \$700,000. The \$73,000 interest free loan was repaid in total and the remaining funds were used to repay a very large part of the loan.

As of 1st November 2016

- Loan A/C: (\$324,541)
- Trading A/C: \$48,968 (in credit!!)

Motion: "That the Audited Financial Report for the 2015/16 Financial Year as tabled be accepted"

Moved: Ray Matczak

Seconded: Adam Zychla

Motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands, with no abstentions.

5. Appointment of an Auditor for the next financial year:

The following motion was put:

"That STANNARDS Accounting and Advisors be appointed as the Auditors for the PCA for the 2016/2017 Financial Year"

Moved: Ray Matczak

Secunder: Jack Karpinski

The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

- 6. Annual membership subscription and joining fees:** The Secretary pointed out that he saw no reason why we have been charging \$50 as the joining fee. He also pointed out that the Committee wanted young families to join our Association and, hopefully, it would be more financially attractive if the Joining Fee was decreased. Henry, therefore, recommended that the Joining Fee be reduced to \$10, which will be enough to cover the cost of sending out welcoming letters and the Membership card. He also recommended that the Annual Membership subscription remain at \$20.

Motion: "That the membership subscription for the 2016/17 year remain at \$20.00 and the joining fee be decreased to from \$50 to \$10.00"

Moved: Gino Bisinella

Seconded: George Lipski

The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

- 7. SPECIAL RESOLUTION to adopt New Rules of the PCA:** The Secretary explained that in the light of many changes that have taken place in CAV and VCGLR Regulations and Guidelines and also in our Club including the fact that in the future we may be required to pay tax as our profits begin to grow, we should look at revising our Rules to reflect all these changes. Current Rules, which were last updated in 2006 do not reflex these new conditions.

The Secretary presented the changes on screen using a Data Projector. He also explained that amendments cannot be made to the Rules as presented at this meeting. The meeting can only accept or reject the Draft Rules.

Motion: “That this meeting endorses the Special Resolution to adopt the Draft Rules, as presented to members at this AGM, as the New Rules of the Polish Community Association in Geelong Inc.”

Moved: Henry Szkuta

Seconded: Ray Matczak

The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

The Secretary informed members that the Rules will be available to members only in English on the Website as soon as they are approved by the Consumer Affairs Victoria. Hard copies will also be available on request from the Manager. Please allow at least 3 days for a copy to be made available, as we will be only printing copies when requested.

8. Election of the President and Members of the Committee

a. Election of the President

The Secretary announced to the Meeting that there was only ONE person nominated for the position of PCA President and as such no election was necessary. In line with the 2006 Rules, as there is only one Nominee, Henry declared **Grazyna Brzostowski** as the duly elected President of the PCA.

b. Election of Committee Members

The Secretary announced to the Meeting that there were only TEN people nominated for positions on PCA Committee and as such no election was necessary as in line with the 2006 Rules, the maximum number of Committee members that can be elected to the Committee was 12. Since there were less than 12 Nominee, all TEN were declared duly elected to the PCA Committee. They are:

Blaszczyk, Halina
Blaszczyk, Robert
Definski, Frank
Karpinski, Jacek
Krywult, Maria
Matczak, Krystyna
Matczak, Roman (Ray)
Siwicki, Bronislaw
Szkuta, Henry
Zychla, Halina


Henry explained to the meeting that positions of Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will be determined at the next Committee Meeting. Henry also explained that length of tenure will be staggered into 2-year and 1-year periods and this will also be worked out at the first Committee Meeting.

9. General Questions:

- a. Question was asked how much we were paying Mercury for assisting us in managing the finances and assisting in the general management of the Club. **Answer:** \$1000 week
- b. Who does the general maintenance of the grounds. **Answer:** Currently Marian Baranski and the grass is cut by a contractor.
- c. Can the Club do something to encourage young families with children to frequent the Club. **Answer:** As soon as finances are available, we will look at establishing a children’s activity area. We have also repaired the damage to the outside Adventure Playground area and we are looking at installing a commercially constructed playground structure.

d. Can the Committee put up photos of themselves in the venue so that members know who are the members of the Committee. **Answer:** Yes, we will do that.

10. **Close of Meeting:** The President thanked members for attending and for their support. The meeting was closed at 6.45pm.

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Grazyna Brzostowski
President

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Henry Szkuta', with a horizontal line extending from the left side of the signature.

Henry Szkuta
Secretary